



MAY ROUNDTABLE

Core Value for June: Perseverance



PREOPENING (15-30 MINUTES)

Displays.

- Parking Lot and cards for questions where participants have easy access to them.
- Book of the month: *Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs*, No. 33212.
- Bicycles, bicycle helmets, and repair kits.
- Information on bicycle road rules and safety.
- Fliers and brochures on local bicycle paths and trails.
- Cub Scout Sports Cycling belt loop and pin, and their requirements.

Registration. Register arriving Cub Scouters. Use special name tags for first-time attendees so that they are easily recognized. Name tags for returning participants may be shaped like a bicycle helmet. Explain about the Parking Lot to newcomers.

Preopening Activity. Play Paper Boy (page 57).

GENERAL MEETING

Opening Ceremony (3 minutes)

Recruit participants to help in conducting the opening ceremony, Perseverance (page 57).

Prayer (1 minute)

A preselected staff member or participant leads a prayer.

Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)

The roundtable commissioner welcomes everyone and asks roundtable first-timers to stand and be recognized. The roundtable commissioner then introduces the Core Value for June.

Perseverance: Sticking with something and not giving up, even if it is difficult. Through participating in activities such as a bicycle rodeo, Cub Scouts learn the importance of practice and perseverance to learn and improve new skills.

Song (4 minutes)

A roundtable staff member leads participants in singing "Waddeley-Achee" from the *Cub Scout Songbook*.

Tips for Pack Activity (15 minutes)

Bicycle Safety, Bicycle Rodeo. Using the *Cub Scout Leader How-To Book* as a resource, discuss the various skill activities for a pack bicycle safety and rodeo day. To get started, each boy should take his bicycle through an inspection station. Invite a local police safety officer and a representative from a local bicycle shop to discuss helmet and bicycle safety issues. Mention the Web site for the Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute, www.bhsi.org, as a useful resource on bicycle safety.

Bring in a bicycle, and review the inspection steps. Show the different parts of the bicycle that need to be checked before going for a ride. Discuss what to look for in the different parts. Play the game, Bicycle Safety (page 58), with participants, and go over the Safe Bicycle Riding True or False Quiz (page 58) as examples of safety-related activities for Cub Scouts. Brainstorm ideas for an obstacle course and other activities that can be part of the rodeo. Provide a list of places dens or packs can go on a bicycle ride. Ask participants to share their experiences.

Outing in Scouting (7 minutes)

Local History Visits and Hikes. Discuss local field-trip opportunities, including tours and hikes, at nearby historical sites. Talk about any local award programs related to historical sites that Cub Scouts can pursue. Show samples of patches or certificates for the awards. Encourage participants to share their experiences. Discuss the possibility of visiting some of the sites on bicycles.

Game (8 minutes)

Play the game, Perseverance. Explain the game, demonstrate how to play, and then let the participants play the game. Encourage cheering and positive reinforcement. Conclude the session with the Character Connection activity (page 58).

Training Highlight (14 minutes)

Annual Pack Program Planning Conference. Pack program planning is essential to having a well-balanced and fun-filled program that reflects the purposes of Cub Scouting. Using the *Cub Scout Leader Book* as a resource, discuss the what, why, who, and when of an annual pack planning conference. Review the steps to prepare for and to conduct the conference. Point out that it is important to have council, district, school, and community calendars on hand.

Emphasize that Cub Scouting is a year-round program and the plan should therefore include activities throughout the summer months. Remind the leaders to include backup plans where appropriate. Brainstorm ways to encourage parents and guardians to attend the planning conference. Ask participants to share their experiences and ideas for 12-month program plans. Stress the importance of preparing a complete calendar after the conference and distributing it to the pack families.

After the training highlight, separate into groups.

SEPARATE MEETINGS

EXPLAIN—DEMONSTRATE

GUIDE—ENABLE

CUB SCOUT DEN LEADERS (20 MINUTES)

National Den Award. Cub Scouting is a year-round program. Using the *Cub Scout Leader Book*, explain that the National Den Award can be earned by the den that delivers a quality year-round program. This award can be earned only once every 12 months. The 12-month period is determined by the pack committee. Distribute copies of the application form and review the requirements with participants. Point out that the den earns this award as a team, not as individual den members, and receives a ribbon to hang on the den flag or den doodle. Brainstorm fun-filled and meaningful ways to earn the award every 12 months.

Webelos Den Leader (20 minutes)

Emergency Preparedness. Explain that, when an emergency occurs, it affects every youth and adult member of the BSA in the immediate area. It creates the responsibility to respond first, as an individual, second, as a member of a family, and third, as a member of a Scouting unit serving the neighborhood and community. Because of these multiple levels of responsibility, the Emergency Preparedness BSA plan includes training for individual, family, and unit preparedness.

Display a typical family emergency kit and discuss the contents. Include a discussion of how a den should be prepared for emergencies that might occur while it is at a meeting or on an outing. Suggest resources for emergency preparation publications, educational materials, and recommendations for assembling survival kits from organizations such as FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) and the American Red Cross.

Using the Emergency Preparedness BSA Award information at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/Media/Publications/EmergencyPreparedness.aspx>, review the Webelos Scout award criteria and application form. Show the pin, recognition certificate, and pocket information card. Brainstorm how dens might coordinate with community agencies to provide opportunities for the boys to complete specific award requirements. Encourage leaders to earn the award themselves.

Cubmasters (20 minutes)

Adult Recognition Ceremonies. Using the *Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs*, review adult ceremonies and discuss why we recognize adults with induction and recognition of service ceremonies. When leaders complete the requirements for their leader training awards, they are presented certificates and special square knots by the council. The pack should also recognize these leaders with a ceremony in front of the boys and families. See the recognition ceremony, Leader Training Award (page 57), as an example.

Brainstorm other forms of recognition such as tokens of appreciation for jobs well done. Demonstrate U Are Important ceremony (page 57). Show samples of adult leader recognition items, including Scouting merchandise and homemade items. For fun ways to say thank you, point to Adult Thank You Awards (page 57). Refer to the ceremony book for more ideas. Suggest involving boys in creating and presenting the recognition items.

Have Cubmasters buddy up, and ask them to find an item in the room or in their possession that they can use to recognize their buddies. After a few minutes, have each person present his or her buddy an item with a nice thank-you.

Pack Leaders (20 minutes)

Smooth Pack Committee Operation. Using the *Cub Scout Leader Book* as a reference, review the pack organization chart and pack committee duties. Remind leaders that the pack committee works as a team within a larger pack leadership team. Discuss characteristics of what they consider to be a good team and how these characteristics apply to the pack committee as well. Lead a discussion on what else is needed for a well-run pack committee other than teamwork. Point out that everyone on the committee should be trained and should understand his or her responsibilities.

Talk about the training available for committee members in the district and the council as well as training on the BSA Web site, www.scouting.org. Encourage leaders to include one of the Unit Leadership Enhancement topics at one or more monthly pack leaders' meetings as a way of helping better equip pack leaders to conduct a quality Cub Scout program. Talk about challenges or problems that might occur within a pack committee. Ask participants to give examples of real or hypothetical problems, and as a group, provide solutions for them.

After 20 minutes, send your group back to the main meeting area.

CLOSING

Announcements (5 minutes)

Have announcements made by spokespersons for the events. Make sure they are available for questions after the meeting.

Questions and Answers (5 minutes)

Roundtable staff members answer questions posted on the Parking Lot.

Closing Ceremony (2 minutes)

With the assistance of preselected participants, conduct the closing ceremony, Safety (page 58).

Commissioner's Minute (1 minute)

"Like many other things in life, being Cub Scout leaders can be a joy or a chore. At times, things may look so hard that you may be tempted to say, 'I quit!' Then one of the boys looks up to you with a smile and says he loves Cub Scouting. That will instantly make you happy, and you will think you can go on for the next several years being a Cub Scout leader. Don't give up even when you want to. There are many people who would be happy to support you. For example, look around this room. Persevere through hard times for that smile on the boys' faces."

AFTER THE MEETING

Refreshments and Fellowship

Serve Sunshine Salad (page 58).

Staff Meeting

Thank the staff members for their part in tonight's program. Discuss how to reach packs that are not in attendance. Review plans for next month's roundtable.