

PACK RESOURCE SHEET

April 2010 Theme: Spring Into Action

Some of the purposes of Cub Scouting developed through this month's theme include:

Friendly Service. Cub Scouts will demonstrate friendly service through cleanup or beautification projects.

Sportsmanship and Fitness. Cub Scouts will learn the importance of being fit and playing fair while enjoying games and outdoor activities.

Preparation for Boy Scouts. Cub Scouts prepare to be Boy Scouts as they gain more outdoor experiences.

The core value to be highlighted this month is:

Positive Attitude. Boys will see that even a difficult project becomes easier and more often fun if they think they can do it and do their best.

Opening Ceremony: Spring Into Action

Equipment: Baseball and glove, lawn rake, first aid kit

CUB SCOUT 1 (with baseball and glove): It's spring and time for baseball. I'm ready for action!

CUB SCOUT 2 (with lawn rake): When someone needs my help, I'll be ready for action!

CUB SCOUT 3 (with first aid kit): If someone gets hurt, I'll spring into action!

ALL: Everyone, spring to your feet and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prayer: Good Stewards

"Thank you, God, for the sky and the land and everything in between. Help us so we can become good stewards and take care of the world you created."

Song: Take Me Out to the Forest

Tune: "Take Me Out to the Ball Game"

Take me out to the forest.
Take me out to the park.
We'll clean the trail and tell some jokes,
Then play some games under big mighty oaks.
We will root, root, root for the Cub Scouts.
We'll all someday be Boy Scouts.
So let's hike, run, look for a bird nest,
Always doing our best!

Cheer: Human Spring

Have everyone squat down, then jump up while shouting, "Boing!" Repeat several times. Or have participants divide into groups, each group going "boing" all over the room.

Transition Ceremony: The Next Step

Materials: Neckerchiefs for Wolf Cub Scouts, Bear Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts

Setup: Line up all Cub Scouts and their den leaders side by side in a straight line. Parents stand behind the boys and move forward as their sons do. Parents place the new neckerchiefs on the boys.

TIGER CUB DEN LEADER: The Tiger Cubs have earned their Bobcat badge and Tiger Cub badge. Now is the time to invite them

to take the next step toward becoming Wolf Cub Scouts. Tiger Cubs, take a big step forward and receive your neckerchief for Wolf Cub Scouts. (*Tiger Cubs step forward and are presented with their neckerchiefs.*)

CUBMASTER: Congratulations! Will the rest of the Cub Scouts in our pack please take a step forward and line up with our new Wolf den? (*The Cub Scouts move forward a step.*)

WOLF DEN LEADER: Wolf Cub Scouts of Den ____ (*old Wolf den*), it is time to take the next step up the Cub Scouting trail. Please take a big step forward and receive your neckerchief for Bear Cub Scouts. (*Boys step forward and are presented with their Bear neckerchiefs.*)

CUBMASTER: Well done! Bear Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts, please step up beside our new Bear den. (*They step forward and line up with the new Bear den.*)

BEAR DEN LEADER: Bear Cub Scouts of Den ____ (*old Bear den*), your next step in Cub Scouting has you becoming loyal Scouts. Take a giant step forward and receive your Webelos neckerchiefs. (*Boys step forward and receive their Webelos neckerchiefs.*)

CUBMASTER: Excellent! Now, will our Webelos Scouts please step up beside our newest Webelos den? (*Webelos Scouts step forward.*)

WEBELOS DEN LEADER: Continuing Webelos Scouts, this is the last leg of your journey in Cub Scouting. Please take the next step toward Boy Scouting. (*Webelos Scouts step forward.*)

CUBMASTER: Webelos Scouts, you are the oldest boys in our pack and you are held up as an example for your fellow Cub Scouts. Do you accept this responsibility?

WEBELOS SCOUTS: We do!

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouts of Pack ____, may all of you have great adventures in the coming year!

Closing Ceremony: America's Seasons

Materials: U.S. flag at the front of the room, song sheets with "America, the Beautiful" lyrics for everyone, paper cutouts of leaves in fall colors, cotton balls

CUB SCOUT 1: I am summer! (*Pantomime wiping sweat from brow.*)

CUB SCOUT 2: I am fall! (*Drop paper leaves.*)

CUB SCOUT 3: I am winter! (*Drop cotton balls.*)

CUB SCOUT 4: I am spring! Let's all stand up and sing "America, the Beautiful."

Game: Rope Bridge

Equipment: For each team, thick rope 5 to 8 yards in length

Form teams of four to six players. The rope is a bridge, and all team members must remain on the rope. A team stands on one end of its rope. At the signal, the player closest to the middle throws the remaining part of the rope toward the goal. Everyone moves to the other end of the rope. The team moves toward the goal in this switchback manner. Players are allowed to rethrow the rope but they cannot alter the position of the rope with their feet. If one person falls off the rope, the whole team must return to the starting line. This game may be played as a team competition or as one group working against the clock.

Cubmaster's Minute: The Best Season

"I think all of you in this room have your favorite season. Whether it's swimming in the hot summer sun, snowboarding in the cold January powder, the leaves crunching underfoot in autumn, or the new life that comes forth in the spring, there is a reason each could be your favorite. But may I suggest that the best season is the one we are experiencing right now? Do your best to make the best of the here and now. It is a gift. That's why it is called the present."

Game: Litter Sweep Relay

Materials: A broom and a small pile of dry trash (soda cans, paper, small plastic bottles, etc.) for each team

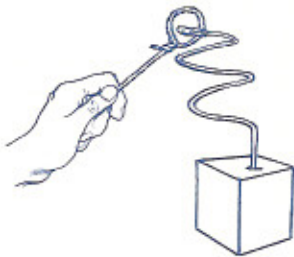
Divide players into teams and give each team a broom. Place "trash" at the starting line for each team. At the signal, the first players sweep the trash to a turning point and back. Continue in relay fashion.

Game: Spring Thing Challenge

Materials: Coat hanger, wire cutter, soup can, wooden block, 1/8-inch drill, chenille stem, thick tape

Straighten a wire coat hanger and cut it at 32 inches. Wrap the wire around a soup can to form a "spring" shape. Bend it at 2 inches from one end to fit into the hole you will drill in the wooden block. Cover the other end with a piece of tape. Using a 1/8-inch drill, make a hole about 2 inches deep in the wooden block, about 1 inch off center. Insert the bent end of the wire. Form a 2-inch-diameter loop at one end of the chenille stem.

To play: The object of the game is to move the chenille loop to the bottom of the spring without touching the wire. Game play can be timed; the person who completes the challenge the fastest is the winner. Challenge boys to use their nondominant hands or use a chenille stem with a smaller loop.



Activity: Plastic Bag Germinator

Materials: Resealable gallon-size plastic bag, potting soil, water, seeds (dry lima beans, pinto beans, plain popcorn kernels, radish seeds, citrus or other fruit seeds, etc.)

Place enough potting soil (about 2 inches) in the bag so that the bag stands on its own. Push seeds into the soil. If you put them close to the side of the bag, you can see how the roots grow. Sprinkle just enough water to moisten the soil. Close the bag. Keep the bag in a place where it gets plenty of light but out of direct sunlight. Transplant to the garden or a pot when the plants grow too tall for the bag.

Project: Spring Sticks

Materials: Two straws or sticks of different sizes, rolled wrapping paper, tape, rubber band

Cut a strip of wrapping paper 5 inches wide and 5 to 6 feet long. Wrap the paper strip tightly around the smaller straw. Slip the rolled paper off the straw and tighten the roll. It's best if you hold the roll in your hand for a minute or so. While keeping the paper rolled, tape the outer end to the larger straw and tightly roll the paper around the straw. The outside of the original



roll is now inside. Hold onto the straw and flick the wrist. The paper roll will spring out and come back. The Spring Stick will work better after you keep the paper tightly rolled and keep it in place with a rubber band when not in use.

Recipe: Crunchy Dirt

Ingredients: 1 packet of graham crackers (11 sheets), 1 small can of crushed pineapple (drained), 1 banana (diced into small pieces), crisp rice cereal

Using a rock or the pineapple can, crumble the graham crackers in a plastic freezer bag. Add pineapple and banana. Mix well. Shape into 1-inch balls. (Wet your hands before rolling to prevent sticking.) Coat with cereal. Makes about two dozen balls.

WEBELOS ACTIVITY BADGE PROJECTS

Sportsman: Wrong Signal Skit

(Webelos Scout 1 signals a touchdown. Webelos Scouts 2 and 3 walk by, and each gives him a high five.)

WEBELOS SCOUT 1: What was that for? I'm trying to practice my signals for the game this weekend. (Webelos Scouts 2 and 3 shrug and go away. Webelos Scout 1 signals a touchdown again.)

(Webelos Scouts 4, 5, and 6 come up. They look at Webelos Scout 1.)

WEBELOS SCOUT 4: Oh, good. I like that.

(Webelos Scouts 4, 5, and 6 line up next to Webelos Scout 1. They raise their hands, too.)

WEBELOS SCOUT 1: What are you guys doing?

WEBELOS SCOUT 4: We are waiting for you.

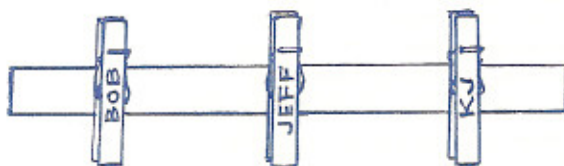
WEBELOS SCOUT 1: For what?

WEBELOS SCOUT 5: This is going to be fun!

WEBELOS SCOUT 6: Yeah. When are you going to start the wave?

Family Member: Clip-Comm Center

This is a handy communications center, ideal for leaving messages or posting chores.



Materials: Wooden yardstick, clothespins (with springs), paint and markers, wood glue, magnetic tape

Measure 4 inches of yardstick for each member of your family; cut off the rest of the yardstick. Paint the stick. When the paint is dry, glue a clothespin 2 inches from the left end of the yardstick; then glue a clothespin every 4 inches (at 6 inches, 10 inches, 14 inches, etc., from the left end). Allow for the width of the clothespins. This should leave 2 inches at the right end of the yardstick. Decorate any way you want and write the name of a family member on each clothespin. Attach magnetic tape to the back side of the yardstick. Now your Clip-Comm Center will stick to any metal surface, like a refrigerator.