



**Core Value:
Resourcefulness**

February

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Core Value of the Month

Resourcefulness: Using human resources and other resources to their fullest.

Cub Scouts will gain the knowledge and the means to meet situations effectively whether they are working on a service project or completing a den activity.

Pack Planning Meeting

Pack leaders meet one or two weeks before the pack meeting to finalize plans for February and develop plans for the March pack meeting.

Pack Committee

- ▶ At this month's pack meeting, celebrate Scouting! Enjoy your blue and gold banquet. Learn how Scouting came about.
- ▶ **Decorations Committee.** Bring materials and make the room look festive.
 - ▶ **Banquet Committee.** Coordinate food service and remind all families of their parts in the overall meal.
 - ▶ **Program Committee.** Make sure all the items necessary for the opening, closing, and advancement ceremonies are in place before families arrive.
 - ▶ **Welcoming Committee.** Coordinate preopening activities, prepare name tags.
- ▶ Check with den leaders to make certain that advancement reports are completed and turned in. Many boys in the pack are reaching their advancement goals this month. Ensure that the awards and props are ready for memorable ceremonies.
- ▶ The blue and gold banquet is an ideal time to thank all the leaders, parents, and family members who help dens and the pack. Show the appreciation for their support in front of their sons and families. Involve the boys in presenting thank-you cards or small tokens of appreciation. Make each presentation short and simple.
- ▶ Many districts have someone who collects Scouting history. Perhaps you could invite a collector to share his or her collection and knowledge at your banquet.

Cubmaster Corner

- ▶ **What's a Party Without Pictures?** A blue and gold banquet is a birthday party—make it fun and memorable! Plan ahead to see that every Cub Scout receives an award. Will any Arrow of Light awards be presented? Will any Webelos Scouts transition to Boy Scouting? Keep things moving, and take lots of pictures. Make sure an appropriate backdrop is available. Designate someone to be solely responsible for taking pictures throughout the evening.
- ▶ Cub Scout day camp and Cub Scout and Webelos Scout resident camp opportunities will be here before you know it. It's time to pick a camp coordinator for the pack.
- ▶ Review the pack's overnighter camping plans for the upcoming months. Ensure that leaders attend BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) training.

Pack Trainer

- ▶ Conduct Unit Leadership Enhancement No. 10, Pack Committee, to make leaders aware of the various responsibilities that a fully functioning pack committee should carry out. You may also choose a different topic that better suits the current needs of your pack. See the *Cub Scout Leader Book* for detailed outlines. Select a topic for next month.

Program Highlights

Academics and Sports Program

The Cub Scout Academics and Sports program is a great way to help fulfill the aims of Scouting—building character, developing citizenship, and encouraging mental and physical fitness. This month you might feature these belt loops and pins.

- ▶ **Heritages:** Cub Scouts develop a better understanding of personal family history and appreciation for the heritage of others. Activities include researching family history, organizing family photographs, and sharing heritage information with den members.



- ▶ **Bowling:** Bowling is a sport that takes skill and determination. Boys can try their hand at it and earn the Bowling belt loop and pin.

See the *Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide* for more information.

Outing in Scouting

- ▶ **Cub Scouts.** Go outside and watch the weather. Visit a historical place of interest in or near your town or city.
- ▶ **Webeles Scouts.** Clean up a vacant lot or public area; bag and recycle the papers or cans collected.

Resource Highlight: Cub Scout Leader Roundtable

Once a month, your district has a place for you to meet other leaders, find out about training opportunities, and see the next month's Cub Scout program in action. You will have a fun evening learning from and sharing with other adults dedicated to delivering a quality Cub Scouting program. Check with the pack trainer or call your council service center for the date, time, and location of your district Cub Scout leader roundtable.



The February Pack Meeting

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BEFORE THE MEETING

All committees arrive early to complete their setup before the starting time. Setting up as early as possible allows everyone to relax and enjoy the blue and gold banquet. Make sure to prepare areas for the dens to place their displays.

GATHERING

Have greeters at the door to welcome Cub Scouts, guests, and families, and provide each person with a name tag. Direct families to the display area.

Preopening Activity

Banquet Quiz

This is a gathering activity to be completed before the start of the meeting. When you find someone who fits the descriptions in # 1-10, have him or her sign in the blank provided. A person may only sign your form once, so choose wisely!

1. Someone who has earned the rank of Eagle _____
2. Someone who is wearing a Tiger Cub uniform _____
3. Someone who has blue eyes _____
4. Someone who has a birthday in February _____
5. Someone who has earned the Bobcat badge _____
6. Someone who has earned the Soccer belt loop _____
7. Someone who is or was a Girl Scout _____
8. Someone who was born in another state _____
9. Someone who was a Cub Scout as a boy _____
10. Someone who has attended Cub Scout day camp _____

BONUS QUESTIONS:

1. Who was the founder of Scouting? _____
2. The words DEN, PACK, AKELA and LAW OF THE PACK come from a book by an English author. The book's title is _____, written by _____.

OPENING

Opening Ceremony

The Meaning of Blue and Gold

Materials: Gold card stock with letters B-L-U-E-G-O-L-D written in blue marker. Write the speaking lines on the back of each card.

- CUB SCOUT 1: B is for the boys dressed in blue and gold today.
 CUB SCOUT 2: L is for the Law of the Pack that guides our way.
 CUB SCOUT 3: U is for the universe that we can explore.
 CUB SCOUT 4: E is for everyone who helps us learn and more.
 CUB SCOUT 5: G is for the goodwill we strive to give.
 CUB SCOUT 6: O is for the opportunity to grow and to live.
 CUB SCOUT 7: L is for the laughter that brightens each day.
 CUB SCOUT 8: D is for doing our best the Cub Scout way.
 CUB SCOUT 9: Please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prayer (Cub Scout or Leader)

"We give thanks for our families, our teachers, and our friends who help us today so that we will be strong tomorrow. We are grateful for this food, which helps us to be strong."

Welcome and Introductions

Welcome the Cub Scouts, parents, and leaders. Make sure all special guests are introduced and welcomed. Thank the blue and gold banquet committee members for their effort and hard work. Explain the plans for the banquet.



PROGRAM

Den Demonstrations

Each den shares a skit, a song, or a demonstration of the projects or activities they have brought to share.

Audience Participation

What a Good Deed Can Do

Divide the audience into six groups. Assign each group a name. When each group hears its name in the story, the group members stand and say their designated phrase:

SCOUT: "Do a Good Turn daily."

ROBERT BADEN-POWELL: "Scouting is a game with a purpose."

ERNEST THOMPSON SETON: "I have an idea."

DANIEL CARTER BEARD: "Uncle Dan!"

WILLIAM D. BOYCE: "I'm lost."

JAMES E. WEST: "Thank you!"

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (everyone participates): "Hip, hip, hooray!"

In 1909, a Chicago publisher, WILLIAM D. BOYCE, lost his way in a dense London fog. A young SCOUT came to his aid, guiding him through the fog. WILLIAM D. BOYCE tried to give him a tip, but the SCOUT explained that he could not take a tip for doing a Good Turn. WILLIAM D. BOYCE was inspired by the actions of the SCOUT and met with ROBERT BADEN-POWELL. But the story doesn't end there. Many others helped make Scouting what it is today. ERNEST THOMPSON SETON was fascinated with the wilderness and established a youth organization he called the Woodcraft Indians. Because of his background in outdoor skills and interest in youth, ERNEST THOMPSON SETON became an important part of Scouting. His enthusiasm and intelligence turned his idea into reality. ERNEST THOMPSON SETON was the first Chief SCOUT of the BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA in 1910.

Then there was DANIEL CARTER BEARD. He, too, loved the outdoors, and he merged his own boys' organization, the Sons of Daniel Boone, with the BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA when it was formed. DANIEL CARTER BEARD helped design the original SCOUT uniform and introduced the elements of the First Class SCOUT badge.

DANIEL CARTER BEARD is remembered as a colorful figure dressed in buckskin who helped form Scouting in the United States.

JAMES E. WEST was a very special person to the Scouting movement. He was an orphan and physically handicapped, and full of determination. That determination helped build Scouting to be what it is today. JAMES E. WEST was appointed the first Chief SCOUT Executive of the BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA and held that position for 34 years. JAMES E. WEST is known as the true architect of the BSA.

There you have it—five courageous men: ROBERT BADEN-POWELL, WILLIAM D. BOYCE, ERNEST THOMPSON SETON, DANIEL CARTER BEARD, and JAMES E. WEST. It began with a SCOUT helping another person find his way. It began with five men of intelligence and a love of the outdoors and youth. They had an idea, determination, and enthusiasm. They used all of those things to turn their idea into the reality we call the BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

RECOGNITION

The World of Scouting Advancement

Arrangement: Cover the award table with a yellow or blue tablecloth. Display a globe and a small set of flags from various countries.

CUBMASTER: Every minute of every day of every year there are thousands of boys enjoying the fun and excitement of Cub Scouting somewhere in the world. The Cub Scout uniform varies from country to country, but they all have one thing in common—they promote Scouting and its ideals.

Just as Cub Scouts wear different uniforms in different countries, they are also awarded different badges of rank. In Japan, Cub Scouts earn the Rabbit, Deer, and Bear badges. In Australia, the badges are Bronze Boomerang, Silver Boomerang, and Gold Boomerang. South African Cub Scouts work toward the Cheetah, Leopard, Lion and Leaping Wolf badges.



As you know, the first rank badge in the United States is Bobcat. Tonight we honor (*names of Bobcat candidates*) who have earned this badge as they start on their Cub Scout trail. Would the Bobcats and their parents please come forward? (*Present awards.*)

The second badge on our Cub Scout trail is Tiger Cub. Tonight we have (*boys' names*) who have earned this badge. Would the boys and their parents please come forward?
(*Repeat for Wolf, Bear, and Webelos badges.*)

These Cub Scouts, like Cub Scouts all over the world, have worked together and developed new interests which will make them better citizens of our country and of the world. Let's give them a big hand to show how proud we are of them.

Conduct Arrow of Light and crossover ceremonies selected from *Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs*.

Recognize leaders, parents, and family members who help dens and the pack with simple thank-you cards or other tokens of appreciation.

CLOSING

Announcements

Highlight upcoming events for the pack and training opportunities. Announce the date, time, and location of the March pack meeting.

Cubmaster's Minute

Resourcefulness

The founders of Scouting had many resources to help them: a driving vision, the backing and support of parents, the enthusiasm of the boys, and the strength to see it through. It is that first set of core values that keeps Scouting strong and growing. In the same way, individual Cub Scouts today have many resources available to them. Parents, leaders, and books are all important, but even more so are the resources you develop inside yourselves. Learn all you can, have the courage to try new things without fear of failure, work hard, and do your best in everything, and you will live a successful life.

Closing Ceremony

Birthday Party

Personnel: Cubmaster and all present and former Cub Scouts

Equipment: One large candle, candelabra with three candles. If burning candles are prohibited in your meeting place, use battery operated candles.

CUBMASTER: (*Dim room lights.*) Tonight we had lots of fun at the birthday party for Cub Scouting. As Cub Scouts and leaders, we are following the trail left by millions of other boys, men, and women who have been in Cub Scouting. All of them had the Cub Scout spirit, which we symbolize with the flame of this one candle. (*Light large candle.*)

What is the Cub Scout spirit? That's easy. In the Cub Scout Promise, we pledge to do three things. We say, "I promise to do my best to do my duty to God and my country." That's the first part. (*Light first candle on candelabra.*)

The second part is "To help other people." (*Light second candle.*)

And the third part is "To obey the Law of the Pack." (*Light third candle.*)

Now, while these candles burn as a reminder, will all the Cub Scouts and all former Cub Scouts here tonight please stand, make the Cub Scout sign, and repeat the Cub Scout Promise with me? (*Lead the Cub Scout Promise.*)

AFTER THE MEETING

- Cleanup

