



Den & Pack Program Helps



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Gathering Activities

- Gathering Make copies of the pictures of national treasures. Make enough copies for each person in attendance to get one picture. Adjust the number of pictures to the size of the group. Hand each person one picture as they arrive. Instruct each person to see if they can find all of the other people holding the same picture. Once the groups are formed, have each group share information about the national treasure they represent.
- As Scout families enter, have each Scout choose a color to make his handprint. A parent or leader puts the acrylic paint on the Cub Scout's right or left hand and guides him to put that hand on the banner. Remove the paint with wet wipes. (This requires adult supervision).
- Webelos Scouts (or adults / Den Chief) help teach the younger Cub Scouts how to fold a flag.



Opening Ceremony

The flag ceremony is led by a predetermined den. They will present the colors and lead the pack in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Cubmaster will lead the pack in a patriotic song such as:

"The Star-Spangled Banner"

"God Bless America"

"America the Beautiful"

"This Land Is Your Land."

Opening Prayer

"As we gather tonight, let us remember to be true to our families, our friends, our pack, our school, and our nation. Being loyal means that no matter what happens, others can depend on us. We give thanks for all our loyal Cub Scouts and their families.



Opening Ceremony

In this true-or-false quiz, have the boys allow the audience time to consider their answers before the boys give the correct answer.

Cubmaster: "To open tonight's meeting, here are some trivia questions about our American heritage."

Cub Scout 1: "True or false. Sir Frances Scott Key wrote the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Answer: False. He wrote the words to the national anthem.)" Cub Scout Cub Scout 2: "True or false. Abraham Lincoln was our country's first president and led the army during the Revolutionary War.

(Answer: False. He was the 16th president and led the country during the Civil War.)"



Opening Ceremony

Cub Scout 3: "True or false. Instead of adding additional stars to the flag to show when new states were added to the United States, the first plan was to add additional stripes.

(Answer: True. It soon became clear that this plan was going to make the flag too big for practical use, so they changed to adding stars.)"

Cub Scout 4: "True or false. The first bird suggested as our national symbol was the turkey.

(True. This was suggested by Benjamin Franklin. The bald eagle was selected instead.)"

Cub Scout 5: "I hope you scored 100 percent in tonight's quiz. Learning the history of our country helps us appreciate and understand it more. Please join me in the Pleage of Allegiance to the flag, one of our national treasures."







Audience Participation

- If your pack has chosen to have a guest speaker come to speak about loyalty:
 - Clergy, Law Enforcement, Civic Leader. Military Member
 - Introduce your speaker
 - Remind the Cub Scouts to "Do Your Best" to be a good audience.
 - After the talk, recognize the speaker with the pack doing a cheer.
- Webelos Scouts (or adults / Den Chief) help teach the younger Cub Scouts how to fold a flag.







Audience Participation (cont.)

What a Good Deed Can Do

This is an audience participation story. Split up the room so you have six groups. Assign a name to each group. When they hear their name in the story they should stand up, do their action, and say their line. When they hear "Boy Scouts of America," all will give three cheers!

Phrase	Say	Do
Scout	Do a good turn	Turn around (360)
Baden-Powell	The real way to gain happiness is to give it to others	Scout sign
Ernest Thompson Seaton	I have an idea	Index finger to temple
Daniel Carter Beard	Uncle Dan	Cub Scout salute
William D Boyce	I'm lost	Look around (lost)
James E West	Thank you	Wave hand
Boy Scouts of America	Hip, hip, hooray (3 times)	Raise arms in the air, fist clenched





Audience Participation (cont.)

In 1909, a Chicago publisher, William D. Boyce, lost his way in a very dense London fog. A young Scout came to his aid, guiding him through the fog. William D. Boyce tried to give him a tip, but the Scout explained that he could not take a tip for doing a Good Turn. William D. Boyce was inspired by the actions of the Scout and met with Robert SS Baden-Powell.







Audience Participation (cont.)

But the story doesn't end there, as there were many others who helped make the Scouting program what it is today. Ernest Thompson Seton was fascinated with the wilderness and established a youth organization he called the Woodcraft Indians. Because of his background of outdoor skills and interest in youth, Ernest Thompson Seton became a very important part of Scouting. His enthusiasm and intelligence turned his idea into reality. Ernest Thompson Seton was the first Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts of America in 1910.







Audience Participation (cont.)

Then there was Daniel Carter Beard. He, too, had a love of the outdoors and merged his own boys organization, the Sons of Daniel Boone, with the Boy Scouts of America when it was formed. Daniel Carter Beard helped design the original Scout uniform and introduced the elements of the First Class Scout badge and was the first national Scout commissioner. Daniel Carter Beard will be remembered as a colorful figure dressed in buckskin who helped form Scouting in the United States.





Audience Participation (cont.)

James E. West was a very special person to the Scouting movement. He was an orphan and physically disabled, but he was full of determination. That determination helped build Scouting to be what it is today. James E. West was appointed as the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America and held that position for 34 years. James E. West is known throughout the country as the true architect of the Boy Scouts of America.





Audience Participation (cont.)

There you have it. Five courageous men, Robert SS Baden-Powell, Ernest Thompson Seton, Daniel Carter Beard, William D. Boyce, and James E. West. It started with a Scout helping another person, William D. Boyce, find his way and four other men with intelligence and a love of the outdoors and youth. They had an idea, determination, and enthusiasm. They used all of those things to turn their idea into reality. A reality that we call the Boy Scouts of America."

Advancement

Cubmaster: As a symbol of loyalty to the United States, let me put on my Uncle Sam hat. (See the Resources section.) I would like to tell you a little about our flag.

Cubmaster: For more than 200 years, our flag has been a symbol of our country. Legend tells us that Betsy Ross, in 1776, sewed the first American flag. The flag had 13 red and white stripes. These stripes remain today as a symbol of our 13 original colonies. There were also 13 white stars arranged on a blue background, symbolizing a new constellation—our new nation. Today, our nation's flag proudly displays 50 stars, one for each state.

Cubmaster: Tonight, let's look at our Cub Scout star. Just as each star on our nation's flag stands for a state in our union, each point of our star represents one of our ranks in Cub Scouting." (For each rank, call each Scout and his parents or guardians by name and ask them to step forward.)



Advancement

Bobcat: "Bobcat is the first point of our Scout star. Boys, you have shown your loyalty to Cub Scouting by completing the first rank in advancement along the Cub Scout path. For being true to our Scout spirit, we can depend on you to be loyal Cub Scouts. Parents, will you please present your Cub Scout with the Bobcat badge? Let's congratulate our new Bobcats with two paws up!" (Raise hands and make a paw shape.)

Tiger: "The next point in our star stands for the Tiger rank.

Tigers, you have done your best to learn about many new adventures. You have also shown your loyalty to Cub Scouting. Parents, please present your Cub Scout with the Tiger badge. Let's congratulate our new Tigers with a big Tiger growl!" (The Cubmaster leads the pack in a Tiger Growl Cheer.)

Advancement

Wolf: "Boys, you have worked hard and achieved the rank of Wolf, the next point on our Scout star. You have shown that you can accomplish great things through your loyalty to yourselves and to others. Parents, please present your Cub Scout with the Wolf badge. Now let's give them the Grand Howl by howling like wolves!" (The Cubmaster leads the pack in the Grand Howl Cheer—having the entire pack howl like a wolf.)

Bear: "The next point of our star is Bear. Bears, you have proven your loyalty through your adventures - loyalty to yourselves, our nation, and to God. Parents, please present your Cub Scout with the Bear badge. To congratulate our new Bears, let's raise our paws and given them a big 'bear claw' hooray!" (The Cubmaster leads the pack with hands in the air, as if claws, and shouts "Hooray" with the group.)

Advancement

Webelos: "Webelos Scouts, your rank completes the five points of our Cub Scout star. The loyalty you have demonstrated in each adventure has successfully put you on the pathway to become a Boy Scout! May you continue to remain loyal to Scouting as you continue your journey. Parents, please present your Webelos Scout with the Webelos badge. Let's congratulate them with a We'll Be Loyal Scouts Cheer." (The Cubmaster leads the pack with chanting, "We'll be loyal Scouts.")



Advancement

Arrow of Light: "Webelos Scouts, you have earned the Arrow of Light Award. Notice that this rank is in the center of our Scout star. You have completed the Cub Scout experience by earning the final rank in Cub Scouting. May your loyalty to Scouting continue as you move to Boy Scouts. Parents, please present your Webelos Scout with the Arrow of Light Award. This is the highest honor a Cub Scout can achieve before entering Boy Scouts. Gentlemen, I sincerely congratulate you on your outstanding achievement. Let's join together and give these boys three hip, hip, hoorays!" (The Cubmaster leads the pack in chanting "Hip, hip, hooray" three times.)

Cubmaster: "Thank you to each of the dens for sharing the fun they had this month! (Adults bring the banner.) Together, we have created a terrific loyal pack banner! Let us now salute everyone with the Fireworks Cheer." (Look up, making a whistling noise and say, "Oohhh, aahhh, oohhh.")



Advancement

A Monumental Advancement

Materials: Replicas of monuments mentioned in the advancement ceremony—either small statues or pictures to which each badge is attached.

Cubmaster: "Some of our Scouts have shown spirit and determination to achieve great results in earning these badges of rank.

As the Washington Monument stands as a tribute to the beginnings of our country, the Bobcat badge is a symbol of the knowledge our Scouts have gained to begin their great adventure in Cub Scouting. Will the following Scouts and their parents or guardians please come forward? (Call the boys by name; give parents or guardians the badge to give to their Scout.)



Advancement

Cubmaster: The Tiger badge is a symbol of the combined efforts of our Tiger Scouts, their parents, and their den leader to earn the Tiger rank. The Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C., is a tribute to the work Thomas Jefferson did, including working with others to draft the Declaration of Independence. Will the following Scouts and their parents or guardians please come forward?

(Call the boys by name; give parents or guardians the badge to give to their Scout.)

Cubmaster: The Wolf badge is a recognition of these Scouts working toward their independence with help from the den leader and other den members. Just as the Statue of Liberty is a monument to those who enter our country to gain independence, our Wolf Scouts learn to rely on themselves in the outdoors, take care of their own health and safety, and get along with others. Will the following Scouts and their parents or guardians please come forward? (Call the boys by name; give parents or guardians the badge to give to their Scout.)

Advancement

Cubmaster: Learning about famous Americans like Abraham Lincoln is a requirement for Bears, as is becoming skilled with tools. The Lincoln Memorial celebrates the courage of this woodsman, as the Bear badge symbolizes the skills of the Bear rank. Will the following Scouts and their parents or guardians please come forward? (Call the boys by name; give parents or guardians the badge to give to their Scout.) **Cubmaster: Mount Rushmore is a monument to four great** leaders of our country. The Webelos badge is a monument to Scouts who have learned leadership skills. Our Webelos Scouts serve as an example to other Scouts, as those great presidents did. Will the following Scouts and their parents or guardians please come forward? (Call the boys by name; give parents or guardians the badge to give to their Scout.)







Advancement

Cubmaster: "The Arrow of Light is the final rank of Cub Scouting. Just as the White House is a monument to the highest office in the land, bestowing this rank is a monument to Cub Scouts having achieved the highest level of Cub Scouts. They have learned about United States history, outdoor skills, and Boy Scouting. Will the following Scouts and their parents or guardians please come forward? (Call the boys by name; give parents or guardians the badge to give to their Scout.)







Songs

God Bless America
The Star Spangled Banner
My Country T'is of Thee
This Land is Our Land
America the Beautiful
God Bless the USA
Battle Hymn of the Republic



Skits

Required: 4 scouts

Scene: 3 scouts sitting around a campfire with one scout acting as

the adult leader.

Leader: We need to reflect on our day at camp. For the most part,

I think it was a great day. What do you think?

Scouts: yeah! great! really good!

Leader: But, there was one instance that we need to take care of.

I'm sure you know what it was. I only want to ask once - who

rolled the tent over that cliff over there?

Scouts: Not me! I didn't! It wasn't me! Don't look at me!

Leader: OK, let me tell you a little story about our first president, George Washington. George's dad had a cherry tree that produced lots of cherries every year. One day, when George's dad came home, his cherry tree had been chopped down.

Scouts: Huh! Hmmm! Uhuh!

Leader: Yep, and when George's dad asked him 'Son, did you chop down my tree?', George, being honest and brave, replied 'Yes sir, I did it.' Well, George's dad said 'Since you told me the truth, we'll pick all the cherries and make a big cherry pie for you.'

Scouts: Wow! Really! Huh!



Skits

Leader: Now, one last time - Who pushed the tent over the cliff?

Scout #1: Not me! Scout #2: I didn't!

Scout #3: (sheepishly replies) It was me.

Leader: (mad and grabs the scout by the arm to take him away.)

Come on, then! You're going home!

Scout #3: But George Washington got a cherry pie for telling the

truth!

Leader: George Washington's father wasn't in the cherry tree

when George Washington cut it down!



Cheers & Applause

America Cheer - Shout A-M-E-R-I-C-A (3 times), Cub Scouts, USA! Eagle Applause - Lock thumbs, flutter fingers like wings, shout "Cree, cree!"

Firecracker Cheer - Grab imaginary match from back pocket, and light imaginary firecracker held in the other hand, throw it on the ground, make noise like fuse "sssss", then yell loudly "BANG, BANG, BANG!" Flag Cheer - Pretend to raise the flag by alternately raising hands over the head and "grasping" the rope to pull up the flag. Then stand back, salute and say "Ahhh!"

Liberty Bell Yell - Ding, Ding, Dong! Let freedom ring! Soldier Cheer - Stand at attention and salute. Yell "Well done!" Statue of Liberty Cheer 0 Stand and raise imaginary torch and say, "Welcome to America!"

USA-BSA Cheer - One group yells, "USA!" The other group yells, "BSA!" Repeat three times. Then both groups yell together, "That's us!"

Congressional Stamp of Approval Cheer - Stamp feet, or pound left fist onto your right palm.







Cubmaster Minute

Now we have some time to write our own Cubmaster Minute!







Cubmaster Minute

A Scout is loyal: A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and nation. Loyalty is a Webelos Scout helping a Cub Scout learn how to fold a flag; loyalty is working together with your den to create a loyal American flag, as well as having fun with other Cub Scouts during a pack game; loyalty is standing together to honor and respect our nation. When you give loyalty to others, everyone knows they can depend on you.







Cubmaster Minute

May I ask the men and women in the audience that have served or are currently serving in the armed forces to please stand? (Lead the audience in applause.) Let's remember to thank each and every one of these people for their service to our country. They each played a part in the protection of our country and the preservation of our way of life. They are our national treasures.



Closing

Cubmaster: "Cub Scouts, please stand; look around the room. Scouting has produced presidents, astronauts, scientists, business and industry leaders, moviemakers, actors, and great military heroes. We have taught young men how to respect and protect the environment, and be an active part of their communities. We encourage families to demonstrate their duty to God. Truly, Scouting is one of our greatest national treasures." The preassigned den retires the flags.

Materials: Three strips of cloth or colored paper—one red, one white, and one blue—the colors of the American flag Cub Scout 1: (Holds up the red strip of cloth) "Red is the color of bravery. A Cub Scout is brave!"

Cub Scout 2: (Holds up the white strip of cloth) "White is the color of purity. A Cub Scout is clean!"

Cub Scout 3: (Holds up the blue strip of cloth) "Blue is the color of loyalty. A Cub Scout is loyal!"

Cubmaster: "Please stand and salute as the colors are retired."