

January



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Lights! Camera! Action!

Pack Committee

Why Lights! Camera! Action! for the Core Value Positive Attitude. Let the spotlight shine on our Cub Scouts. Our Scouts spend many hours in front of the television set. Let's put that to good use this month, and use it to promote positive values and a positive attitude. Create a very special red carpet event at this pack meeting, and every Cub Scout will feel like a star.

BEFORE THE MEETING

If possible, spend the month prior to this meeting gathering photos and home movie clips of Scouting events. As the boys arrive, have a paparazzi staging area set up for each Cub Scout and his family to pose for the camera. A simple backdrop can be created with cardboard star cutouts covered with aluminum foil, spray painted with silver paint, or covered with glitter. You can create a cardboard "limousine" car door for the Cub Scout and his family to step through to make their grand entrance. Of course, there should be a red carpet at the door to truly create a red carpet event. This can be done with red butcher paper or red towels if carpet is not available.

If the dens have each prepared skits or songs to perform at the meeting, let them know where their performance will take place in the program. Have the dens provide any props they will need.

The Cubmaster wears a tuxedo T-shirt or a shirt with sequins/glitter and carries a microphone. Each den display should have a sign announcing, "Spotlight on Den ____." This can be done like a movie poster, listing the members of the den as the cast.

Decorate the stage with each Cub Scout's awards mounted on a cardboard star covered with aluminum foil, spray painted, or covered with glitter, similar to those described for the picture backdrop. Punch holes in the stars and hang awards on silver or gold twine. A picture of the Scout also can be included on the star to make it more of a keepsake.

GATHERING

As people arrive, hand each one a strip of paper with a *Jungle Book* character listed: Mowgli, Kaa, Baloo, Bagheera, Akela. Estimate the size of your audience, and choose the number of names to have from six to eight people in each group. Everyone can play. Tell participants to tuck the paper away until instructed to pull it out.

In true red carpet fashion, have several people with microphones and video cameras interviewing Scouts as they arrive. The interviewers should ask such questions as:

"What exciting things did you do with your den this month?"

"What is involved in earning your current rank?"

"What's the most fun thing you've done with the pack so far?"

"Tell me about some of the belt loops you're wearing."

This can be done at previous meetings during the month or at the previous month's pack meeting so that the interview clips can be played during the pack meeting.





OPENING

ANNOUNCER: Cub Scouts, you're our stars tonight! Whether you're as famous as someone who appears in the movies or just the guy next door, you're a star. You always do your best, and your positive attitude shines for all to see. For our opening tonight, we're going to share the "Jump Into a New Life."

Skit

CUB SCOUT 1: If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,
Be a scrub in the valley, but be
The best little scrub by the side of the rill
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

CUB SCOUT 2: If you can't be a bush, be a bit of the grass,
And some highway some happier make;

CUB SCOUT 3: If you can't be a Muskie, then just be a bass—
But the liveliest bass in the lake.

CUB SCOUT 4: We can't all be captains, we've got to be crew,
There's something for all of us here.

CUB SCOUT 5: There's big work to do and there's lesser to do,
And the task we must do is the near.

CUB SCOUT 6: If you can't be a highway, then just be a trail,
If you can't be the sun, BE A STAR!

CUB SCOUT 7: It isn't by size that you win or you fail—
Be the best of whatever you are!

ANNOUNCER: Please join us for the presentation of the colors.

(The Cubmaster turns over the microphone to the preassigned den for the presentation of the colors.)

Welcome and Introductions

The Cubmaster welcomes new families, introduces them to the pack, and thanks those who helped prepare for the pack meeting.

CUBMASTER: Now everyone, pull out the piece of paper you were given at the door. You are to circulate and find everyone who has the same character as you. Form a group and stay together. *(Allow adequate time for the groups to form.)* Now each group will be given a list of questions to answer as a group. Don't look at the questions until you get the signal. *(Hand out one sheet per group of the following questions.)*

Movie trivia questions, all pertaining to *Jungle Book*:

1. Which character is Mowgli?
2. Which character is Baloo?
3. Which animal raised Mowgli as his own?
4. Who was Shere Khan, and what did he want to do with Mowgli?

CUBMASTER: Let's give the group with the most correct answers the fastest a grand round of applause. Everyone form a huge circle close enough to touch the hand of the person next to you. Start the applause around the circle by clapping the hand next to you *(like the "wave" at a football game)*. Once it goes around, add a high-five all around, and then add a knuckle bump.

Following the game, everyone may return to their seats.

(Insert a den skit or song here.)

CUBMASTER: Let's cheer for Den _____. How about the Astronaut Cheer? 1-2-3- You're outta sight!



RECOGNITION

CUBMASTER: Let's now honor our stars of the evening—the Cub Scouts of Pack _____. (*Begin the awards ceremony; call boys forward by opening the “envelope.” Switch off presenters to emulate the awards shows. If you have videos of the dens from the previous month, play the clip of each den prior to calling them forward for their awards.*)

CUBMASTER: All these stars deserve a special cheer. Let's do the Tony the Tiger cheer: They're great! Now let's all become actors, and all of you can help with our own *Home Alone* movie.

(Insert a den skit or song here.)

CUBMASTER: Let's cheer for Den _____. This is the You're a Star cheer. On three, let's all say, “You're a star, that's what you are!”

Sing “Cub Scouts Shine” (sung to the tune of “Three Blind Mice”).

Cub Scouts shine,
Cub Scouts shine,
We do our best,
We do our best,
We honor our country and God every day,
We work very hard to learn the right way,
We show everybody the Cub Scout way,
Our Cub Scouts shine.

(To make the song easier to follow, put the words on a PowerPoint slide for the audience. Sing through once as a group, then as a round.)

(Insert a den skit or song here.)

CUBMASTER: Let's do the barbecue applause for that last skit. On three, answer, “How do you like your steak?” by saying, “Well done!”

Skit

Fortunately, Unfortunately

CUBMASTER: When you hear the following, react like this:

Fortunately—Wipe your brow and say in relief, “Whew!”

Unfortunately—Put both hands on either side of your face (the “Home Alone” look), with your mouth open in surprise, “Oh!”

Hero—Hold up your hands and flex your muscles.

Materials needed:

- A huge poster with a single letter on it
- A can of nuts/bolts to make noise for plane exploding
- A towel or handkerchief for a parachute
- Signs to hang around the necks of the Cub Scouts playing “Hero,” “Alligators,” and “Lions,” and direction signs to indicate “haystack,” “lake,” and “cave”
- A pitchfork for a Scout to hold while standing next to a sign announcing “haystack”
- The reward—a statuette to indicate the Oscar-winner



NARRATOR:

Our Hero got a letter (*hold up poster*). The letter invited him to come to (*name your city*) to receive an award. FORTUNATELY, there was a plane leaving the next day. So our Hero got on a plane and headed for (*your city*). UNFORTUNATELY, the plane blew up. (*Hero drops can of bolts for noise and jumps off chair.*) FORTUNATELY, our Hero parachuted to safety (*toss handkerchief*). FORTUNATELY, there was a *haystack* on the ground. UNFORTUNATELY, there was a pitchfork in the *haystack*. FORTUNATELY, our Hero missed the pitchfork. UNFORTUNATELY, he also missed the *haystack*. FORTUNATELY, he landed in a nearby *lake*. UNFORTUNATELY, the lake was filled with Alligators. (*Gators chase Hero.*) FORTUNATELY our Hero was a good swimmer and made it to land safely. UNFORTUNATELY, there were Lions on the land. (*Lions chase Hero.*) FORTUNATELY, our Hero was a swift runner and was able to outrun the Lions by running into a dark *cave*. UNFORTUNATELY, the *cave* was filled with toxic fumes. (*Hero staggers to indicate he is dizzy.*) FORTUNATELY, our Hero was able to hold his breath for a really long time while he crawled through the *cave* to the other side. FORTUNATELY, on the other side of the *cave*, we were all waiting at the pack meeting to welcome our Hero and give him his just reward!

CLOSING CEREMONY

Have the preassigned den retire the flags.

Cubmaster's Minute

To be a star, you must shine your own light and follow your own path. Don't worry about the darkness, for that is when the stars shine brightest.

Good night, Cub Scouts!