

PACK RESOURCE SHEET

September 2010

CORE VALUE FOR SEPTEMBER

Cooperation: Working together with others toward a common goal. Cub Scouts and their families cooperate to make the first pack meeting a memorable occasion for all, including the new families and boys.

PREOPENING ACTIVITY: MEET THE MEMBERS OF OUR PACK

Materials: Preprinted sheets, pencils or pens.

Preparation: Prepare a handout listing traits of various people in your pack. See the sample below.

As they arrive, provide people with a preprinted sheet and pencil. Tell them to find someone who fits the description and have the person sign the sheet. A person can sign only once per sheet.

During the meeting, recognize the person who collects the most signatures with an appropriate applause. Then recognize others for their efforts with a cheer.

Meet the Members of Our Pack

Spend a little time meeting the other people in our pack. As you talk with people, find someone who ...

- ... is in a Tiger Cub den _____
- ... has never broken a bone _____
- ... likes to eat pizza with pineapple _____
- ... is in a Wolf den _____
- ... was born before 1970 _____
- ... has been in the pack for at least three years _____
- ... has brown hair _____
- ... has a dog _____
- ... likes to eat broccoli _____
- ... has ridden on a train _____
- ... is wearing something pink _____
- ... is a den leader _____
- ... is in a Bear den _____
- ... is visiting the pack for the first time _____
- ... is in a Webelos den _____

OPENING CEREMONY: U.S. FLAG AND PACK FLAG

Arrangements: Narrators read the following as the color guards bring in the U.S. flag and the pack flag.

NARRATOR 1: Would the audience please stand and face the pack flag, extending right hand toward it.

NARRATOR 2: Here stands the flag which represents our pack with pride, a group of Cub Scouts with parents at their side.

NARRATOR 1: Now would the audience turn and face the American flag and stand at attention.

NARRATOR 2: And here stands the flag we call Old Glory. Standing for all we hold dear, it tells our country's story.

NARRATOR 1: Let us all now join together in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country.

CHEER: HELLO AND WELCOME

Divide the room into North, South, East, and West. North faces East and says, "Hello." Then East faces South and says, "Hello." South faces West and says, "Hello," and West faces North and says, "Hello." When the round of greetings is done, everyone shouts, "Welcome to Pack _____!"

PACK REDEDICATION CEREMONY: CUB SCOUT PROMISE AND LAW OF THE PACK

Materials: Rank posters or signs for Tiger Cub, Wolf Cub Scout, Bear Cub Scout, and Webelos Scout; eight candles.

Arrangement: Stand posters on a table with two candles in front of each poster. House lights are dimmed.

CUBMASTER: This is a fine time to reconfirm our beliefs in ourselves and the Scouting program. (*Light two candles by the Tiger poster.*) All Tiger Cubs and their parents, please stand. Tiger Cubs, do you promise to do your best and help other people, obey the Law of the Pack, and advance one rank?

TIGER CUBS AND PARENTS: We will do our best.

(*Follow the same procedures for Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts.*)

CUBMASTER: (*Light two candles by the Webelos poster.*) All Webelos Scouts and their parents, please stand. Webelos Scouts, do you promise to do your best in helping other people, obeying the Law of the Pack, and earning the Arrow of Light award?

WEBELOS SCOUTS: We will do our best.

CUBMASTER: All of these eight candles represent the spirit of Cub Scouting.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: The first four candles are the four parts of the Cub Scout Promise—duty to God, duty to country, to help other people, and to obey the Law of the Pack. The second four candles represent the four parts of the Law of the Pack—the Cub Scout follows Akela, the Cub Scout helps the pack go, the pack helps the Cub Scout grow, the Cub Scout gives goodwill.

CUBMASTER: As the spirit of Cub Scouting burns here, it also burns in the hearts of Cub Scouts everywhere. May it continue to burn in your hearts during the coming year as we go upward and forward in our pack. Let's repeat the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack.

Note: If your pack is missing one of the ranks, the Cubmaster may say the following:

CUBMASTER: The pack leadership, please stand. Will you rededicate yourselves, as representatives of our future (*insert the missing group*), to do your best in helping other people and obeying the Law of the Pack?

CUBMASTER'S MINUTE: BUNDLE OF TWIGS

Materials: A single twig and a bundle of twigs.

"I hold in my hand several twigs. You can see that one twig alone is easy to break (*demonstrate by breaking a single twig in two*), but when I collect a bunch of twigs and bundle them together, they are almost impossible to break (*make an unsuccessful effort to break the bundle of twigs*). There is strength in numbers. As members of our Cub Scout pack, if we work together, we can keep the pack strong."

CLOSING CEREMONY: HAPPY FACES

Arrangement: Eight Cub Scouts with self-made happy face signs.

CUB SCOUT 1: I think there were 1,000 smiles here tonight. Did you know ...

CUB SCOUT 2: A smile costs nothing but creates much.

CUB SCOUT 3: It happens in a flash, but the memory sometimes lasts forever.

CUB SCOUT 4: It cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen.

CUB SCOUT 5: But it is of no earthly good to anyone unless it is given away.

CUB SCOUT 6: So, if you meet someone who is too weary to give you a smile, leave one of yours.

CUB SCOUT 7: No one needs a smile quite as much as a person who has none left to give. What a better way to spread goodwill.

CUB SCOUT 8: And let's remember to keep our smiles throughout the coming year.

GAME: PACK FAMILIES

Materials: Large tarp or bed sheet, balls of different sizes.

Players hold the edges of the tarp. Place balls in the center of the tarp. The object of the game is, as a team, to keep as many balls on the tarp as possible while bouncing them up and down. Players must keep at least one hand on the tarp. You may want to have one or two players going around the tarp and throwing the balls back onto the tarp.

Involve everyone in the pack in this game. If there are too many people, make more than one team. This game is like a pack program. The balls are pack families (they come in different sizes). Everyone needs to work together to provide fun for the families and keep the boys safe.

Character Connection: Cooperation



Before starting the game, discuss how this game can be played so that everyone will have fun and be involved. What makes cooperation difficult in this game? How can the Cub Scouts and families in the pack cooperate with one another so that they can help the pack go?

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

GAME: BOBCAT CIRCLE GAME

Have all boys but one form a large circle. The boy who is "it" walks around the outside of the circle. He selects one boy and taps him on the shoulder, then continues around the circle. The boy who was tapped steps out of the circle and goes around the outside, moving the opposite direction. When the two meet, they give the Cub Scout sign, salute, and handshake, and continue around the circle, each moving in the same direction as before. The one who reaches the open spot first becomes part of the circle, and the one left on the outside is now "it."

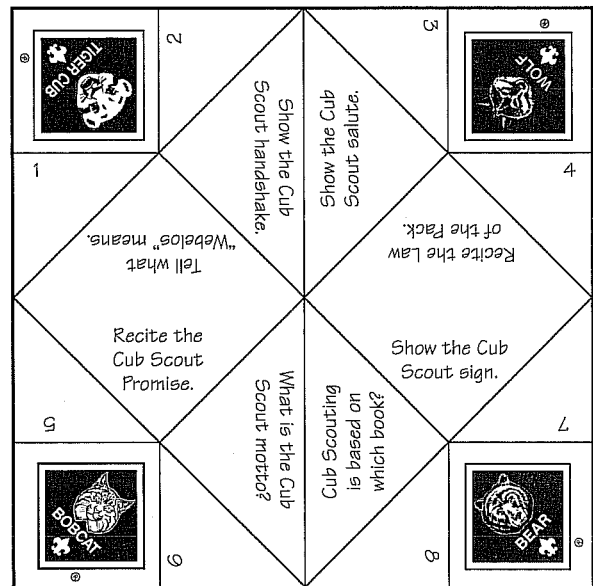
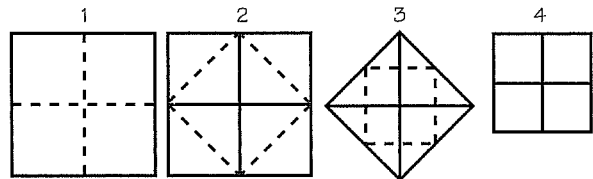
GAME: BOBCAT CATCHER

This is a variation of a fortune teller or cootie catcher that can help boys learn the Bobcat requirements in a fun way. The requirement 8 is not included as the boy works on it with his family.

Copy the pattern on paper. Cut out the pattern.

1. With the printed side up, fold into quarters. Then open and flatten out.
2. Turn over. Fold the corners to the center. You should see pictures of Cub Scout badges.
3. Turn over again. Fold corners to the center.
4. Turn back, and it should look like this.

Put thumbs and index fingers into pockets to play the game.



SNACK: EASY TRAIL MIX

CEREAL BARS

Ingredients:

2 Tbsp. margarine

½ cup peanut butter

4 cups mini marshmallows

6 cups of fruit and bran cereal, crushed

Place margarine and peanut butter in a microwavable bowl. Microwave on medium heat for one minute. Add marshmallows, toss to coat. Microwave an additional 1½ minutes, or until the marshmallows are puffed. Stir until well blended. Add the cereal and mix well. Press cereal mixture firmly into a nine-inch square pan. Let stand one hour or until firm. Cut into 20 bars, wrap in plastic wrap or serve immediately.

Note: Be aware of food allergies and diet restrictions.

DID YOU KNOW?

Character Connections and Core Values. Character development should extend into every aspect of a boy's life and every aspect of Cub Scouting. Character development should not be viewed as something done occasionally as part of a separate program, but rather as a part of everything a Cub Scout does. Cub Scout Character Connections and Core Values were introduced in 2001.

