



PACK RESOURCE SHEET

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CORE VALUE FOR NOVEMBER

Citizenship: Contributing service and showing responsibility to local, state, and national communities. Citizenship is an obligation we all share as Cub Scouts and leaders. One of the key components of being a good citizen is helping others.

Preopening Activity: Good Citizens List

Materials: Sheets of paper with the letters A through Z down one side, and lines to the right.

Tell Cub Scouts and family members to ask others to fill in the name of a good citizen from the past or present. Any name part may be used. For example, Martin Luther King may be listed under M, L, or K, but the name cannot appear more than once on a sheet. A person can write more than one name. A good citizen does not have to be a famous person. Encourage people to think of good citizens in their own lives.

Opening Ceremony: Citizenship

Materials: 11 large cards with the letters to spell out "citizenship" on one side and script on the other.

Personnel: Cubmaster and 11 Cub Scouts.

CUBMASTER: Citizenship training is one of the important aims of Scouting. It's your relationship to others. In Scouting, you will come to learn about obligations to other people, to the society we live in, and to the government for that society.

CUB SCOUT 1: C is for community. We can be good citizens by providing help in our community.

CUB SCOUT 2: I is for the Declaration of Independence. We have the freedom to make good choices to help others.

CUB SCOUT 3: T is for teamwork. As a pack, we can do a lot together to make a difference in our nation and community.

CUB SCOUT 4: I is for initiative. Instead of waiting to be asked to help, we can offer to help others on our own initiative.

CUB SCOUT 5: Z is for zoology. As good citizens, we must protect wildlife.

CUB SCOUT 6: E is for environment. As good citizens, we must protect the environment.

CUB SCOUT 7: N is for nation. As good citizens, we can provide help beyond our communities and help our nation.

CUB SCOUT 8: S is for service. It's fun to perform service projects and help others.

CUB SCOUT 9: H is for happiness. Helping others makes us feel happy.

CUB SCOUT 10: I is for invitation. Invite others to join Scouting and join in serving others.

CUB SCOUT 11: P is for patriotism. As good citizens, we are proud to serve our country.

CUBMASTER: Let us now join together in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Applause: Good Turn Applause

Everyone stands, and then turns around once while clapping.

Recognition Ceremony for Service Project Participation: Starry Night

Materials: Flashlight constellation projector (page 30) for each participant or each family.

If the service project was for an organization, have a representative from that organization take part in the ceremony. He or she might give a certificate to the pack or just say thank you.

(Briefly explain the pack service project. Read the names of those who participated in the project and ask them to come forward. As they do, hand each a flashlight constellation projector. When everyone is up in the front, turn off the room lights and have the participants aim their projectors at the ceiling and turn them on.)

CUBMASTER: Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, once said this to his Scouts: "I often think when the sun goes down, the world is hidden by a big blanket from the light of heaven. But the stars are little holes pierced in that blanket by those who have done good deeds in this world. The stars are not all the same size; some are big, and some are little. So some men have done great deeds, and some men have done small deeds, but they have all made their hole in the blanket by doing good." Look at the stars we created! These are the good deeds done by our Cub Scouts and families. *(Silently admire the stars and then request the flashlights be turned off. Turn back on the room lights. Lead the audience in an applause.)*

Let's remember when we look at the starry sky, to make our own hole in the blanket by doing good deeds and helping other people.

Note: If the number of the participants is large, hand a flashlight to each family and ask Cub Scouts to hold the flashlight.

Cubmaster's Minute: Citizenship

"Citizenship means many different things. It's important for all of us to remember our citizenship, not just when we salute the flag or attend a meeting, but all the time. The piece of litter we pick up, and the help we provide in our school and community, are all ways of being good citizens. Let's leave the meeting remembering that being Cub Scouts means being good citizens."

Closing Ceremony: Make America Proud of You

CUB SCOUT 1: Make America proud of you.

CUB SCOUT 2: In everything you say and do.

CUB SCOUT 3: Make America proud to say ...

CUB SCOUT 4: That you are a son of the USA.

CUB SCOUT 5: In America, you are free ...

CUB SCOUT 6: To write your name in history.

CUB SCOUT 7: Always remember to do your duty ...

CUB SCOUT 8: To help other people in your community ...

CUB SCOUT 9: And in everything you say or do ...

CUB SCOUT 10: Make America proud of you.

Project: Flashlight Constellation Projector

Materials: Cardboard tube larger and longer than the flashlight, aluminum foil (fold in half or use heavy-duty foil), tape, fine-point marker, round toothpick, flashlight.

Place the tube end on the foil and trace it with marker. Draw the stars of a constellation inside the circle. Place the foil over one end of the tube and secure it with tape. With a toothpick, carefully punch out the stars. If desired, decorate the tube.

Place the flashlight into the opened end of the tube and let the light shine on the holes. Aim the tube at the wall or the ceiling in a darkened room, and the constellation will shine for you.

Instead of a tube and foil, you can also use a potato chip canister. Punch holes in the bottom of the canister with a 6d nail.

Note: Depending on the type of flashlight, you may see double constellations.



Project: Thanksgiving Helping Hand Pledge

Materials: Construction paper or card stock in assorted colors, markers, feathers, glue.

This is a project for Cub Scouts, family members, and Cub Scout leaders.

Trace one hand with the fingers spread out in the shape of a turkey (thumb as neck/head and other fingers as feathers). Add legs and a beak.

Talk about what each person can do to help others in his or her family, school, or community. Each person chooses four doable Good Turns and writes them on the four fingers representing feathers. In the body of the turkey, list items that you are thankful for in your lives.

As each of the Good Turns is carried out, glue a feather to the finger on which the pledge is written.

Note: For younger children with small hands, an adult may need to help write the pledges.



Character Connection: Citizenship

Before you start the project, point out that each person is a citizen of the community, and part of being a good citizen means helping others. How do you feel about being a citizen? Do you feel that you are a good citizen? What can you do to set the example of good citizenship?

See *Fun for the Family*, No. 33012, for family activities related to this month's Core Value, citizenship.



Project: Good Citizen Neckerchief Slide

Materials: Eight "Y" shaped beads (with hole in center), each in red, white, and blue; elastic string.

Cut a six-inch piece of elastic string. String beads in order of red, white and

blue, changing color each time. Tie a knot in the elastic and cut the excess ends. The slide stretches to allow a neckerchief to pass through and then fit snugly.

Give this slide to another Cub Scout who is a good citizen, or wear it yourself as a symbol of your good citizenship.

Snack: Apple Rings

Ingredients:

- 2 apples
- 3-oz pkg. of cream cheese at room temperature
- 1½ teaspoons honey
- 2 tablespoons chopped walnuts
- 2 tablespoons raisins

Wash apples and remove cores, but don't peel. Mix cream cheese in a bowl until smooth. Add honey and mix well. Stir in raisins and walnuts. Fill apple cavities with cream cheese mixture. Cut into rings. Enjoy! You can also fill with peanut butter or try other fillings.

Note: Be aware of food allergies and diet restrictions.

Did You Know?

Scouting for Food National Good Turn and Unacceptables.

This nationwide food collection effort is the BSA's response to hunger being "unacceptable" in our society. The project began in November 1988, and in the first year, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Explorers collected more than 80 million cans and boxes of nonperishable foods for local food pantries and soup kitchens. The annual Scouting for Food drive is a two-week effort. Fliers, and in some cases collection bags, are left with households one week, and the next week the donated food is collected, counted, and delivered for distribution.

Drug abuse, child abuse, hunger, illiteracy, and youth unemployment in our society are unacceptable to the BSA, which is fighting them with the Drugs: A Deadly Game campaign; Youth Protection guidelines and child abuse educational literature and videos; the Scouting for Food National Good Turn; *Boys' Life* magazine and other high-quality literature designed to encourage youth to read; and the merit badge program; as well as by continuing to be vigorous in promoting the Scouting program, which builds character in youth and helps them prepare for a meaningful, productive adult life.