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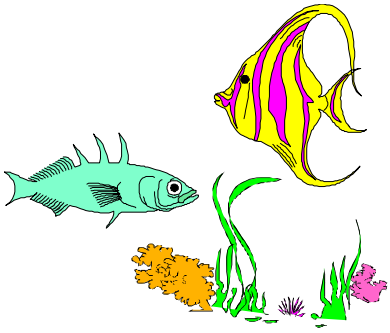


FIN FUN

PATCH OF THE MONTH

Leave No Trace Patch: Earn the new Cub Scout Version of this patch, with requirements for Cub and Webelos Scouts. These are 'Front Country Guidelines. Requirements are found in the Cub Scout Activities section of this Pow Wow 2003book.

BLUE & GOLD IDEAS

Activities: Speakers-oceanographer, pet shop worker, zoo worker, fisherman, Red Cross water safety, Share "fish stories" (tall tales)
Have a dry dock sailing adventure
"Fish" races (Raingutter regatta)

Menu:

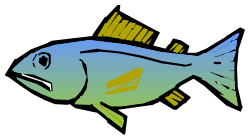
"Wild Waves" Waffles & Fruit	"Crustacean" Cookie & Milk
"Dorsal Fin" Foot long Hot Dogs	"Shoreline" Shaved Ice
"Coral Reef" Cheese & Macaroni	"Key" Lime Pie

GATHERING/PRE-OPENERS

BAIT THE HOOK

(Fishing belt loop requirement 2)
Use either a fish hook or safety pin. Buy gummy worms or favorite fish bait. Have families race to see who can bait the fastest.

IF I WERE A FISH WHAT KIND WOULD I BE



Give everyone paper, scissors, crayons, markers, etc. and have them design a fish to fit their personality. Award gummy fish to all who finish their fish.

GATHERING/PRE-OPENERS 2

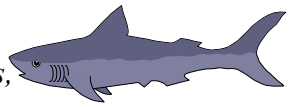
Which Cub is catching which fish?

OPENING, CLOSING, AND FLAG CEREMONIES

FLAG CEREMONY "QUALITIES OF BEING A GOOD CITIZEN OF THE US"

All: I am a citizen of the United States of America
#1 I hereby pledge myself to live my life to the honor of my country
#2 I will be honest because my country has no need of a thief.
#3 I will speak the truth because my country has no need for a liar
#4 I will be brave because my country has no need for a coward.
#5 I will work because my country has no need of a lazy citizen
#6 I will help my country remain the greatest nation on earth in industry, wisdom, honor, and goodness.

CUBMASTER MINUTE
"WALKING A NARROW BRIDGE WITH SHARKS BELOW"



Cut shark fins from poster paper and staple to the side of a 2x4 so they stand up. Spread a blue tarp on the floor, crumple it up to look like waves, and put shark fins in 'water'. Lay a 2x4 across for a bridge.

Tell boys that in order to get their awards they are going to have to cross the bridge without falling into the water, and the sharks are waiting to eat them. Say, "this is what life if like. If you get involved in tobacco, drugs, cheating in school, stealing, or telling lies *[use some things that are problems with the kids in your area],* you are falling off the bridge and you might drown or be eaten. "

"Cub Scouting helps by teaching you to be honest, do your best, and do good things. Your parents or cub leaders will guide you, so trust in them*." [Have a parent and cub leader come and hold the boys hands on either side as he walks across making it easy to walk across and get his reward].*

CUB MASTER MINUTE "DRUG TO CHURCH "

"I had a "drug" problem when I was a young person
I was "drug" to church on Sunday morning.
I was "drug" to church on Sunday night.
I was "drug" to scouts on Wednesday night and campouts on some weekends.
I was "drug" to reunions with our relatives.
I was "drug" to the family home evening, family Bible reading and daily family prayer.
I was also "drug" to the woodshed when I told a lie, got a bad report card, was disrespectful to adults or disobeyed my parents.
Those "drugs" are still in my veins, and they affect my behavior in every thing I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack or heroin.
If our children had this "drug" problem, America would certainly be a better place."

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

Before pack meeting, cut some fish shapes out of heavy colored paper. Staple each boy's awards to a fish. Then attach each to a fish line and put all the fish into an empty fish bowl with the lines dangling over the edge. In pack meeting have a group of the boys sing the following song (or say it as a poem). (The original music is available on the Cub Power Chorus audio-tape. Following the song, say:

Boys, I am glad that you are learning to make good choices. It is good to have fun, but we all need to be careful that the things we do are safe and constructive. The following boys have made some good choices this past month. They have worked hard, but they have also had fun earning their awards. *Call the boys up with their parents and present their awards as you pull each fish out of the bowl.*

THE HUNGRY FISH

By Donna Wagstaff and Bob Greer

A hungry fish was swimming
up and down a little stream.
When he spied the most delicious worm
that he had ever seen!
"So fat," he thought, "so juicy;
I just can't believe it's real.
How nice of it to come along
(pause) and be my evening meal."
In a flashing and a splashing,
in an instant he had turned.
And in another instant
had his mouth around that worm!
But just before he swallowed it,
he paused and turned aside.
He remembered it's the fattest worm
(pause) that has the hook inside!

So he dropped back and cocked his head
to take another look.
And poking from that worm he saw
a sharply pointed hook!
He spun around and swam away
from that unhealthy thing.
When he was safe beneath the bank
(pause) the fish began to sing.

(Chorus) "Choosing's never easy
But at least the choice is mine.
Who can say for certain
Where I'll go or what it'll find?
The life I live tomorrow
Is the one I choose today.
If I'm careful in my choosing,
then I know that I can say,
I won! I didn't take the bait!
I won! The future's looking great! I won!"

I had a friend who told me
of a special pill he'd tried.
He said it made him feel so warm
and fuzzy deep inside.
He said he had another
I could sample, if I wished.
But when he held it out to me
(pause) I thought of that old fish.
My friend said, "Here, just try it.
It will make you feel just great."
I was tempted, just a little,
but I thought I'd better wait
until I had a chance to stop
and take a closer look.
Then I said, "I think your pill
(pause) contains a little hook!"

I choose to take care of myself.
I will not take the bait.
I want a good tomorrow
and tomorrow starts today!
I turned and proudly walked away
from that unhealthy thing.
And a big smile spread across my heart
(pause) as I began to sing. *(Chorus)*

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES 2

JUST FOR FIN FUN

The boys love it when their parents or leaders take a part of the program. Celebrate July's Fin Fun by having some of the adults perform this song, wearing swim goggles and flippers. Invite audience participation by passing out stick puppets of the various sea creatures and ask everyone to stand and animate their puppet when it is mentioned in the song.

FIN FUN!

Words by Carol Shaw Lord
Tune: Splish, Splash

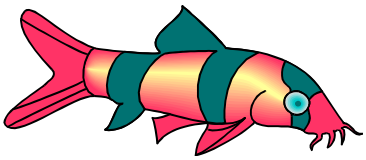
Splish! Splash!
I was diving in the deep,
Wearing all my cool scuba gear.
Down, down,
I just had to snoop around -
See what's going on down here.
I swam down to the bottom
Took a look around the reef
I was so surprised
That I almost dropped my teeth!
Well, splish! Splash!
They were having a bash
How was I to know
There was a party going on?

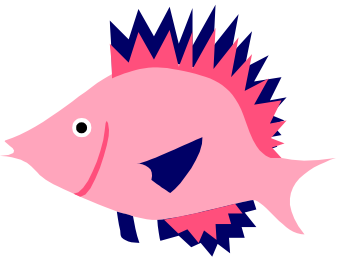
(Chorus)

The fishes did the swishes,
Eels were doing reels,
The clams were doing jams.
Sea horses joined the chorus.

Bub, bubble
Wasn't any trouble!
Could not believe what I had spied.
Down in the coral
Wasn't any quarrel
They, busy having fun, were occupied.
So much joy together
The like I'd never seen
No one even cared if their gills
Were pink or green.
Yeah! Flip, flop!
The music wouldn't stop.
How could I be sad
With so much happiness around?

(Repeat chorus several times)





GAMES

WET CUBBY RELAY

What you need:
2 Big buckets or something to hold lots of water
2 small buckets or something to hold water
4 small buckets or tin cans with boles punched in bottom or around the sides.
2 teams, water

First person in line fills small can with hole in it. Then they walk. run, or skip (take your pick, or alternate) for 50 yards, to another bucket that they have to fill. (They can fill it full or to a line marked by you.) First team to fill the bucket wins. Of course everyone will GET WET! Lots of fun and laughs.

SPONGE BOB SQUARE PANTS

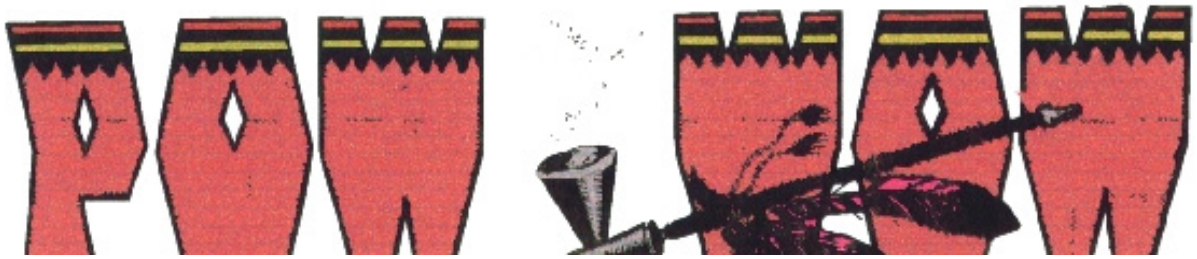
What you need:
1 Sponge
Bucket of water
Sit in a circle on the grass.

Played the same as 'duck, duck, goose.' One person (IT) walks on the outside of a circle saying, 'Sponge Bob, Sponge Bob, Square pants.' The one who is IT has a sponge full of water, and when he says, "Square pants!" he squeezes the sponge on someone so that person gets wet. The person chosen then chases 'it' around the outside of the circle. If he catches him, 'it' remains the same. Otherwise, the person chosen becomes the new 'it' and the game continues. (If the boys are prepared to get wet, they will love this game!)

WATER BASE BALL

Water
4 Small wading pools kill of water
Rubber hat
Softball (something that won't hurt if you get hit with it.)

To play:
Play like regular baseball, only the wading pools are the bases. To be safe on a base, a body part must be in the wading pool. Play until you're too tired or too wet to play. Have fun!



SKITS AND STORYTELLING

X MARKS THE SPOT

#1 Wow, Strawberry Reservoir looks big, but when you are rowing it you know how big.

#2 This looks like a good spot. Let's start fishing.

#1 Looks like a good spot to me to. Hand me my pole.

[Both pretend to fish and start catching one fish after another. Continue for several casts.]

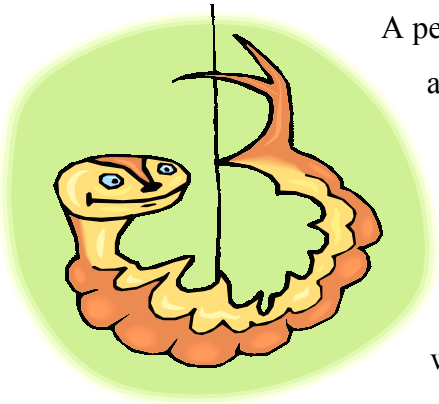
#2 I told you this would be a good spot.

#1 It is really great. We both have caught our limits. We have got to remember this spot so we can come back here again. How are we going to do that?

#2 Oh that is easy, let's put a big X right here on the side of the boat.

#1 Okay *[mark side of boat and row away]*.

SUCCESSFUL FISHING???



A person is fishing and catching fish like crazy. Two other people are watching and wondering what the secret is. They ask what his secret is and he just mumbles in reply. This happens exactly the same a couple more times. Finally the successful fisherman spits something in his hand and answers, "The secret is that you have to keep the worms warm."

[Works great with gummy worms].

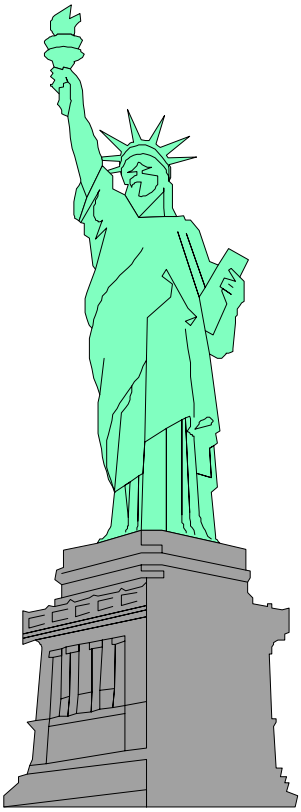
SKITS AND STORYTELLING 2

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION STORY

AMERICA=Freedom FRANCE=Friendship STATUE=Miss Liberty

Years ago, the people of FRANCE wanted to show they were friends with the AMERICANS. They decided to have a STATUE built as a present to the AMERICANS. The school children and people of FRANCE donated their money to pay for the STATUE. Mr. Bartholdi was asked to sculpt and build it. It took a long time, but finally it was loaded into 214 crates and sent to AMERICA.



But in AMERICA, there was not a place to put the STATUE. Mr. Pulitzer, a newspaper editor, wrote in the newspaper and asked for donations. The school children and people of AMERICA donated their nickels, dimes and dollars and finally there was enough to build the pedestal for the STATUE on Bedloe Island in New York Harbor. In October, 1886, the STATUE, like a shining copper penny, was seen through the rain and mist. The STATUE'S torch was a lighthouse. For many years she was the first thing that emigrants saw as they sailed to AMERICA. During the 1970's, the STATUE was in disrepair, and so another campaign was started to raise funds to refurbish her. Again, school children and adults all over AMERICA donated their pennies, quarters, and dollars. She was updated so her torch shines out again over the harbor. On her pedestal is a poem by Emma Lazarus that tells how AMERICA feels. "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to be free…Send these, the homeless, tempest tossed to me. I raise my lamp beside the Golden Door."

SKITS AND STORIES 3

THE DEAD GOLDFISH

Little Tim was in the garden filling in a hole when his neighbor peered over the fence. Interested in what the little Wolf Cub Scout was up to, he asked, " What are you doing, Tim?"

"My goldfish died," replied Tim tearfully, without looking up, "and I've just buried him."

The neighbor was concerned. "That's an awfully big hole for a goldfish, isn't it?"

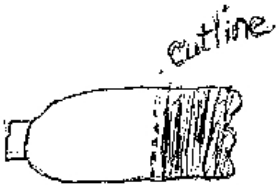
Tim patted down the last heap of earth then replied, "That's because he's inside your cat."

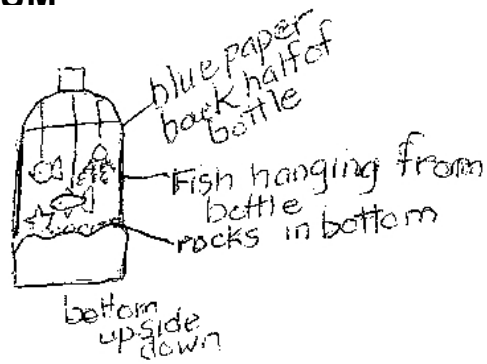
THEME CRAFT

LITER BOTTLE AQUARIUM

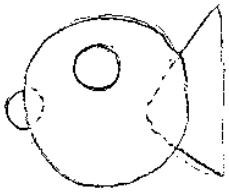
Materials:

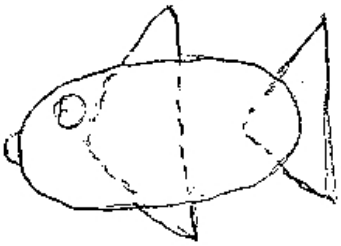
- 1 liter bottle
- Forester wood shapes
- Fish Line
- Acrylic Paint
- Hot glue or Tacky Glue
- Blue paper
- Fish tank rocks
- Scissors

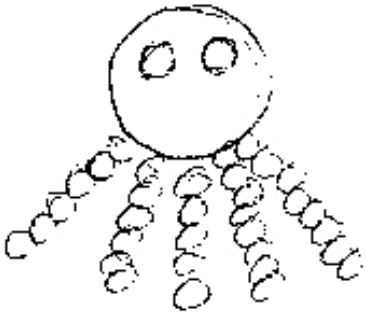




Clean 2-liter pop bottle and let dry. Using scissors or Xacto Knife (leaders only),cut bottle at the top of the black base of bottle. Make fish from wood shapes and paint them. Glue fish line to top of fish. Push other end of fish line through top of pop bottle with needle to give appearance of fish swimming. Glue blue paper onto back half of 2-liter bottle representing the water. Remove cap and sprinkle in fish tank rocks. When you have a layer of rocks, put lid back on



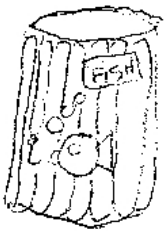




FISHING PENCIL HOLDER

Materials

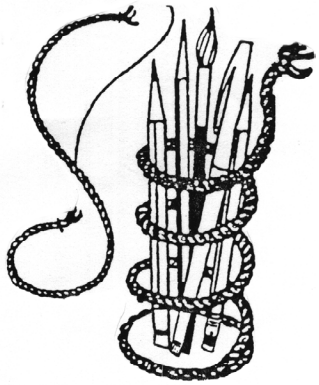
- Empty Vegetable can
- Pop side sticks
- Acrylic paint
- Felt
- Wood shapes
- Glue



Clean can and make sure there are no sharp pieces around top of can. Glue Popsicle (craft) sticks all around can. Paint your sticks to look like water. Make your wood shape fish and paint. Glue onto the popsicle sticks. Make 2 or 3 small circles to make it look like air bubbles. You can draw a fishing line and hook just in front of the fish. Cut a circle of felt to fit in the bottom of can.

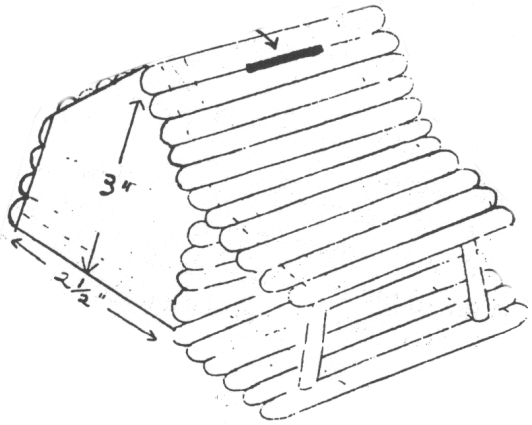
HOLIDAY AND SEASONAL CRAFTS

ROUND-UP PENCIL HOLDER



1. Cut a 2 feet long piece of 3-ply or 4-ply rope.
2. Cut a piece of wire a bit longer that the rope. Bailing wire works well.
3. Carefully twist the wire in between the ply of the rope so that it doesn't show.
4. Whip both ends of the rope/wire.
5. Twist the rope into a loose coil, shaping one end around a 2-inch wooden circle,
6. Hot glue the rope around the wood.

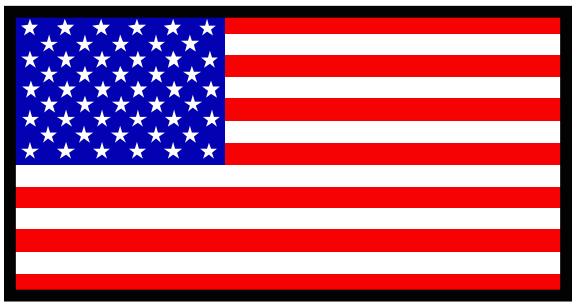
LOG CABIN



Materials needed:
42 Popsicle sticks
1/2" plywood or particle board for ends.
Small pieces of foil for windows and doors
Glue
Varnish
Door is centered under roof on wall (not shown), and windows are on both ends.
Cut slots for coins out of sticks before gluing them down.

QUICK CRAFT—FLAG PLACE MAT

Decorate a 1 l x 17 inch sheet of white paper with stars and stripes to match the flag. (Use construction paper and glue.) Laminate



SONGS, SPARKLERS, AND CHEERS

SONG : WE LIKE TO PLAY IN WATER

Tune: "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow"

Oh, we like to play in the water
We like to play in the water
We like to play in the water,
And get each other wet,
And get each other wet,
And get each other wet,
Oh, we like to play in the water
We like to play in the water
We like to play in the water,
And get each other wet.

SONG: BLOW YOUR BOAT:

Tune – "Row, Row, Your Boat"

Blow, blow, blow, your boat,
Swiftly down the track,
Harder, faster, straighter, swifter,
Blow and don't look back!

Splish, splash, goes the pack
In the swimming pool,
Doing Cub Scout water fun
It is really cool!

RUN ON FUN

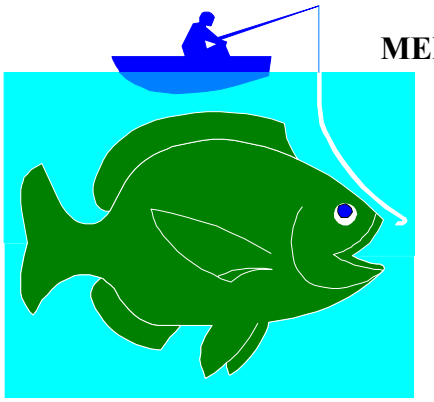
1. Knock,knock.
   Who's there?
   Dwain.
   Dwain who?
   Dwain the bathtub. I[m dwowning.
2. If you want to learn something the right way you must start at the bottom
   But I want to swim!
3. Where do swimmers sit to eat lunch? At pool tables.
4. Why are fish so well educated? They travel in schools.
5. Why is a boat the cheapest kind of transportation? It runs on water.
6. What lies at the bottom of the sea and shivers? A nervous wreck.
7. Where do sick boats go? To the 'dock'.

APPLAUSES/ CHEERS

RAINBIRD: With pointer finger in front of your lips, slowly turn head from right to left making a ch-ch-ch-ch noise. Then, move head quickly from right to left making a p-p-p-p-p-p sound.
SWIMMER'S BELLY FLOP: Put both hands out in front of you and clap your hands together once. Look around and say, "Where's the water? Where's the water?"
WATER SKIER: Hold arms out like holding tow line saying, "You-ee, splash!"
SWIMMING—Pretend to do the breaststroke, clap back of hands together.
FISH—Pucker up lips like you are going to kiss and make kissing sounds.
WAVE—Have front row lean to the right, 2nd row lean to the left, 3rd row to the right (all at the same time like waves.)
FROG EATING A MOSQUITO—Luv it—luv-it----luv-it!

SONGS, SPARKLERS, AND CHEERS 2

MORE CHEERS



MERMAID—Put legs together like a mermaid, hands on hips, sway and say, "Hip, hip, Horray!"

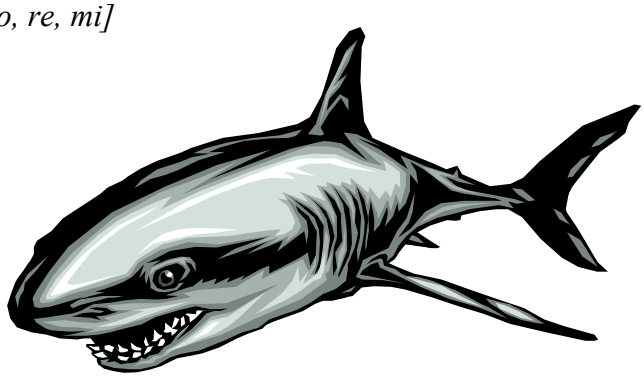
CLAM—Put back of hands together and open and close hands several times.

OCEAN—All yell, "Swell, swell, swell!"

JAWS—Make a shark mouth by putting elbows together. Open arms and yell, "Help!" Close arms and say, "Delicious!"

SONG: JAWS

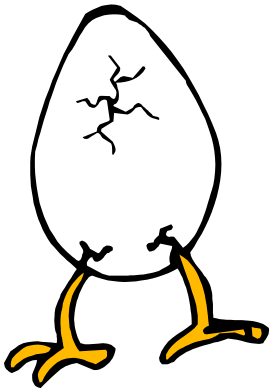
Tune: Do, re, mi]



Jaws a mouth, a great big mouth
Teeth, the things that kinda crunch
Bite, the friendly sharks hello
Us, his favorite juicy lunch
Fin, that shows us he is there.
Chomp, that makes the swimmers flee
Gulp, that means the shark's been fed.
That will bring us
back to Jaws, jaws, jaws, jaws.

HOW TO SPELL JOKE

This stunt always 'cracks' me up!



Ask someone to spell the word 'joke'.

Then, ask them to spell 'coke'.

Next, ask them to spell 'poke'.

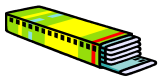
Finally ask them to spell the white of an egg. *They will probably spell 'yoke'. But the yolk is not the white, it is the yellow part. The white is called albumin.*

SONGS, SPARKLERS, AND CHEERS 3

SURPRISE SONG

[*Tune: Twinkle, twinkle, twinkle little star]*

It's so nice to be with you, here is something you can chew.
Gum, gum in the air, gum, gum everywhere *[everyone throw small pieces of gum to audience]*
It's so nice to be with you, here is something you can chew.



It's so nice to be with you, here is something nice and sweet.
Candy, candy in the air, candy, candy everywhere [*throw candy]*
It's so nice to be with you, here is something nice and sweet.

It's so nice to be with you here is something you can crack.
Nuts, nuts in the air, nuts, nuts everywhere *[throw peanuts]*
It's so nice to be with you here is something you can crack.

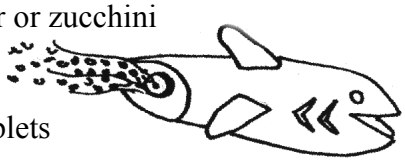
It's so nice to be with you here is something very wet.
Water, water in the air, water, water everywhere *(pull squirt guns from behind back, threaten to shoot audience, but shoot selves.)*
Now its time to end our song, we are wet, it's time we're gone.

CUBS IN THE KITCHEN

July 16 - National Ice Cream Day
July 27 - Take Your Houseplants For a Walk Day

Cucumber Swimming Shark
Another project using effervescent tablets. This one could be used as a substitute for the rain gutter regatta. It's cheaper and the boys could build their sharks right at Pack Meeting.

Small cucumber or zucchini
Paring knife
Toothpicks
Effervescent tablets
Peanut butter
Body of water or punch (punch bowl sized or larger)



Cut a "V" shaped notch in the large end of your cucumber. Just behind the notch, cut two slashes for gills. Carve out two holes for eyes. Cut three slices from the back end for fins, and attach with toothpicks. Put a dab of peanut butter on the effervescent tablet and attach to rear of shark. Warm water makes the shark go faster. The water or punch will be inedible if you use Alka-Seltzer tablets, but alright if you use straight bicarbonate of soda tablets.

Baited Fishing Poles
Pretzel rods
Gummy worms
Shoestring licorice

Cut shoestring licorice in half. Have boys practice tying knots with one piece. After they have mastered the square knot and a double half hitch, let them eat that half. Tie one end of the licorice to one end of the pretzel using a double half hitch. Tie the gummy worm onto the other end of the licorice with a square knot. Make sure each boy has his knots right before he can eat his fishin' pole.

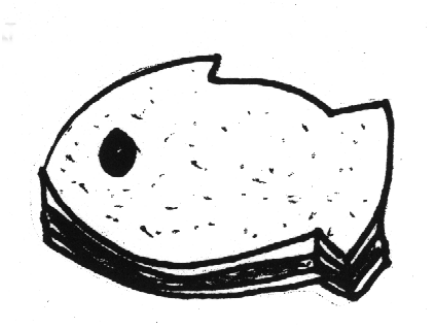
Spinning Eels
When you want to do a little ahead-of-time work, this is a fabulous "special effects" project. Make or buy cookies shaped like S's. Using small pieces broken off an effervescent tablet (like Sodium bicarbonate or Alka-Seltzer) push one piece into each end of the S-shaped "eel." Place it in a bowl of milk. The cookies should start spinning. Experiment with different angles to increase speed, etc. When fizzing stops, cookie is eaten, and a new one dropped in. The milk will be inedible if you use Alka-Seltzer tablets, but all right if you use straight bicarbonate of soda tablets.

Seaside Snacks
This is a great poolside or hiking snack as it won't spoil or melt in the heat and has good nutritional value as well. Makes 6-1/2 cups mix.

1 cup each of:
Fish shaped crackers
Roasted peanuts (beach pebbles)
Chow mien noodles (seaweed)
Pretzel sticks (driftwood)
Cheerios (life preservers)
Raisins (sand fleas?)
1/2 cup dried pineapple,
Cut into small wedges (seashells). Mix. Store in snack sized resealable bags.

CUBS IN THE KITCHEN 2

Peanut Butter and Jellyfish Sandwich



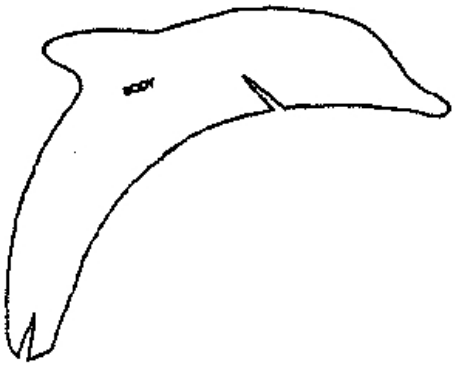
Cut slices of bread into fish shapes with a knife or large cookie cutter. Make regular peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and serve with carrot curls and goldfish crackers.

THEME MIDWAY

DOLPHIN SLIDE

Material: Gray fun foam
Ball point pen
Scissors

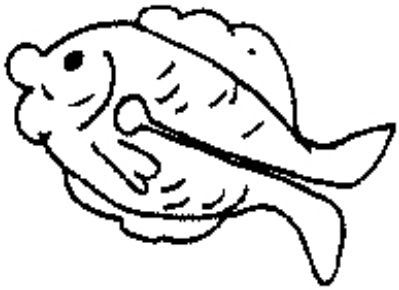
Cut out pattern and trace on to fun foam. Now cut it out. When you cut the notches, be sure to make them very skinny. Put your dolphin together as shown in drawing. Glue the fins in place. To make the slide, use either a ½" piece of PVC pipe or use a 3" piece of chenille pipe cleaner and glue onto the back.

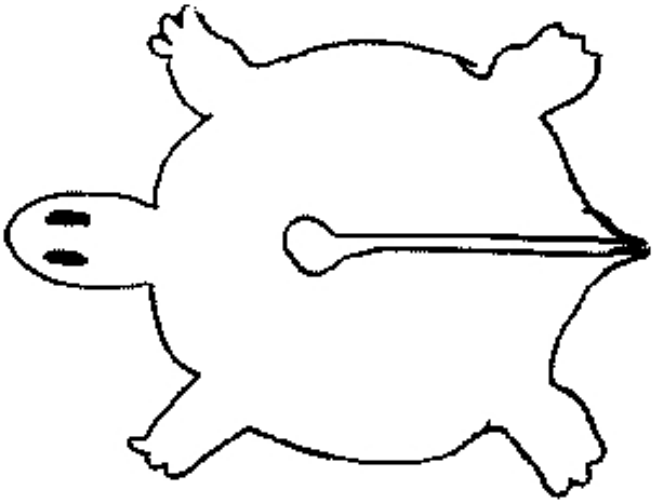


SWIMMING PAPER FISH

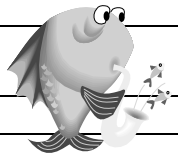
Materials: Stiff paper (notepaper type)
Scissors
A few drops of oil

Draw and cut out a paper fish. Make a small round hole in the center of the fish and cut a narrow slit leading from the center hole to the tail. Dip lower half of fish in water. Lay fish gently on the surface of water in a large bowl or tub. To make him swim, drop a little oil (1 or 2 drops) into the little hole in the fish's body. Oil will spread through the slit leading to the tail. The fish will be propelled forward. Do the same thing with a frog or turtle.





THEME RESOURCES

Category	NAME	BOOK OR REFERENCE (Note: All books can be found at Scout Shop)
Extra Ideas	Fun in the Sun, Wet & Wild, Splish Splash, See What You Can Sea	National Theme – June 2003, June 2001, July 2000, August 1999, July 1998
	Water Carnival Ideas, Fishing Derby Ideas, Raingutter Regatta Ideas	Cub Scout How To Book (rev.1999) pg 9-15, 9-16, 9-47, (rev. 2002) pg 6-14, 6-37, 6-32
	Water/Boats Theme Craft Ideas	Cub Scout How To Book (rev.2002) pg 2-5
	Print a Fish Idea	Cub Scout How To Book (rev.1999) pg 8-29
Ceremonies	Instant Recognition Fishing, Ships of Scouting & Seven Seas Ceremonies, Fishing & Swimming Advancement Ceremonies	Ceremonies for Dens and Packs pg 2-4, 5-9, 8-4 & 8-7
Games	Fish Pond Games, Water Games & Harbor Master Game	Cub Scout How To Book (rev.1999) pg 2-21 or (rev. 2002) pg 3-38, (rev.1999) pg 2-44 & 2-55
	Underwater Race & Swimming Pool Games	The Best of Scout & Youth Games pg 53 & 55
Stories & Songs	The Captains Shirt Story, Jaws Song	Crazy Cory's vol. 2 pg 18, 27
Applauses & Cheers	Deep Sea Diver, fish, fisherman, motorboat, ocean, swimming, steamboat, under sea, whale, water	All the Applauses We Could Find (alphabetical)
	Deep sea diver, divers, fish, fishing, life guard, motor boat, non swimmers, ocean, steam boat, swimming, under water, water, whale	Need a Cheer? Find it Here! (alphabetical)
	Whale Cheer, fish lips	Crazy Cory's pg 89, 93
Belt Loops & Pins	Fishing, Swimming	Cub Scout Academic and Sports Program Guide
Cub Requirements	Webelos Aquanaut	Webelos Book
	Bear Elective 5-Boats, 19-Swimming	Bear Book
	Wolf Elective 19-Fishing	Wolf Book

SUPERCALIFORNIASURFER ***(Tune: Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious)***

From 1998 Pow Wow Book

Supercaliforniasurfer, expert of the ocean.
Even though the most of them do not use suntan lotion,
When they hit the waves too hard they always cause a motion.
Supercaliforniasurfer, expert of the ocean.

Um diddle idlle iddle um diddle lie, um diddle idlle iddle um diddle lie.

Because I was afraid to surf when I was just a lad,
My father took my board away and told me I was bad.
But then one day I leaned a word that every surfer knows,
The biggest word you ever heard, and this is how it goes.

Where do sick boats go?
To the doc
How do sailors do their laundry?
Throw it overboard, it is washed ashore.