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IT'S A CIRCUS OF STARS

PATCH OF THE MONTH

Conservation Good Turn: This is an opportunity for Cub Scout packs to join in conservation or environmental organizations (federal, state, local, or private) to carry out a Conservation Good Turn in their home or communities.

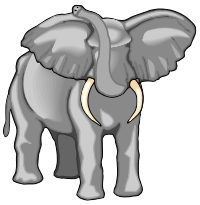
BLUE & GOLD IDEAS

Activities: Speakers-clown, magician, entertainer
"Clown college"
Face Painting
Den stunt shows
Pet tricks

Menu:

"Three Ring" Ravioli
"Trapeze" Turkey Dinner
"Clown Car" Cheesy Potatoes
"Cracking Whip" Caramel Corn
"Performing" Peanut Butter Cookies
"Tight Rope" Turtle Pie

GATHERING/PRE-OPENERS

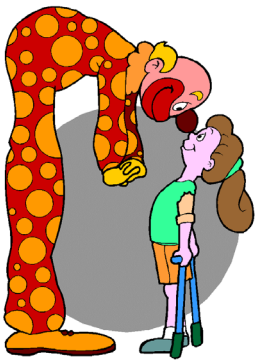


PEANUT SLIDE

Use whole, shell peanuts. Spray peanuts with clear spray paint for a shiny finish. Glue a ring or pipe cleaner on back for slide. Families can decorate as desired..

FAMILY CIRCUS

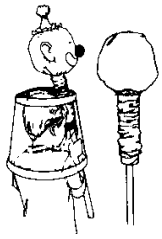
Have each family come up with their own circus act. This can be performed during pack meeting. Or, weeks before the pack meeting ask families to prepare circus acts to perform. You will find some real talent and imagination.



GET TOGETHER GAME

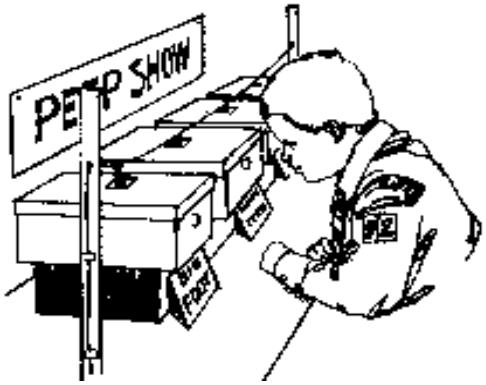
Assign each person the name of a different thing found in the circus, such as: clown, elephant, trapeze artist, ring master, acrobats, etc. When leader says, "Go!" all call out what they are and gather in a groups (animal or people) as fast as they can. The group gathered first wins. Use this to divide into teams for the next game.

GATHERING 2



CIRCUS PEEP SHOW—GATHERING ACTIVITY

Have the following set up around the room as families arrive. Use shoeboxes that are close to the same size. Have a hole in the front and Christmas lights so that there is a light in each box so it can be seen. Have a label on the front of each.



1. Rare invisible fish = bowl of clear water
2. Hairless dog = frankfurter
3. Swimming match = match floating in water
4. Ancient Instrument of Torture = hairbrush
5. Ruins of China = Broken glass dishes
6. Diamond Pin = A Dime and a pin
7. Ocean Liner = Sand
8. The five senses = 5 pennies
9. World's hardest head = Hammer head
10. Famous conductor = Electric plug
11. Big Foot = Ruler

'GIANT'—Costume Idea
One boy sits on the other's shoulders. Use a blanket for the lower robe to hide the head and body of the boy on the bottom. Make a clown neck ruffle to hide the blanket. Put pom-pom buttons down front.

GATHERING 3

CIRCUS CLOWN DOT-TO-DOT

OPENING, CLOSING, AND FLAG CEREMONIES

"CIRCUS PERFORMERS" FLAG CEREMONY

(*Idea: have boys or leaders dress up as the following circus performers; or, have pictures of each)*

It is so fun to go to the circus when it comes to town. The people that perform have jobs and specialties that we find extraordinary. These people are all citizens of the United States, just as we are:

The CLOWNS make sure that they vote at every election. A lot of times it is by absentee ballot, because they are on the road. But they know a good citizen of the US studies the issues and votes.

The AERIALISTS are strong, agile, and brave-- but they obey the traffic laws in each city because a good citizen of the US doesn't break the laws.

The LION TAMER was called up to go to fight in Iraq. The circus misses him, but he left because a good citizen of the US defends his country when needed.

The RINGMASTER always recycles his garbage and never just throws away papers, cans, or plastic bags, because the US doesn't need a citizen that destroys or trashes the land.

The DOG TRAINER makes sure his dogs don't run lose through the neighborhood, because a good citizen of the US takes care of his property and respects the rights of others.

All the performers are good parents, educate their children, and prepare them to work and be good citizens, because a good citizen of the US is also a good parent.

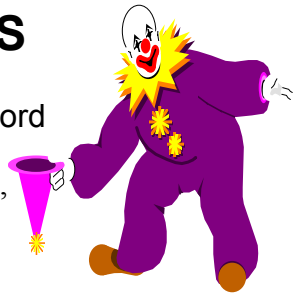
To be a circus performer takes unusual talents.

To be a good citizen takes love for country. Let us pledge allegiance to the flag of our country.

CUBMASTER MINUTE—"GOD LOVES YOU"

If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.
If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it.
He sends you flowers every spring, and He sends you a sunrise every morning,
He gives you forests to walk through and mountains to look at and seashores to marvel at.
Whenever you want to talk, he listens.
Sometimes you do things that He shakes His head over,
But He puts His arms around you anyway.
Face it friend, he is crazy about you!
God didn't promise days without pain,
Laughter without sorrow,
Sun without rain,
But he did promise
Strength for the day,
Comfort for the tears,
And light for the way.

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES



THE CLOWN'S VISIT

by Carol Shaw Lord

Clown: Good morning, kiddies! I'm happy to see you this bright, beautiful morning! *(Doffs hat and bows with a flourish.)*

Cubmaster: Psst! It's not morning!

Clown: *(Puts hat back on.)* Oh, pickle smoke! I must be mixed up again! Let me start over. *(Doffs hat and bows again.)* Good evening, kidlets! I'm really sorry to disturb you in the middle of the night. *(Cubmaster: shakes his head, but doesn't say anything.)* What a nice looking group we have here. I love to see families together – boys and gerbils, with their parrots.

Cubmaster: That's boys and GIRLS with their PARENTS.

Clown: Whatever! It's the thought that counts. Your Cubmaster: here tells me that you've been very malodorous lately.

Cubmaster: No! Not malodorous! That means stinky. I didn't say malodorous.

Clown: Oops! Sorry! I didn't mean malodorous. Even if you ARE stinky it would be really rude of me to say so, now wouldn't it? He said that you've all been very preposterous.

Cubmaster: No, no! I didn't say they were preposterous! That means silly. They haven't been VERY preposterous.

Clown: Oh, excuse me! I can never get things right. I didn't mean you have been preposterous. I'm the one who's preposterous. I meant to say that he said you were all very rambunctious.

Cubmaster: Rambunctious? I didn't say rambunctious. That would mean that they are wigglely and noisy.

Clown: *(Dolefully)* Oh, I would never say that boys could be wigglely and noisy. *(Scratches head.)* What DID you say?

Cubmaster: I said the boys in our pack are very GENEROUS.

Clown: Germ-erous? Oh, no! I have been sick enough. *(Pulls out a big hanky and covers his mouth and nose.)* I should have worn a surgical mask. I shouldn't even have come here. Germ-erous! I hate germs! I'm outta here! *(Leaves, dropping his hat.)*

Cubmaster: *(Shakes head and shrugs. Then picks up the hat.)* What can I say? Anyway, all Clowning aside, we do have some awards to give to some special boys this month. *(Pull awards out of the Clown's hat.)*

GAMES

ELEPHANT HUNT

You will need:

Colored wool (yarn) to match up with the den's colors
Talcum powder
Plastic plant identification labels
TIME to lay the trail

Tell a story to the pack about the elephants who have escaped from the local circus, and the circus has asked for the cub's help in getting the elephants back. The circus tell us that each elephant is wearing a colored mat on its back, and each mat matches one of the den's colors. Each den must look for the elephant wearing the den's color on it's back. The cubs then follow a trail of wool, picking up their colors as they go. They must not pick up any other colors. You could tell them how many pieces they should find. The trail divides and finally the colored wool disappears. All that can be seen is large (talcum powder) elephant footprints on the ground. These all lead to one place where the elephants can clearly be seen, wearing ragged mats on their backs, (parents or leaders). But the elephants have been caught by a gang of thieves who will sell them back to the Cubs for $200--no more, no less. The cubs are then told that they can gather this money from around a certain bush. (This money is the plastic plant tab, stuck into the ground around the bush. Each label is marked with an amount of money.) Each den must only take labels to equal exactly $200 to pay the thieves for their elephant. Then they take their elephant back to the circus where there is sure to be a reward.

CIRCLE THE CIRCLE

Equipment: two hula hoops, one slightly smaller than the other.
Scouts must move the hoops around the circle in opposite directions.

Have the boys form a hand-in-hand circle. Place two large hoops together between two boys (resting on their grasped hands). See how quickly they can cause the hoops to travel around the circle (over the people) in opposite directions, through each other (hoop through hoop) and back to the originating point.

KANGAROO RELAY

Equipment: balloons, one per team.

Blow up one balloon per group and tie it off at the neck. Form groups of 5-10 and have them stand in a single line, front to back facing the same direction. Give the first person in line the balloon. Pass the balloon overhead backwards, from the front to the rear of the line. The last person carries it back to the front of the line while holding it in between their knees and hopping like a Kangaroo. Pass it on and continue until the first person is back at the front of the line. If the balloon falls out, put it back and begin hopping again. You may not hold the balloon in place with your hands while hopping.

SKITS AND STORYTELLING

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION-- THE TWO CLOWNS

WOULDN'T-- "Do I Have To?"(shrug shoulders, palms out)
SHOULDN'T—For shame (rub other finger)
CALLIOPE—Pull an imaginary cord and say "Toot, toot!"

Once there was a well-known circus that had working with them two clowns who were always creating problems. One of them was named WOULDN'T and the other was named SHOULDN'T.

WOULDN'T would never perform and do what he should. SHOULDN'T performed and acted when he wasn't supposed to and even when it wasn't his turn.

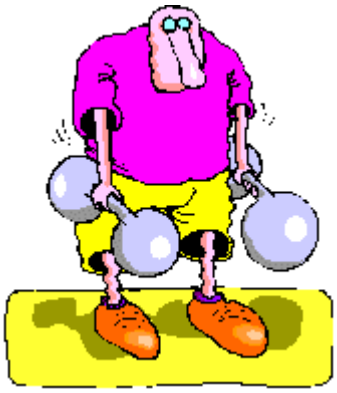
The signal for the clowns to start performing was when the CALLIOPE music started. But what a problem! WOULDN'T could never be shoved out to do his part, and SHOULDN'T couldn't be pulled out of the ring when it was time to end. As a result, everyone dreaded the sound of the CALLIOPE music.

Then one day SHOULDN'T got sick, and when the CALLIOPE music started, he was lying on his bed. There was nothing for WOULDN'T to do but go out and perform.

As he finished his act, the sound of the overwhelming applause reached SHOULDN'T. He realized he had always hogged the show. WOULDN'T hadn't wanted to perform because he couldn't compete against that.

As soon as SHOULDN'T was well again, and the CALLIOPE music started, SHOULDN'T waved WOULDN'T out to the center of the ring to perform. This was his way of telling everyone that he wasn't going to hog the limelight any more.

So now when the CALLIOPE music starts, everyone looks forward to the fine performance of WOULDN'T and SHOULDN'T, two of the best Circus clowns



THE STRONG MAN—A PANTOMIME

The strong man enters with a powerful walk, arms flexed, bows to audience, and displays arm muscles one at a time.

Bends down and grasps an imaginary barbell with trembling arms, lifts it overhead, lowers it, bows to audience.

Adds a weight to the end, bends down and grasps barbell, strains to lift it, only gets it off the floor a couple of inches, drops it, looks disappointed.

Cups mouth with hand and pretends to call to an assistant off stage.

Assistant easily, with one hand, carries out box with VITAMINS printed on the side, puts it on floor and leaves. *[It is funny if the assistant is very small.]*

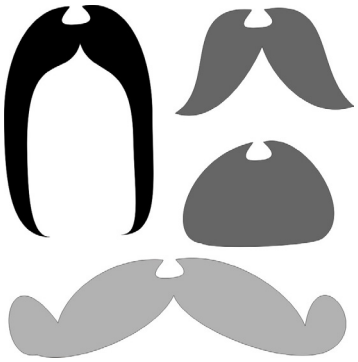
Strongman scoops several handfuls of imaginary vitamins into mouth, wipes hands on sides, leans over and lifts the barbell with great struggle, then lowers it. Bows to audience left and right, flexes muscles high above, bows again.

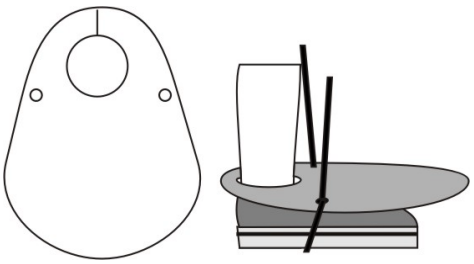
Strongman turns to go, tries to pick up the vitamin box to take with him. Amazingly, he can barely lift it, and finally struggles off stage with it.

THEME CRAFTS

What Circus is complete without costumes and puppets? Simple costumes often work the best and, if well done, are quite impressive.

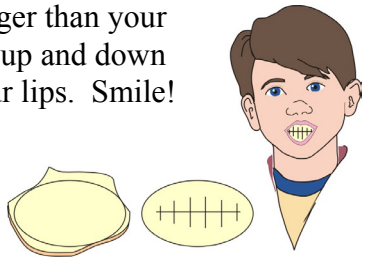
Moustaches: There is probably no other disguise that can change a person's appearance so quickly as a fine moustache. Choose a moustache pattern, draw it on heavy paper or foam, and cut it out. Try it on for size. Experiment until you get the hooks just right so the moustache will stay in place.





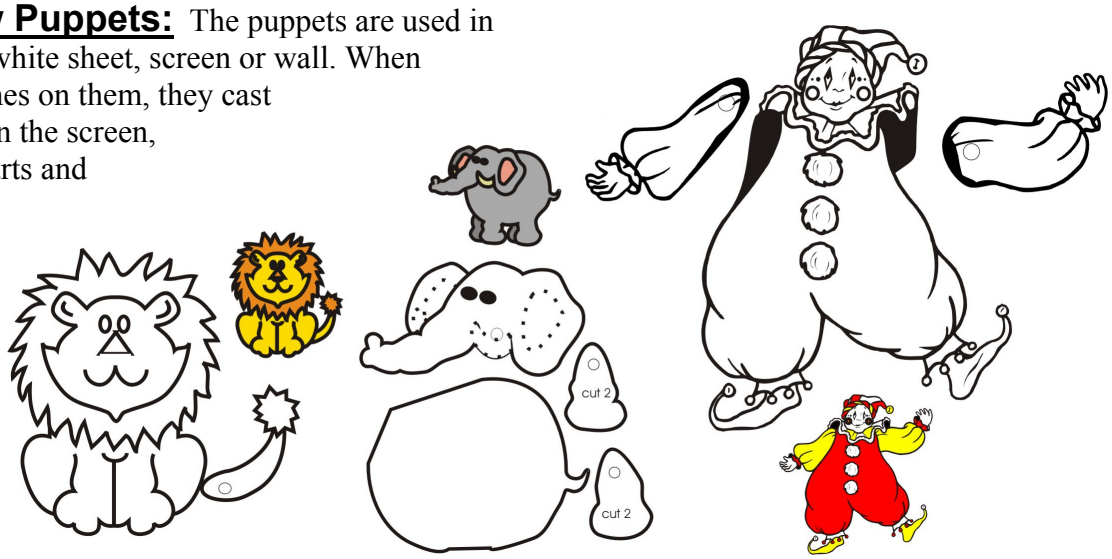
Clown Shoes: Cut shapes from poster-board as shown. Cut the centers bigger than your ankles, then cut slit. Punch the holes as shown. Decorate your shoes. Thread ribbon down through one hole, under your shoe, and up through the other hole. Tie in a large bow.

Orange Smile: Peel an orange, trying to have pieces a little larger than your smile. Cut the orange peel into an oval. Cut a slit in the center. Snip up and down the slit to make teeth. Put in your mouth between your teeth and your lips. Smile!



Face Paint: 1 spoonful of soft shortening, 2 spoonfuls of corn-starch, food coloring or craft quality acrylic paint. Mix the shortening and cornstarch until creamy, add coloring and paint your faces.

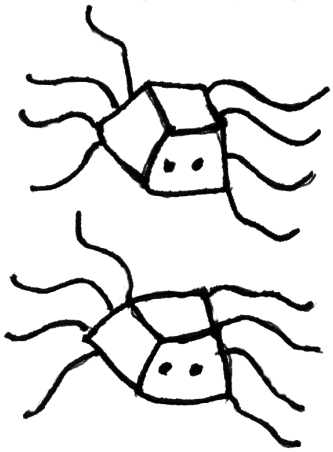
Shadow Puppets: The puppets are used in front of a white sheet, screen or wall. When a light shines on them, they cast shadows on the screen, Moving parts and punched holes give them extra details.



HOLIDAY AND SEASONAL CRAFTS

SPIDER

Supplies Needed: Empty egg Cartons
Black acrylic paint
Wiggle eyes
Black pipe cleaners



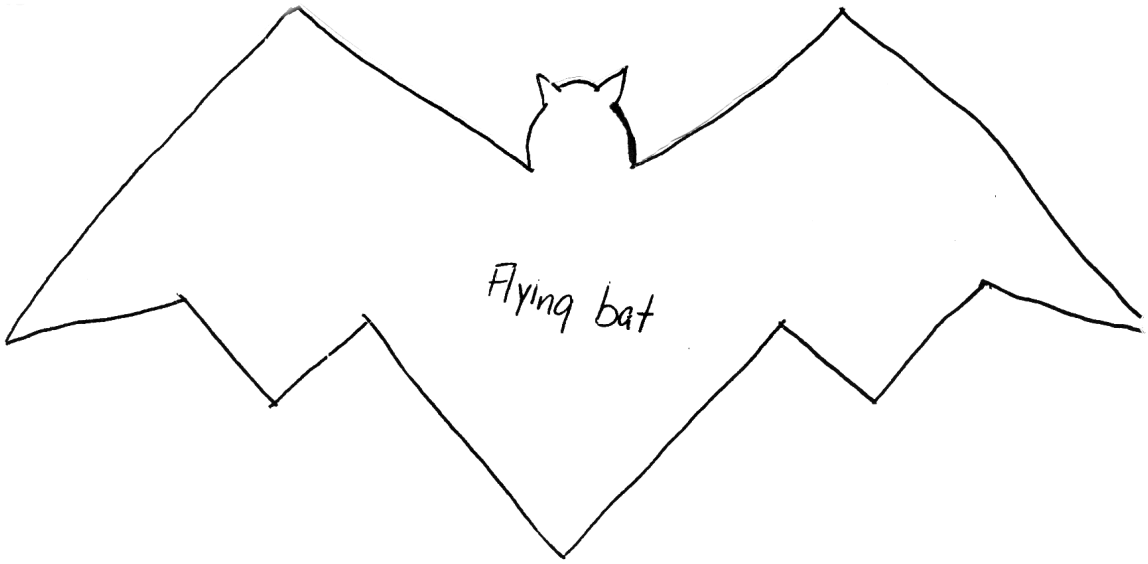
Directions:

1. Cut the cups off an empty egg carton. Paint these black with the acrylic paint.
2. Use a paper clip end or a pushpin to poke four holes along the bottom edge on one side of the cup. Poke matching holes on the opposite side of the cup.
3. To make fuzzy legs, cut four black pipe cleaners into 7 inch lengths. Thread a pipe cleaner through one of the holes, into the cup, and out the corresponding hole on the other side. Make sure the ends protrude an equal length from both sides of the cup and bend them upward at the base of the spider's body. Fold in the opposite direction midway down the legs to create the knees and bend the pipe cleaners to make feet.
4. Finally, glue on wiggle eyes.

FLYING BAT

Need: Black poster board, clothespin, red or yellow construction paper, hole punch, and glue.

Directions: Cut a bat shape from the black poster board. Punch a dot from the construction paper and glue to the bat for eyes. Glue the bat to the clothespin. Hang on a curtain.



SONGS, SPARKLERS, AND CHEERS

SONG: FOUND A PEANUT

Tune: "Clementine"

1. Found a peanut, found a peanut,
Found a peanut just now.
Just now I found a peanut,
Found a peanut just now.

2. It was rotten, it was rotten,
It was rotten just now.
Just now it was rotten,
It was rotten just now.

(Continue in similar manner with the following verses)
Ate it anyway….
I got sick…
Called the doctor…
Had surgery…
Died anyway…
Went to heaven…
Didn't want me…
I came back…
Found a peanut…
It was rotten…
Threw it away…

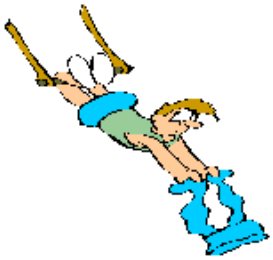
RUN ON FUN

1. Why did the turkey join the circus band?
2. What must you know before you can teach a dog new tricks?
3. How do you get an elephant to follow you?
4. What side of a leopard has the most spots?
5. Why did the vampire attack the clown?
6. Why was Sunshine the clown staring at an orange juice can?
7. Why can't clown noses be 12 inches long?
8. Why was Sparkle the clown holding a mirror in front of her face with her eyes closed?
9. Why did Silly Willy hold his ears when he walked by the hen house?

ANSWERS

1. He wanted to use his drumstick.
2. More than the dog.
3. Act like a nut.
4. The outside.
5. He wanted the circus to be in his blood.
6. Because it said, "Concentrate."
7. Because then they would be a foot.
8. She wanted to see what she looked like when she was sleeping.
9. He didn't want to hear the fowl language.

APPLAUSES/ CHEERS



ELEPHANT: Make sound of trumpeting elephant with lips, then use arms as trunk and sway them from side to side. Open and close fingers and say, "I work for peanuts"
RINGMASTER: Leader says "And now, behind me in the center ring, the Cubs." All Cubs respond by yelling "YEOOOOOOOOOOOW."
TRAINED CIRCUS FLEA: Have everyone raise his hands above his head. Applaud by clicking the nails of the thumb and forefinger on each hand.
TRAPEZE ARTISTS: Swing your arms up and down like you are on the bar waiting for someone to swing to you. Open hands, you catch them successfully. Smile big, suddenly they fall.. Scream, then smile. They landed in the net safely. "Good!"
CIRCUS TRAIN: "Chug, a chug, toot, toot." Make sounds of the animals on the train.
LION TAMER: Have a chair and whip, get the lions on their perches, turn to the audience and bow, and then grab bottom when one of the lions comes over and bites you on the bottom.
CLOWNS: Boys jump up and down and laugh like crazy.
JUGGLER: Take out pretend things to juggle, such as eggs, bowling balls, pies, etc. Drop one with a yell.

SONGS, SPARKLERS, AND CHEERS 2

SONG THREE HAPPY CLOWNS

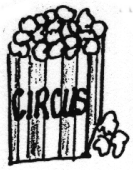
Tune: Three blind Mice

Three happy clowns, three happy clowns,
See how they smile, see how they smile,
They run and play all around the ring,
And teach all the people to laugh and sing,
Have you ever seen such a sight in a ring?
As three happy clowns.

CUBS IN THE KITCHEN

October 2 - Name Your Car Day
October 10 - National Dessert Day
Last week in October - National Magic Week

Flavored Popcorn
No circus would be complete without popcorn. Here are some wonderfully flavored popcorns for crunching and munching.



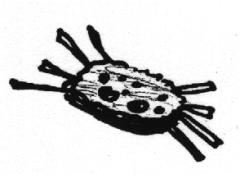
Tex-Mex Popcorn
Add a pinch of chili powder to melted butter, pour over popcorn and toss.

Pizza Popcorn
Top with oregano, basil and parsley stirred into melted butter.

Cinnamon Popcorn
Shake popcorn with cinnamon-sugar

Tomato Soup With Goop
Each boy will need:
1 bowl tomato soup (any kind will do)
1 1" chunk mozzarella cheese
1 1-ounce string cheese stick

Heat soup and ladle into bowls. Have boys slide chunk into bowl and tear string cheese into strings and drop into soup. While soup is cooling, strings and chunk can be lifted up and played with.

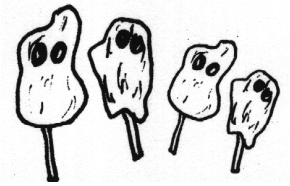


Arachnid Treats
2 round crackers
2 teaspoons peanut butter
8 small pretzel sticks
2 raisins
With peanut butter, make a cracker sandwich. Insert pretzel legs into the filling. With a dab of peanut butter, place two raisin eyes on top.

Mini Witches Brooms
Thin pretzel sticks
Fruit-by-the-foot
Scissors
Several drops of water

Cut a 2" length of fruit-by-the-foot. Make a fringe along the length of it, leaving a 1/4" border at the top to create broom bristles. Dampen finger and run it along the border. Twist around the pretzel "handle" wet side in.

Vanishing White Chocolate Ghosts
1 12-ounce package white chocolate chips or dipping chocolate
12 popsicle sticks
24 red hot candies



Pour chips into a resealables bag and seal. Microwave for 1-2 minutes, squishing the bag every 30 seconds (watch closely; chips burn fast in the microwave). Or, place the bag in a pot of simmering water until the chips melt. Line a cookie sheet with waxed paper and place the popsicle sticks on the paper leaving 2" between them. When the bag of melted chips feels warm but not hot, snip a hole in one corner of the bag and squeeze oval shaped ghosts onto the top of the sticks, smoothing the chocolate with a table knife. Add two red hots for eyes. Let harden in the refrigerator. Give them to the boys and watch them vanish.

THEME MIDWAY

Barbell

The world's strongest man needs something to lift. Make a barbell by covering a wrapping paper tube with duct tape, then taping a black balloon to each end. If your own muscles aren't as impressive as you'd like, put plastic-foam balls or balloons inside your sweatshirt.

Clown Shoes

Clowns look funnier when they wear things that are way too big. Your clown could wear swim fins or oversized tennis shoes, or you could make some big shoes from shoeboxes or tissue boxes. Decorate the shoes with paints, colored tape, markers, stickers, and pom-poms. It's a little harder to walk in shoes that are too big, so practice walking carefully in your shoes before your performance in the circus.

Crazy Clown Car

Build a colorful clown car from a refrigerator box. Have your clowns line up behind the car so the audience can't see them. Then, as fast as you can, have them pop out of the car, one right after the other. It will look like all those clowns were inside the car!

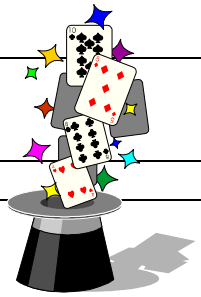
Bucket Switcheroo

Fill a bucket with water, and hide an identical one filled with confetti. Two clowns chase each other with the water bucket, then run out of sight, where they switch to the confetti bucket. As they keep chasing each other, one clown ducks just as the other one throws the confetti, which lands on the audience.

Squirting Flower

Wash a plastic squirt bottle thoroughly and fill it with water. Glue an artificial flower onto the end of the bottle, and squirt your friends (with their permission) for a funny clown gag.

THEME RESOURCES

CATEGORY	NAME	BOOK OR REFERENCE (Note: All books can be found at Scout Shop)
Extra Ideas 	Lights, Camera, Action; Once Upon a Time; Abracadabra; Our Gifts and Talents	National Theme – May & October 2003, May 2002, October 2000
	Skits and Costumes; Puppets; Songs, Stunts and Stories; Tricks and Puzzles	Cub Scout How To Book (rev.1999) sect 4, 5, 6, & 7
	Fair/Circus Theme Craft Ideas	Cub Scout How To Book (rev.1999) sect 3
	Puppet Ideas, Skit Ideas, Music & Instrument Ideas, Stories, Tricks & Magic Ideas	Cub Scout How To Book (rev.2002) pg 5-12, 5-27, 5-37, 5-43, 5-49
	Great Magic Tricks	Cub Scout Magic Book
Thank Yous or Awards	Hat "Hats off to . . ."	
	Magic Wand "You worked Magic____"	
Ceremonies	Magic Opening Ceremony	Ceremonies for Dens and Packs pg. 5-8
Games	Ring Toss Board Games, Juggler toss & Ring Toss Games	Cub Scout How To Book (rev.1999) pg 2-22, 2-29
	Zoo Game	Cub Scout How To Book (rev.2002) pg 3-35
Applauses & Cheers	Clown, drum, drummer, elephant, every man a tiger, jugglers, lion tamer, Leo the lion, magic, magicians, ring master, strong man, tightrope walker	All the Applauses We Could Find (alphabetical)
	The photographer, the cinematographer, magic & messy magician	Crazy Cory's vol. 2 pg. 82 & 83
	Clown, drum, Ferris wheel, fanfare, juggling, lion tamer, magic, magician, tightrope walker	Need a Cheer? Find it Here! (alphabetical)
Songs	"The Cub Scout Show" & "Commercial Mix Up"	Crazy Cory's vol. 2 pg. 50 & 51
Cub Requirements	Webelos Showman	Webelos Book
	Bear Achievement 4-Tall Tales	Bear Book
	Bear Elective 8-Cub Scout Band, 10-Masks, 13-Magic	Bear Book
	Wolf Elective 2-Be an Actor, 11-Sing Along	Wolf Book

Q: Why did the clown cross the road?
A: To find his rubber chicken.

Q: How do you catch a circus elephant?
A: Hide in the grass and make peanut noises.

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