**The Outdoor Code Opening**

*Sam Houston Area Council*

**Materials –** 4 Cub Scouts, Cubmaster (CM), Assistant CM (CA), the American flag posted on the stage, several potted plants or an artificial tree, a garbage bag filled with trash (rinsed out cans, bottles, crumpled paper, etc.)

*Cubmaster enters carrying the garbage bag, and
stands between the flag and the plants.*

 **CM:** We are blessed to live in this great land of freedom and beauty. America truly is the home of amber waves of grain and purple mountains majesty. Unfortunately, there are people in this country who abuse their freedom and pollute the land. (He dumps the bag of trash on the ground.) As Cub Scouts, we can learn to be better Americans by living the Outdoor Code.

**Cub #1** (enters and stands by Cubmaster) As an American, I will do my best to be clean in my outdoor manners. (He takes empty bag from Cubmaster and begins to pick up trash while Cubmaster speaks.)

**CM** 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.

**Cub #2** (enters and takes bag from Cub #1. Cub #1 exits.) I will be careful with fire. (Picks up more trash as Cubmaster speaks.)

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

**Cub #3** (Enters and takes bag from Cub #2. Cub #2 exits.) I will be considerate in the outdoors. (Picks up trash as Cubmaster speaks.)

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

**Cub #4** (Enters and takes bag from Cub #3. Cub #3 exits.) I will be conservation-minded. (Picks up remaining trash as Cubmaster speaks.)

**CM** I will learn how to practice good conservation of soil, waters, forest, minerals, grasslands, wildlife, and energy. I will urge others to do the same. (Cub #4 gives bag back to Cubmaster and exits.) These Cub Scouts have shown they are willing to protect our country's natural beauty and conserve her natural resources.

**CA** Please stand, salute the flag and join me in singing "America the Beautiful." (Or say the Pledge of Allegiance.)