

March



**Core Value:
Compassion**

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Be Aware and Care

Pack Committee

Why Be Aware and Care for the Core Value Compassion. A compassionate Scout imagines himself in the situation of others and feels sympathetic to their distress. As we become aware of the needs of all creatures on Earth, we gain compassion for everything that inhabits our world and the importance of understanding that we are all linked together. This is the reason Scouts are conservation-minded and understand the need to recycle, conserve energy, and follow the principles of Leave No Trace.

BEFORE THE MEETING

Decorate the meeting room with a large poster of Earth and pictures of humans, animals, and plants that need protection and compassion. Prepare nametags and a poster with instructions for the gathering game. Prepare advancement ceremony items (see the resources at the end of this meeting plan) and have them ready. Gather small globes for the closing.

GATHERING

Survival Game

In order to survive on our planet, every living thing must satisfy four essential needs: air, water, food, and shelter. Prepare a poster with those four needs listed.

As families enter, give each member of the family a nametag with one of the above listed needs on it. (All members of a family will have the same need.) Explain that they must find people in the group with the other needs in order to survive. Remind them that if too many people with the same need try to gather in one group, there will not be enough of that need to go around. The goal is to create groups of four families each around the room for survival. If the group cannot be divided equally into the four “needs” groups, other groups must have compassion, and do with less of that need and share with others so that everyone can survive.

OPENING

The preassigned den presents the colors.

Magic Mud Skit

You will need nine Cub Scouts with Cub Scout T-shirts over their uniforms and one narrator. Some verses can be eliminated to accommodate the size of the den.

A sign in the center of the stage or at the front of the room is marked “MUD PUDDLE.”

NARRATOR: Did you ever wonder as you pass a little stretch of mud and grass what nature might be hiding there, within this spot a few feet square? Let’s gather ’round and take a look, and like the pages in a book, we’ll study it with open eyes. Can soil like this hold a surprise? (*Boys kneel down in a circle around the mud puddle.*)

CUB SCOUT 1: Here’s a freshly patterned animal track where a rabbit hopped across and back.

CUB SCOUT 2: I see a line of busy ants, carrying tidbits as they dance.

CUB SCOUT 3: Look, a feather blue and gray, dropped here by a screaming jay.

CUB SCOUT 4: Sprinkled here are sprouting seeds from lofty elms and sprawling weeds.

CUB SCOUT 5: A pebble smoothed by action slow, formed millions of years ago.





CUB SCOUT 6: In a puddled spot not yet dried out, a water beetle swims about.

CUB SCOUT 7: It's not all nature mud reveals; here's a candy wrapper and two toy wheels.

CUB SCOUT 8: There's something moving—what's that now? I'll pick it up—a BEE-YOW!

CUB SCOUT 9: Quick, put some mud upon the spot, to take away the soreness hot.

NARRATOR: In mud, there's stone and living things; healing power for bitter stings. Through it flows Earth's lifeblood. Our soil is really magic mud!

Prayer (Cub Scout or Leader)

"We pray that through being conservation-minded we can show our compassion for the world around us: human, plant, and animal. All need air, food, water, and shelter to survive."

Welcome and Introductions

The Cubmaster welcomes any new families to the pack and thanks all who have helped to prepare for the pack meeting. Then the Cubmaster says, "Tonight's gathering game was an example of how we all need each other to survive in this world. It also showed that compassion leads us to get by with less in order to help others survive."

PROGRAM

Den Demonstrations

Call up each den to share what they did in their dens this month.

Audience Participation

Noah Wants to Be a Cub Scout

Divide the group into five sections. Have each section call out its part as listed below while the story is being read. (Scouts can be positioned in front of each group with a sign of the sound the group should make and hold it up as the word is said by the narrator.)

BOBCAT: "Mee-oooo-w!"

TIGER: "Ro-arr!"

WOLF: "Ahhh-oooo!"

BEAR: "Grr-rrrr!"

WEBELOS: "We'll Be Loyal Scouts!"

ARROW OF LIGHT: Everyone clap.

Noah was out for a walk one day near his home. As he walked along, he met a BOBCAT. The BOBCAT was studying a book. Noah asked the BOBCAT what he was doing. The BOBCAT said he was trying to become a TIGER. "Whoever heard of a BOBCAT changing into a TIGER?" Noah said. Noah continued along his way. Soon he met a TIGER who, with his partner, seemed to be searching for something. Noah asked the TIGER what he was doing. "I am trying to become a WOLF," said the TIGER. Noah laughed, "That's very odd, a TIGER becoming a WOLF!" Noah walked on and met a WOLF. The WOLF was working on a wood project. "What are you doing?" asked Noah. "I am learning to become a BEAR," said the WOLF. How strange, thought Noah, a BOBCAT who wants to be a TIGER, a TIGER who wants to be a WOLF, and a WOLF who wants to be a BEAR. Maybe I can find a BEAR who wants to be something else, too. Soon he met a BEAR who was busy packing for a camping trip with his family. "What are you trying to become, big BEAR?" asked Noah. The BEAR said, "I am going to become a WEBELOS." "What's a WEBELOS?" asked Noah. The BEAR explained that if Noah became a Cub Scout, he could earn the BOBCAT rank, then become a TIGER Cub, then earn the WOLF and BEAR badges, and then become a WEBELOS Scout. The BEAR told Noah that he might even earn the ARROW OF LIGHT!

LEADER: All these creatures make up our pack, just as we know all creatures share our world. We need them all, and that's a fact!



RECOGNITION

CUBMASTER: Bobcats are like the raindrops of our Cub Scout world. They are fresh and new and bring with them a clean excitement. Congratulations, (Cub Scout's name), on earning your Bobcat rank. You are as welcome as the rain. *(Have a 6-inch raindrop cutout with "You are as welcome as the rain" on it. Give it to the Cub Scout with his Bobcat badge. Repeat for all Bobcats.)*

(Cub Scout's name) has earned his Tiger Cub rank. He is like the plant that flowers with knowledge and blooms with hope of new adventures. *(Congratulate him and give him a 6-inch flower cutout with "You flower with knowledge and bloom with hope of new adventures" on it along with his badge of rank. Repeat for all Tiger Cubs.)*

(Cub Scout's name) has earned his Wolf rank. Just like a tree, he has matured and reached new heights. As he grows stronger, he can more easily withstand the winds of danger. His roots are firmly embedded in the healthy soil of Cub Scouts. *(Congratulate him and give him a 6-inch tree cutout with "You can withstand the winds of danger with your roots firmly embedded in the healthy soil of Cub Scouts" on it along with his Wolf badge. Repeat for all Wolf Cub Scouts.)*

The Bear is the rock of Cub Scouting. (Cub Scout's name) has earned his Bear rank. He is now solid and immovable in his commitment to the promises he makes in Cub Scouting. Like a rock, he remains unchanged, no matter the weather, good or bad. *(Congratulate him and give him a 6-inch rock cutout with "Just like a rock, you remain unchanged, no matter the weather, good or bad" on it along with his Bear badge. Repeat for all Bear Cub Scouts.)*

The brightness of the Webelos Scout is like that of the sun. His knowledge of Scouting ideals is warm and welcome. By earning his Webelos rank, (Cub Scout's name) shines as a light to guide his path through Scouting. *(Congratulate him and give him a 6-inch sun cutout with "You shine as a light to guide your path through Scouting" on it along with his Webelos badge. Repeat for all Webelos Scouts.)*

CLOSING

Cubmaster's Minute

(Give each family a small globe to hold.)

Each of us holds the world in our hands. This is the world that provides air to breathe, water to drink, food from the soil, shelter created from its rocks, minerals, and plants. We have compassion for other inhabitants of our world. We conserve our use of resources and protect them for use by all. We keep the air and water clean by not polluting them, and we become passionate about the beauty of the world around us because we know we hold the future of the world in our hands. Let that thought be our guide—compassion leads to understanding and a better world.



CLOSING CEREMONY

Building a Better World

(You will need 11 Cub Scouts, each holding a card with a letter on the front and the words he says on the back. Each speaker will hold up his letter as he says his line. The last line is delivered by all.)

CUB SCOUT 1: **B** is for **brotherhood**, having compassion for each other.

CUB SCOUT 2: **E** is for **everything** on Earth, for we share its riches.

CUB SCOUT 3: **T** is for **teamwork**, joining hands to make light work.

CUB SCOUT 4: **T** is for **treasuring** every rock, mineral, liquid, plant, and animal as precious to our world.

CUB SCOUT 5: **E** is for **equality**, since we all have an equal need to keep our world safe.

CUB SCOUT 6: **R** is for **respect** for nature and its wonders.

CUB SCOUT 7: **W** is for **worthiness**, to see that all Earth's inhabitants are precious, just like us.

CUB SCOUT 8: **O** is for **opportunity** to become aware of how to care.

CUB SCOUT 9: **R** is for **reverence** for all creatures.

CUB SCOUT 10: **L** is for **learning** how to conserve and protect our world.

CUB SCOUT 11: **D** is for **dedicating** ourselves to understanding the needs of everyone.

ALL: That is how we can build a better world, right now!

The preassigned den retires the colors.

Cheers and Applauses

Thumbs-Up applause: Hold one hand in front of you, make a fist and hold your thumb up, then extend your arm and say, "Great job! Great job! Great job!"

Good Going cheer: Divide the groups in half. One side says, "Good!" and the other side says, "Going!" when you point at them. Vary the speed and direction in which you point.

Good Turn applause: Stand up and turn around.

Heart and Sole applause: Slap heart and then sole of shoe.

Beehive applause: Tell the group to buzz like bees. With your hands, pretend to hold a beehive. As you move your hands apart, the volume of the buzzing increases, and as you move your hands together, the volume decreases. Vary the levels for extra fun.



RESOURCES

Use these drawings as templates to make the cutouts for the advancement ceremony.

