## Planning a Puppet Show

*Trapper Trails Council*

**Week 1 -**

Come up with a theme or use the theme "Imagination Station" to let the boys write their own script for a puppet show. Encourage them to each participate and come up with different ideas that can be used. Make sure that there will be enough parts for each boy to use for their puppet.

**Week 2 -**

Decide on what type of puppets will be used. Keep it pretty basic to ease making the pattern and cutting out a puppet for each boy. If it's a person cut the pattern from flesh or pink felt, a dog, from tan or brown felt, etc. Then let the boys create their puppets with various odds and ends of felt, material, button, sequins, or whatever you can come up with. Ask for donations of odds and end from their parents or families. Glue the edges of the hand puppets together with low temp glue guns or thick tacky glue. Let them have fun with the glue to create their own puppets.

**Week 3 -**

Get a large appliance box and cut it so it has a front and two sides that will bend as wings to hold the box upright. Cut a large square hole in the front to form the window for your puppet show stage. Let the boys decorate the front of the box to go along with the theme of your script. If you're brave they could even paint it with poster paints.

**Week 4 -**

**Practice, Practice, Practice!** Make sure each boy knows their parts and cues so that they will be able to perform a puppet show for your pack meeting. The boys love to perform and this will be a project that they will remember for many years! Give each boy the chance to be an announcer, emcee, or narrator for your show! If your boys have been learning about magic tricks this would be a great time for them to show your den their talents in the magic area or save the stage and use it at a later date for a magic show that the boys can put on.

**Some prop ideas:** an empty oatmeal box with a cut out front oval can become a hollowed out log when covered when brown paper then cut out a silhouette of a bunny or squirrel and glue inside the oval.

Tip a card table on its side and put a scene on it.