**Outdoor Code   
Responsive Reading Ceremony**

**Equipment:**U.S. flag, copy of the Outdoor Code for each participant

The Cubmaster(CM) speaks briefly about the importance to our nation of taking good care of our natural resources and then uses the Outdoor Code as a responsive reading, with boys (and parents, if present, and everyone in the audience) reading the responses.

**CM:** As an American, I will do my best to be clean in my outdoor manners—

**BOYS:** I will treat the outdoors as a heritage. I will take care of it for myself and others. I will keep my trash and garbage out of lakes, streams, fields, woods, and roadways.

**CM:** Be careful with fire—

**BOYS:** I will prevent wildfire. I will build my fires only where they are appropriate. When I have finished using fire, I will make sure it is cold-out. I will leave a clean fire ring or remove all evidence of my fire.

**CM:** Be considerate in the outdoors—

**BOYS** I will treat public and private property with respect. I will use low-impact methods of hiking and camping.

**CM:** Be conservation-minded—

**BOYS:** I will learn how to practice good conservation of soil, waters, forests, minerals, grasslands, wildlife, and energy. I will urge others to do the same.

**CM:** Let us close by singing   
“God Bless America.”

*(CS How To Book, page 6-13)*

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