

# PACK RESOURCE SHEET

February 2011

## CORE VALUE FOR FEBRUARY

**Resourcefulness:** Using human resources and other resources to their fullest. Through participating in Cub Scout activities, boys will learn different ways to solve problems using various methods and means.

## Preopening Activity: Uniform Bingo

**Materials:** One bingo card and a pencil for each person.

Find items people have on their uniforms. Have them sign or initial in the square. A person can sign only once on any card. Have pictures of different patches and knots on the walls so family members can recognize the various patches.

World Crest	Webelos Neckerchief	Webelos Badge	Den Number(s)	Denner Shoulder Cord
Den Leader's Award	Temporary Patch	Bobcat Badge	Order of the Arrow Patch	Cub Scout Belt
Boy Scout Socks	Cub Scout Socks		Pack Numbers	Webelos Belt Buckle
Cubmaster Award	Blue Cub Scout Shorts or Pants	Tiger Cub Badge	Religious Award	Bear Badge
Webelos Leader's Award	Blue Shoulder Loops	Silver Arrow Point	Wolf Badge	Gold Arrow Point

## Opening Ceremony: Cub Scouting Is

CUB SCOUT 1: Cub Scouting is a sea of blue and gold uniforms.

CUB SCOUT 2: Cub Scouting is a shirt full of awards.

CUB SCOUT 3: Cub Scouting is a new neckerchief slide that you made yourself.

CUB SCOUT 4: Cub Scouting is camping with friends.

CUB SCOUT 5: Cub Scouting is putting the worm on the fish hook by yourself.

CUB SCOUT 6: Cub Scouting is a hike in the mountains or around the block.

CUB SCOUT 7: Cub Scouting is learning a new game.

CUB SCOUT 8: Cub Scouting is pledging allegiance and feeling your heart swell with love for your country.

CUB SCOUT 9: Cub Scouting is all of these and more. Please join us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Advancement Ceremony: Arrow of Light Ceremony

**Materials:** One three-foot length of rope for each boy, Arrow of Light Awards, safety pins.

**Preparation:** Ask each recipient of the award to think of his comment ahead of time.

**CUBMASTER:** Our Webelos Scouts are guided to Cub Scouting's highest rank by the Arrow of Light. The seven rays of the Arrow of Light represent wisdom, courage, self-control, justice, faith, hope, and love. Will these boys and their parents please come forward? *(Call names.)*

The Arrow of Light Award is important. It is the only Cub Scout badge that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform. But more important than the badge itself is what you have learned, the work you have done to help others, and the fun you have had earning it. *(Hand the Arrow of Light Award and rope to the parents.)*

Parents, will you please pin the Arrow of Light Award on your son's uniform and hand him the rope?

*(Ask each boy to share a memorable event or activity he has participated in as a Cub Scout or ask for any advice he would give younger boys. After each boy replies, have the boys stand in a circle. Ask each boy to tie his rope to the rope on the boy next to him to make a circle. The boys should be standing on the outside.)*

This circle of rope represents the circle of brotherhood that is Scouting. As you progress in Boy Scouting, your circle will become larger and stronger.

Congratulations. You have now completed your journey in our pack. As you continue your journey through Boy Scouting, strive to serve as the shining example your Arrow of Light represents.

## Webelos Crossover Ceremony: Becoming Loyal Scouts

**Materials:** Small bridge or area symbolizing a bridge, neckerchiefs of the Boy Scout troop that Webelos Scouts are joining, copies of the *Boy Scout Handbook*, three candles.

**Personnel:** Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, youth representatives of the Boy Scout troop, Webelos Scouts, and parents.

**Arrangement:** Cubmaster, Webelos Scouts, and parents on one side of the bridge. Scoutmaster on the other side.

**CUBMASTER:** For more than a year, you have been saying, "We'll Be Loyal Scouts." This evening, you take the next step to become that loyal Scout. Each of these candles represents a part of the Scout Oath. The first *(light the first candle)* reminds us of our duty to God and country. The second candle represents the duty we have to serve other people. *(Light the second candle.)* The final candle reminds us that we have a duty to ourselves—to keep physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight. *(Light the third candle.)*

**SCOUTMASTER:** With those familiar words to Boy Scouts, I would invite the Webelos Scouts of Pack \_\_\_ and their parents to cross the bridge and take the next step in their Scouting journey. *(Webelos Scouts and parents cross the bridge.)* At this time, we ask your parents to remove the neckerchief of the Webelos Scout and replace it with the neckerchief of Troop \_\_\_. Congratulations! *(Parents change the neckerchief of their son.)*

REPRESENTATIVE OF BOY SCOUT TROOP: As a welcome to our troop, we would like to present our newest members with their *Boy Scout Handbooks*. Troop \_\_\_ will be your new Scouting home. Welcome, loyal Scouts!

## Cubmaster's Minute: Resourcefulness

*(Hold up a small piece of wire.)* "This looks like a little bit of nothing, but when twisted and turned, it can be useful—like a paper clip. There are other things this piece of wire can do. We can close a bag with this. We can join it with others and tie things together. We could even use it to keep shoes on for a short time. Look around and find other small unused or discarded items that can be used in your life. This goes for people too. Even though their talents or abilities are not out in the open, everyone has his own unique talent and strength. What a shame to overlook them just because their talent isn't 'visible.'"

## Closing Ceremony: The Ideals of Cub Scouting

*Material:* Words for "Cub Scout Vespers," written on a large poster so everyone can see and sing along.

CUBMASTER: As our pack meeting draws to a close, let us reflect upon the ideals of Cub Scouting: The Cub Scout Promise,

*(Cub Scout 1 steps forward, gives the Cub Scout sign, and says the Cub Scout Promise.)*

CUBMASTER: The Law of the Pack,

*(Cub Scout 2 steps forward, gives the Cub Scout sign, and repeats the Law of the Pack.)*

CUBMASTER: And the Cub Scout motto.

*(Cub Scout 3 steps forward and says the Cub Scout motto.)*

CUBMASTER: The Cub Scout Promise—a pledge of duty to God and family; the Law of the Pack—a simple formula for good Scouting and citizenship; and the Cub Scout motto—a code of excellence. Parents and leaders, I ask you to keep these in mind as we guide our boys along the Cub Scouting trail. Let us close our meeting by singing "Cub Scout Vespers."

"Cub Scout Vespers" (Tune: "O Tannenbaum")

As the night comes to this land,

On my promise I will stand.

I will help the pack to go,

As our pack helps me to grow.

I will always give goodwill.

And follow my Akela still.

And before I stop to rest,

I will do my very best.

## Game: Pin the Patch on the Uniform

*Materials:* Life-size drawing or cardboard cutout of a Cub Scout uniform shirt, rank badges, Arrow of Light Award, Gold and Silver Arrow Points, various insignia (council shoulder emblem, pack number, den number or Webelos den emblem, World Crest, religious emblem square knot, etc.), tacky tape, blindfolds (or use neckerchiefs).

Apply tacky tape on the back of each patch. Attach the uniform cutout to the wall. Give the boy a patch, blindfold him, turn him around three times, point him in the direction of the cutout, and let him try to place the patch in the proper position on the uniform. Evaluate the result. If there are a large number of players, divide them into teams. The team with the most number of patches in the proper position is the winner.

## Game: Scrambled Words

*Materials:* Copies of the scrambled words worksheet.

Have participants try to decipher the messages on the worksheet. It contains words the way some people with learning disabilities see words on the written page. Discuss how it feels to experience difficulty in reading.

l romi ot bo my  
des ot bo my but  
ot Go anb my  
ouny, ot elq othe  
eopl, anb ot ode  
thš La fo thš acł  
Thš ud cou olloz  
Akel. Thš ud  
cou elp the og.  
Thš back elp the  
ud cou row. The  
ud cou iges oobwil.



**Character Connection:** Respect

What do you know about different abilities? Do you have areas you excel in? Do you have areas where you lack certain skills? Is it your responsibility to treat all people with respect regardless of ability? Why is it important to

welcome all boys into our pack? Is it difficult to treat all others equally? What should you do the next time you meet someone who is differently abled?



**CONSERVATION PROJECT**

**Character Connection:** Resourcefulness

Following a conservation project, talk about what they learned about conserving the earth's natural resources. What does it mean to be resourceful? How is being resourceful important

to the environment? How can you be resourceful in your daily life?

See *Fun for the Family*, No. 33012, for family activities related to this month's Core Value, resourcefulness.

## Snack: Mini Pizzas

*Ingredients:*

English muffin halves

Pizza sauce

Shredded cheese and choice of toppings

Place pizza sauce, cheese, and toppings on the English muffin. Bake in a toaster oven at 350 degrees until the cheese melts.

*Note:* Be aware of food allergies and diet restrictions.

## Did You Know?

**Uniform:** Baden-Powell said that the uniform makes for brotherhood, since when universally adopted, it covers up all differences in class and country. The first uniform for Cub Scouts was blue, trimmed in gold. The shirt was a pocketless, slipover jersey sweater or a two-pocketed dress shirt. The neckerchief was gold, bordered in blue. For pants, boys could choose knickers or shorts, with knee-length blue stockings that had two gold stripes near the top. In 1930, the full Cub uniform cost \$6.05, including shirt, pants, belt, neckerchief, slide, socks, and cap.