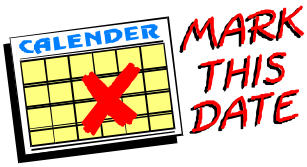
PLANNING YOUR
BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

A BLUE and GOLD Banquet is really a birthday party for scouting. The Boy Scouts of America was organized in February 1910, and the Cub Scouts was organized in 1930. Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of scouting, also has his birthday February 22. Take time to celebrate the fun and spirit of scouting!!

PLANNING TIME TABLE



4 MONTHS BEFORE:
- Set date, time and place.
- Arrange for a location
- Select a theme
- Select Blue and Gold Chairmen

3 MONTHS BEFORE:
- Finalize committee members; committees meet
- Choose banquet type (catered, etc.)
- Begin program planning
- Make den decoration/invitation assignments to dens
- Report at monthly committee meeting

2 MONTHS:
- Send letters requesting donations
- Choose guest list
- Dens start making invitations, decorations
- Make program assignments
- Report at monthly committee meeting

1 MONTH:
- Confirm facilities
- Finalize program
- Finalize award list; obtain awards
- Den finish invitations, decorations
- Assign other decoration needs as needed.
- Send invitations with R.S.V.P.
- Committees report

2 WEEKS:
- Turn in program; type and print
- Check on Guest List R.S.V.P.s.
- Check on progress of decorations
- Report

BANQUET DAY:
Early AM or PM--Set Up
Scheduled Time--this is it, Have Fun!
Clean-Up (facility CLEANER than you found it.)

COMMITTEES TO ORGANIZE

One person cannot do the Blue and Gold Banquet alone. The following areas need to be addressed. If possible, try to get parents on the following committees to help.

1. ***Planning Committee:*** Responsible for overall organization, set date, etc.
2. ***Dinner Committee:*** Determine menu, serving method assign set-up, serving, and clean up.
3. ***Decorations:*** Determine budget, displays, assign room, table decorations (dens make them)
4. ***Program:*** Determine entertainment, evenings events (pre-opener, activities, awards etc.)
5. ***Publicity:*** Responsible for announcements, invitations, posters, etc.

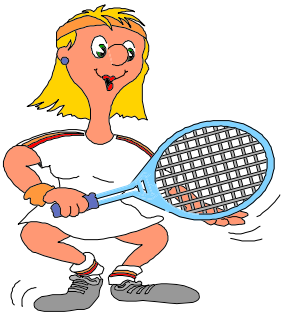
****For more information on planning, see 'Best of Blue and Gold' in CUB ACTIVITIES (2002 Pow Wow Book)**

Pack Meeting Planning Sheet

Date _____Theme _____Activity Badges _____

BEFORE THE MEETING	**PERSON IN CHARGE**
• Room Arrangement	_____
• Materials and Equipment	_____
GATHERING:	
• Greeters	_____
• Den Exhibits	_____
• Preopening Activity	_____
OPENING	
• Opening Ceremony	_____
• Song	_____
• Welcome and Introductions	_____
PROGRAM	
• Audience Participation Stunt	_____
• Den Stunts and Skits	_____
• Webelos Den Demonstration	_____
• Game	_____
RECOGNITION	
• Recognition of Boys	_____
• Recognition of Leaders	_____
• Attendance Award	_____
CLOSING	
• Announcements	_____
• Closing Ceremony	
_____	
AFTER THE MEETING	
• Refreshments	_____
Cleanup	_____

Life is Like A Game of Tennis



He who serves Usually wins.

When the heat is on I can burn out Or

DON'T

- ☹ Belittle them.
- ☹ Embarrass them.
- ☹ Put them on the spot.
- ☹ Endanger them.
- ☹ Threaten them.
- ☹ Expect perfection of them.

DO

- ☺ Be positive.
- ☺ Have high expectations.
- ☺ Help them succeed.
- ☺ Let them know how wonderful they are.
- ☺ Uphold BSA standards.
- ☺ Give credit for quotes.
- ☺ Focus.
- ☺ Make it fun.
- ☺ Keep it short and snappy.
- ☺ Include all senses: sight, sound, touch, and taste.
- ☺ Make everyone feel welcome.
- ☺ Have someone greet everyone at the door.
- ☺ Thank everyone often and let parents, committee, leaders and boys know that they are appreciated.

SCOUTER'S TIP: An ounce of performance is worth More than a pound of promises.

I AM AMERICA'S FUTURE

This ceremony can be used for a variety of occasions (flag ceremony, opening or closing ceremony, as part of an advancement ceremony, etc.).

Materials needed: *Posters that have the letters spelling out the word AMERICA on one side and the key words on the other. Make the first letter of each key word bigger or a different color. The key words are:* ***A****llegiance,* ***M****orals,* ***E****quality,* ***R****espect,* ***I****deals,* ***C****ourage, and* ***A****ll.*

Have each boy say his part with the key words toward the audience. At the end each boy should turn his poster over so the letters spelling out the word AMERICA are toward the audience.

1. I am an American. Although I am now a boy, I am America's future.

2. I must show **Allegiance** to my country by holding fast to the values that have made America great.

3. I must keep my own **Morals** high and be an example for those about me.

4. I must treat others with **Equality** in spite of differences in background, color or financial status.

5. I must show **Respect** for authority and for others' beliefs, even though they may be different than mine.

6. I must have high **Ideals** and try to become the best person I can be.

7. I must stand strong with **Courage** in defending truth and right.

8. I must remember that this great country belongs to **All** of us and work with others for the good of **All**.

9. Yes, I am America's future.

AMERICA

"A" is for all people in our great land.
"M" is for the men who built to make it grand.
"E" is for equality all races, colors, creeds.
"R" stands for respect for everyone's needs.
"I" ideas and industry to make our country strong.
"C" stands for caring, helping friends along.
"A" is for allegiance we show for our land.
Together they spell **America** – united we stand.

WHAT IS YOUR SCOUTING COMMITMENT IQ?

A Scout leader is like a crazy person –
They both ought to be committed.

Baden-Powell.

Please choose one answer to each question that is the closest to what you usually do.

1. When do you prepare for pack meeting?
   - a. ☐ At least a week before.
   - b. ☐ Several days ahead.
   - c. ☐ The night before or the day of the meeting.
   - d. ☐ I mostly just wing it.
2. Do you use a written agenda?
   - a. ☐ Almost always.
   - b. ☐ Usually.
   - c. ☐ Sometimes.
   - d. ☐ I don't need to.
3. Do you use a variety of activities and methods to make pack meeting a fun and learning experience?
   - a. ☐ Every month.
   - b. ☐ Very often.
   - c. ☐ Occasionally.
   - d. ☐ It's too much trouble.
4. Do you hold/attend regular pack planning meetings?
   - a. ☐ I wouldn't miss them.
   - b. ☐ Fairly often.
   - c. ☐ Once in a while.
   - d. ☐ When is it?
5. Do you really like working with boys?
   - a. ☐ Most of the time.
   - b. ☐ Usually.
   - c. ☐ Not really, but that's my job.
   - d. ☐ How could anyone?

(Scouter's IQ continued)

6. Do you make an effort to really know the boys and adults you work with?
   - a. ☐ I know each person well.
   - b. ☐ I know most of them pretty well.
   - c. ☐ I know some of them a bit.
   - d. ☐ It doesn't matter.

7. Do the boys in your pack get their awards and advancements promptly?
   - a. ☐ Always.
   - b. ☐ Usually.
   - c. ☐ I get too busy to go pick them up.
   - d. ☐ It doesn't matter.

8. Are your pack meetings family friendly?
   - a. ☐ Every month.
   - b. ☐ Usually.
   - c. ☐ Once in a while.
   - d. ☐ It is too much of a hassle to have whole families there.

9. Are you trained?
   - a. ☐ I have finished basic training and had some advanced training.
   - b. ☐ I have finished basic training.
   - c. ☐ I have only seen the Fast Start video.
   - d. ☐ I don't need it.

10. Do you attend Roundtable?
    - a. ☐ I wouldn't miss it if I could help it.
    - b. ☐ Usually.
    - c. ☐ Sometimes when I am not too busy.
    - d. ☐ It is a waste of time.

Scoring: *Add up your score: a's = 10 points, b's = 8 points, c's = 5 points, d's = 0 points.*

Up to 39 points: You are off to a good start.
40 to 59 points: You are on the right track.
60 to 79 points: Looking good!
80 to 100 or more points: Way to go!!

LEADER & PARENT RECOGNITION POEMS

Here are two poems that you can use to let your parents, leaders and committee know how much you depend on them.

THANKS! YOU' RE A LIFE SAVER!

Though it' s hardly ever easy
And it isn' t always fun,
On every boat you' ve got to have
A crew who' ll get things done.
They' re the one' s who get the blame
When things get rough and gory.
But it seems that when the sea is glass
There isn' t that much glory.

Without a faithful crew on board
Who just keep on a' bailing
The ship would sink,
While passengers
Imagine it' s smooth sailing.
And like our allegory
Of a ship that needs a crew,
Our Cub Scout Pack would flounder fast
Without our faithful few.

Who do the things
Behind the scenes
We couldn' t do without,
Things that make our pack top rate.
Our committee' s great, no doubt.
So let' s give a cheer!
They'v e worked all year
With never time to gloat,
And not much thanks from anyone,
They kept our pack afloat.

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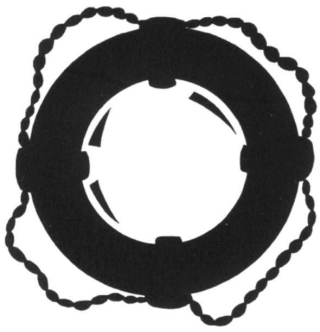

A SMALL PART

It' s easy to get discouraged
Thinking, "Doesn' t matter what I do,
I' ve such a tiny, make-work job,
That no one pays attention to.

It won' t make any difference
If I get in and really try,
Or with a minimum of effort
Get it done by sliding by.

The few who actually see me
Will go on in the same old way
Doing whatever they' ve been doing.
It won' t matter anyway.

It' s such a thankless project,
I might as well just quit.
My part' s inconsequential
And won' t be missed a bit."

But like a gigantic puzzle
Each piece must be in place.
It spoils the whole grand picture
If there' s a vacant space.

As each small piece is vital
Each one must do his part.
We can make a world of difference
When each one gives his heart.

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