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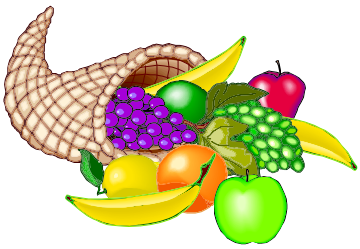

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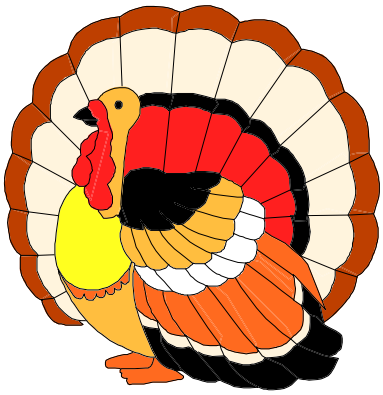
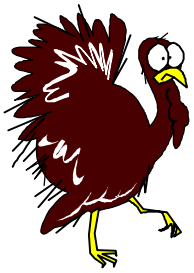
Pilgrims Of Plymouth Rock



REMINDERS: **Blue & Gold Banquet** in December? Yes!! Now is the time to start putting together the committees for this important pack event. This Pow Wow Book has a Planning Time Table in February Themes on the CD. See other great planning ideas in "Best of Blue and Gold" p. 226.

TIGER DEN LEADER HINTS



It is beginning to get colder and many birds are looking for food. Tigers could make bird feeders and work on Elective 32 "Feed the Birds." They can also work on Elective 24 "Help in the Kitchen" as they help their family prepare for their Thanksgiving Dinner.

DEN LEADER HINTS

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Tiger
E14 Reading Fun
E18 Sew a Button
E21 Make a Puppet
E25 Ocean Bottom Crackers

Wolf
A5 Tools for Fixing & Building
E10 Native American Lore
E7 Tie It Right

Bear
A3 America
A19 Shavings & Chips
A20 Sawdust & Nails
A22 Tying It All Up
E23 Maps
E24 Native American Life

BLUE AND GOLD THEME IDEAS

Menu - Thanksgiving Dinner
Navajo tacos
Cornbread
Scones

Activities - Make 'Mayflower' ships, sail in raingutter
Re-enact first Thanksgiving
Tug-o-war, ring toss, pick up sticks or other "olden times" games

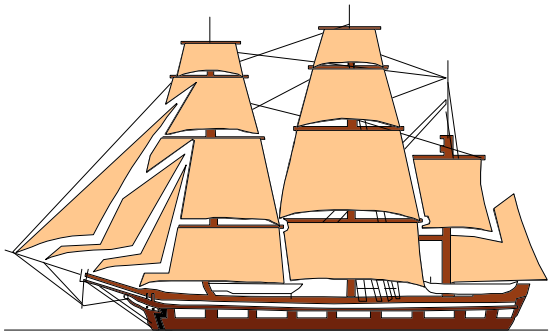
Guest Speakers - Native Americans
Pilgrim descendant
Shipbuilder/expert

GATHERING/ PRE-OPENERS

BOAT RACES

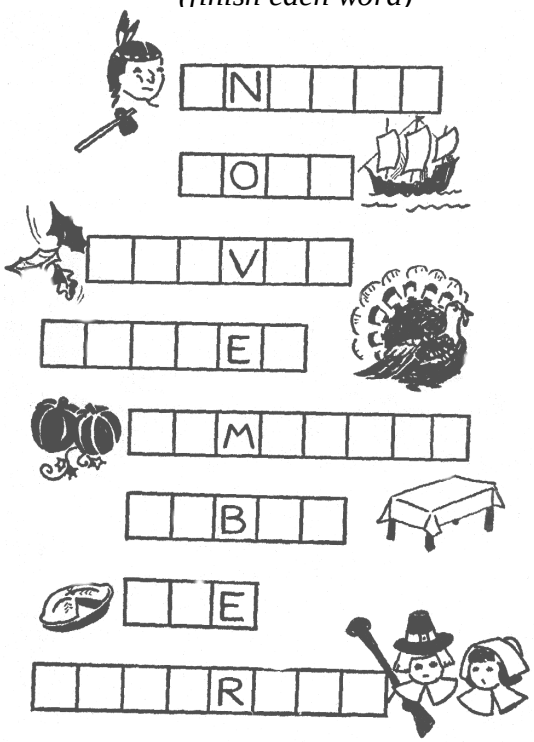
Make boats out of Styrofoam bowls:

- Glue a straw (use glue gun or contact cement) in the middle of the bowl
- Make a flag out of colored paper and glue it to the top of the straw.
- The boys can race these instead of using Raingutter Regatta boat kits.



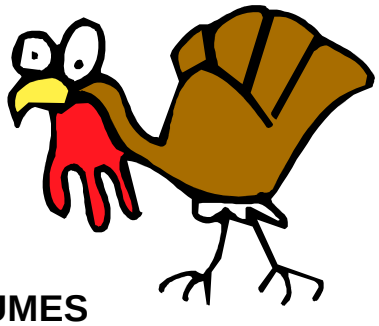
THANKSGIVING GUESSING GAME

(finish each word)



MAKE A GUMDROP TURKEY

1. Use a large marshmallow or gumdrop as the turkey body.
2. Put small colored marshmallows or gumdrops on the ends of seven toothpicks.
3. Put six toothpicks on the back, arranging for a tail.
4. Put one toothpick and gumdrop on the front of the body for the turkey' s head.
5. Now just ' gobble, gobble.'



THANKSGIVING COSTUMES

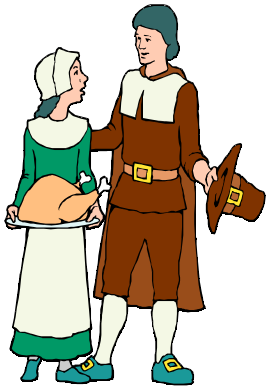
Make pilgrim or Indian hats out of newspaper or colored paper. Let the cubs make hats for their moms or sisters to wear, also. Some of them may enjoy dressing up like a turkey. HAVE FUN!

OPENING, CLOSING, AND FLAG CEREMONIES

"NEVER IN THE OLD COUNTRY" FLAG CEREMONY

Never in the old country had they known such a winter. The wind was so cold, the food so scarce; and the enemy night so filled with dread. Never had they worked so hard, paying with aching backs for every shelter raised against the cutting wind.

Everywhere they went famine and death watched them with pale, expectant eyes. And by the end of that bitter year there was hardly one among them who had not lost, to the cold earth, someone they could not live without. Then these men and women, who had nothing, sat down to a hearty feast, filled with gratitude for what they had.



We who follow wonder why? Did they know some secret of happiness denied to us that made them so glad for so little?

And then we think back -- back to some personal wilderness we have all been through in our time. Perhaps there was once a day when simply to feel the sun again, to smell the morning's freshness, to hear a child laugh again, was miracle enough; a time when just to find ourselves alive was a gift beyond belief.
They had their lives. No one has more. They had freedom, too.
They were where they chose to be. They owned themselves, no one owns more.

Remember this as we join their feast, knowing that a wise person looks at what they have, and not what they lack.

CLOSING CEREMONY "PARENT REDEDICATION"

Have the parents stand and repeat after you

"As a parent of a Cub Scout,
I will do my best, to help my son
Live up to the Cub Scout promise,
And obey the law of the Pack,
I will work with my son,
On his achievements and projects,
I will attend the Pack Meetings,
And help as needed to make the
Pack go."

CUB MASTER MINUTE

To make you feel grateful for all the blessings you enjoy: f you take the whole world and compress it down to 100 people representing all the people on the earth, you would have;
57 Asians
21 Europeans
14 from the Western Hemisphere, both north and south
8 Africans
52 would be female;
48 would be male, despite the fact that of 102 boy babies are born to every 100 girls,
70 would be non-white; 30 would be white
70 would be non-Christian; 30 would be Christian
6 people would possess 59% of the entire world' s wealth and all 6 would be from the United States.
80 would live in substandard housing
70 would be unable to read
50 would suffer from malnutrition
1 (*yes, only1)* would have a college education and only one would own a computer

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

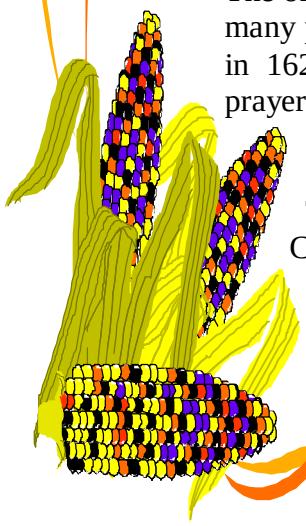
PILGRIM'S PROGRESS ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY:

Give each boy a piece of fruit--real or fake. As their name is called to receive their award, they will put their piece of fruit into a Cornucopia. (If not enough boys are receiving awards, give them each two pieces, or give some to their parents or all the boys.

After all the fruit has filled the cornucopia, talk about how blessed our lives are. A brief story of the Pilgrims of Plymouth Rock and/ or their first Thanksgiving might by appropriate.

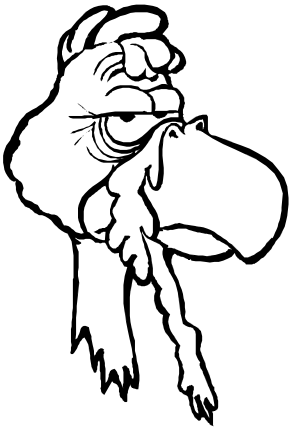
The ' Pilgrim Fathers' were a group of separatists from the Church of England who founded Plymouth Colony. The group, numbering 101 men, women, and children, left Plymouth, England on September 6, 1620 (Sept. 16 according to the New Style Calendar.) They came across the Atlantic Ocean in the Mayflower. On Nov. 11 (Nov. 21 New Style), the Mayflower dropped anchor in the sheltered harbor off the site of present-day Provincetown, Massachusetts. There the same day forty-one of the adult males aboard drafted and signed the ***Mayflower Compact,*** the first constitution written in America. 20,000 English settlers came to New England in the wake of the Puritans. The Puritans, who comprised about one fifth of the total number, emigrated with the plan of establishing communities in which they could live and worship according to their principles. (Other colonists were motivated by the desire for property and to escape England' s class structure.) The enduring success of the colonizing enterprise is largely the result of the tenacious spirit shown by the core of devout and practical Puritan settlers.

The origin of Thanksgiving is probably the harvest festivals that are traditional in many parts of the world. After the Plymouth colonists completed the first harvest in 1621, Governor William Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving and prayer. In 1623, a day of fasting and prayer during a period of drought was changed to thanksgiving because of the coming of rain during the prayers. Gradually the custom prevailed in New England of annually celebrating Thanksgiving after the harvest. During the American Revolution, the Continental Congress suggested a yearly day of national thanksgiving. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln appointed a day of thanksgiving, and since then each President has issued a Thanksgiving Day proclamation, generally designating the last Thursday of November a national holiday.



GAMES

TURKEY FEATHER RELAY



Divide into relay teams. First player holds a long turkey feather. At the word ' go' , each throws his feather, javelin style, toward the finish line. As soon as it comes to earth, he picks it up and throws it again, and continues until he gets across the finish line. He then picks it up and runs back to his team to give the feather to the next player.

TRADING POST

You will need two price lists: one of things that you are selling, and one of things that you are prepared to buy back. Provide various things for the teams to buy. You will also need some form of currency such as colored cards, paper or beads. At the start of the game, each team is given the same amount of currency. They then have to decide what they are going to buy from you in order to get something to sell back to you for a profit. Most things that you buy back should result in a profit, but you should put in some items that produce no profit or even a loss. As an example of the sort of things on your ' to buy list' could be a ham and cheese sandwich for your scout leader. To do this, they will have to purchase from you the bread, mayonnaise, ham and cheese, a knife and a paper plate.

LIGHTHOUSE

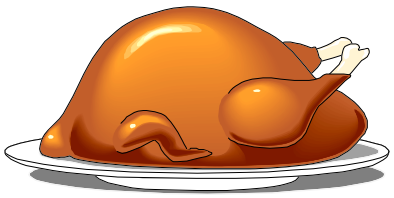
This game comes from a book published by the Bharat Scouts and Guides (India). It is attributed to the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland. You will need enough blindfolds for half your group, and a reasonably large room. The leader is the lighthouse. Half the troop (pack, company) are ships, and put on the blindfolds at one end of the room. The other half are rocks, and distribute themselves on the floor between the ships and the lighthouse. Please ask the rocks to keep their hands and feet in to minimize tripping. The rocks also should not clump up. The lighthouse goes “woo, woo” to the guide the ships. The rocks go “swish. swish” quietly to warn the ships of their presence. On the word ' go' , the ships navigate between the rocks to the lighthouse. If they touch a rock, they are sunk and must sit on the floor (and go “swish, swish also.) When all the ships have made it to the lighthouse, the rocks and ships switch places.

SKITS AND STORY TELLING

THE FARMER AND THE TURKEY

Father - *Stand up and say* "When I was your age, son"
Car - *Stand up and say* "Chuga, chuga, chuga
Farmer - *Stand up and put hands in suspenders and say* "Where' s my horse?"
Turkey - *Stand up and say* "Gobble, gobble, gobble"

Once upon a time, just before Thanksgiving, a FATHER, a mother, and a Cub Scout climbed into the family CAR and drove into the country. They were looking for a FARMER with a TURKEY that they could buy for their Thanksgiving dinner. As they drove down the road in their CAR, they saw a FARMER standing in a yard with a TURKEY.
Turning into the yard, the FATHER stopped the CAR near the FARMER and the TURKEY. They all got out of the CAR and the FATHER purchased the TURKEY from the FARMER. "Now, if you will remove the TURKEY' S head, we will get into the CAR and drive home," said the FATHER to the FARMER.
As the FATHER the mother and the Cub Scout were riding home in the CAR, an amazing thing happened! The TURKEY, although its head had been removed by the FARMER, began to speak! "Please don' t eat me for Thanksgiving," the TURKEY pleaded. "I will make a fine pet for you," he told the Cub Scout. The FATHER, the mother and the Cub Scout talked about this astounding request as they rode home in the CAR.
And so it happened that the TURKEY joined the FATHER, the mother, and the Cub Scout in their Thanksgiving dinner of hamburgers and french-fries.
The Turkey became a very good pet, as it did not chase CARS, cats, or fire hydrants. The FATHER enrolled the Turkey at college because, as everyone know, with a good education it is much easier to get "a head".



TURKEY OR NOT TURKEY

Need 5 boys and a turkey
Scene 1: *Country Boy has raised the Thanksgiving turkey. It has come time for the turkey to get ready for dinner. The boy and turkey are sitting on the ground by a stump. They look sad.*
1st boy *(walks across the stage to boy and turkey):* Well, it's almost time. *(sits down)*
2nd boy *(walks across and sits down)* Boy, a drumstick sure will taste good. I can hardly wait! *(he looks at boy and turkey)*
3rd boy *(walks over to the others)* We're really going to have to get him ready soon. *(He sees that everyone is sad, sits down, looking sad.)*
4th boy *(comes in carrying an ax; other boys begin crying and pet the turkey.)* It's time.
(as the scene ends the turkey is leaning over the stump with the 4th boy holding the ax over his head and the other boys crying)

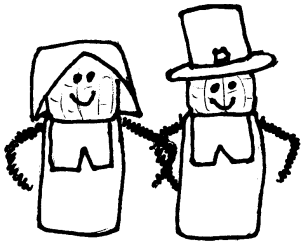
Scene 2: *All boys and turkey are seated at table. All heads are bowed.*
Country Boy: Thank you, Lord, for this corn we are about to have for dinner.

THEME CRAFTS

PILGRIM HAT

You Need: large sheet of craft mailing paper or 2 brown paper bags • masking tape • old belt, poster board, or cloth strip for band • beach bucket • glue.

If using bags, cut bottoms out and cut open. Tape the two pieces together. Buckle belt *(it may need a new hole; trim off excess)* around rim of bucket. Or, staple poster board strip so that it fits around rim. Center paper over upside down bucket and fold up around bucket to shape. Place band down over bucket to hold paper in place. Flatten brim, gluing overlaps. Band may be glued in place to secure.



WALNUT-SHELL MAYFLOWER

You Need: walnut shells • glue or play dough • white paper

Take ½ walnut shell and put a small amount of glue or a small amount of play dough in the bottom and insert a toothpick. Cut a triangle out of paper and put it on the toothpick as a sail. For fun, find a small rock and write on it "1620" *(the year the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth)*, and have your own Plymouth Rock.

MARBLES

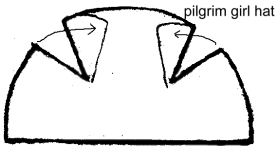
You Need: 1 ½ C salt • 1 ½ C flour •1 T oil •½-¾ C water • food color

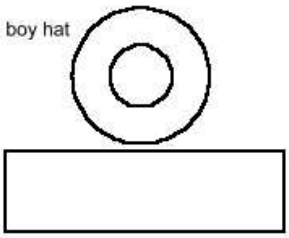
Combine salt and flour; then add oil and enough water to make smooth clay. Knead in food coloring as desired. Shape into marbles and bake at 250 degrees for 1-1 ½ hours, until completely dry. Earn the Marbles Belt Loop with your Pilgrim marbles!

PEANUT PILGRIMS

You Need: large shelled peanuts • small pieces of black fabric • glue • black paper • white paper • black pipe cleaner • paint • scissors • cardboard.

Cut a strip of fabric about 1" x 2¼". Glue around the bottom half of the peanut. Cut a small rectangle of white with a notch cut out of one long side and glue on the front for the collar. Glue the center of a 3" piece of pipe cleaner to the center of the back for arms. For girl, cut hat piece out of white paper (resize patterns as needed) and overlap as indicated. Glue on head. For boy, cut hat pieces out of black paper (cut center out of circle). Roll rectangle into cylinder and glue. Glue cylinder to brim and glue on head. Paint faces and yellow buckle on boy' s hat. Glue pilgrim on a small piece of cardboard for a base.





HOLIDAY AND SEASONAL CRAFTS

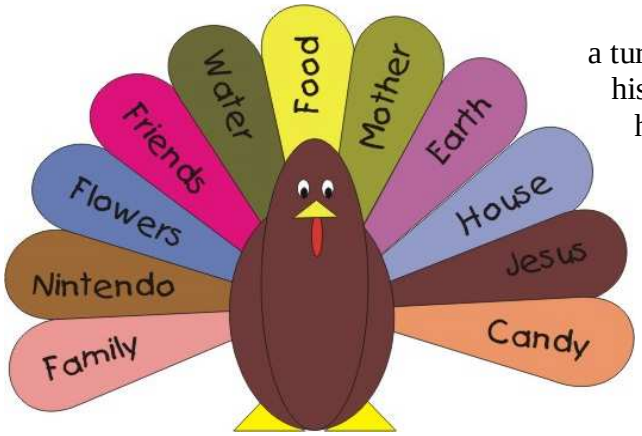
Thanksgiving

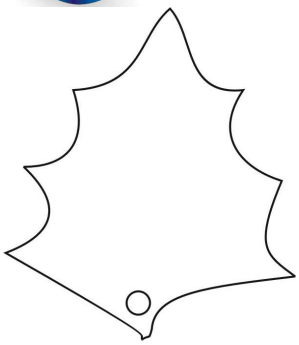
Thanksgiving Tree:

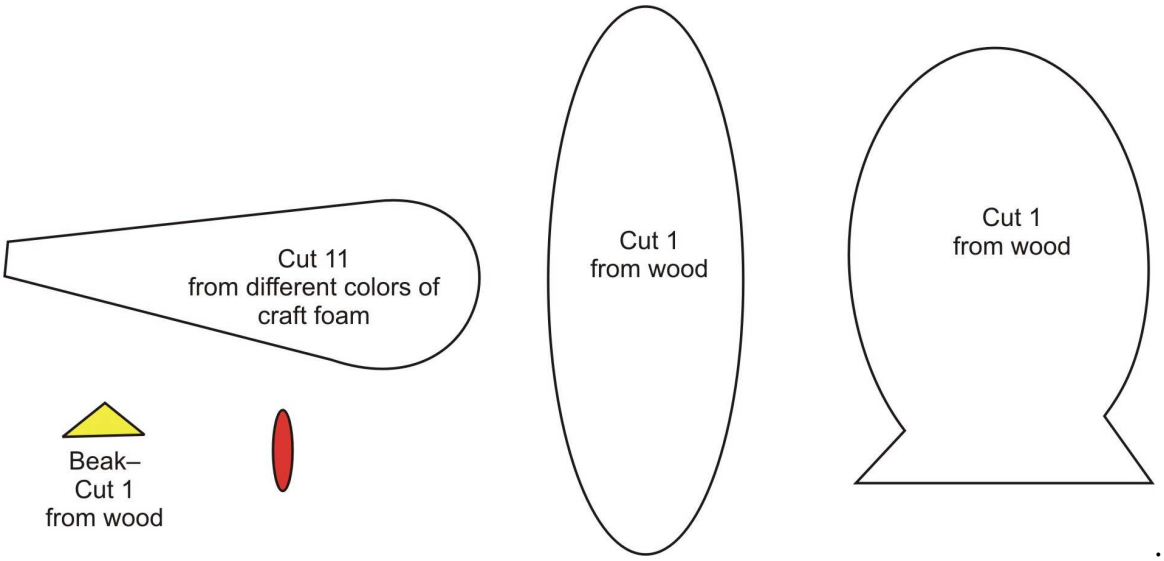
Place a branch into a can weighted with sand or rocks. Copy the leaf pattern onto different autumn colored paper. Have each boy write on the leaves one thing that they are thankful for. Decorate the tree with their leaves. Be sure to bring this activity to pack meeting so that they can share what they are thankful for.

Thanksgiving Turkey:

The turkey is similar to the tree above except each boy takes home a turkey to share with his family. Cut the head, body, and beak out of wood; glue together. Have the boys paint the turkey. Cut 7-11 tail feathers out of craft foam. Have the boys write one thing they are thankful for on each feather. Glue the feathers onto the back of the bird.







SONGS, CHEERS, AND SPARKLERS

PILGRIM FATHERS SONG

(Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic)

The year was 1620. Puritans a journey made.
They sailed to a new land, but they seemed brave and unafraid.
In spite of many hardships, they still bowed their heads and prayed.
As they landed at Plymouth Rock.

Squanto was an Indian, he helped the Pilgrims out.
He taught them how to plant some corn and how to fish for trout.
They hunted in the woods for deer and caught wild turkeys, too.
He was a friend so true.

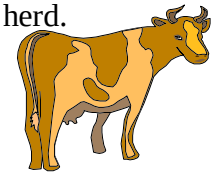
Bradford was the Governor, and he was just and fair.
He thought it was important that each man receive his share,
He planned the first Thanksgiving holiday to celebrate
A harvest that was great.

We' re thankful for the Pilgrims and the sacrifice they made.
We, too, must seek for liberty, be brave and unafraid.
We' re thankful for the food we have, the beauty of this land.
And freedom to live as planned.

RUN ON

Cub 1 – Walks on stage and, approaches his friend, says "It just doesn't work! It just doesn't work!
Cub 2 – What doesn't work?
Cub 1 – A dead horse!

RUN ON COW HERD



Cub 1 – Hey, there's a bunch of cows over there.
Cub 2 – That's not a bunch, that's a herd.
Cub 1 - Heard of what?
Cub 2 – Herd of cows!
Cub 1 – Of course, I've heard of cows!
Cub 2 – No! A cow herd!
Cub 1 – I don't care if a cow heard, we're just talking!

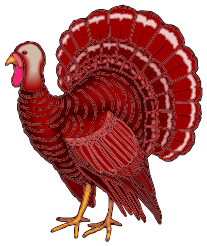
SONG – PLYMOUTH ROCK

(Tune – Did you ever see a Lassie)

Did you ever see a pilgrim, a pilgrim, a pilgrim,
Did you ever see a pilgrim go over the sea.
Rock this way, and that way, and this way and
that way,
Did you ever see a pilgrim land on Plymouth Rock!

APPLAUSES/CHEERS

1. THANKSGIVING--Say, "Gobble, Gobble", then rub stomach saying, "Yum, yum
2. PILGRIMS-- Say, "Pilgrims – Like a rock".
3. MOUSE IN THE HOUSE-- Women and girls say, "Squeak, Squeak", Boys and dads stand on chairs and yell, "EEK".
4. BOBCAT FOIL DINNERS-- "Raw! Raw! Raw!"
5. WOOD CHOPPERS-- Shout, "Chop, chop, chop, timmmmber rrr".
6. SMART TURKEY—Moo like a cow.
7. GOBBLE CONTEST—Have contest between two groups.



CUBS IN THE KITCHEN

HARDTACK

Hardtack was used as a staple on long ocean voyages. This is a slightly better-flavored version than your pilgrim ancestors ate coming to America.

Mix:
1/8 tsp. baking soda
3 Tbsp. buttermilk
Set aside.

Mix in separate bowl:
1 Cup flour
4 tsp. maple syrup
1/4 + 1/8 tsp. Salt

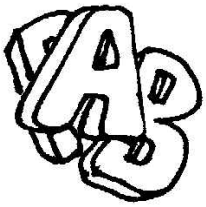
Cut in:
1 1/2 Tbsp. shortening
Add buttermilk mixture.
Roll very thin on waxed paper. Score in rectangles. Prick with fork. Bake on cookie sheet until golden.
5 to 10 minutes at 425 degrees. Cool and break into squares.

PUMPKIN SMOOTHIES

1/2 cup canned pumpkin
3/4 cup milk or
vanilla yogurt
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg,
2 teaspoons brown sugar
4 ice cubes
Blend all ingredients in a blender and puree until smooth. Pour smoothies into small glasses (this drink is rich). Garnish each with a dollop of whipped cream, vanilla yogurt, or whipped topping, then add a dash of cinnamon or a few sprinkles. Serves 2-3.

GINGERBREAD LETTERS

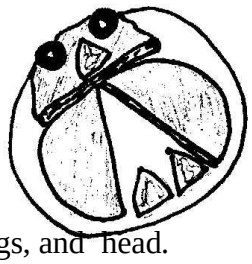
In Colonial days, when children learned the alphabet, their families celebrated by making gingerbread letters.



1/4 pound butter (1 stick)
1/4 cup brown sugar
2 eggs
1/2 cup molasses
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 1/2 cups all purpose flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon ginger
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
In a large bowl, cream the butter and brown sugar. Beat in the eggs one at a time. Mix in the vanilla and the molasses. In another bowl, combine the remaining ingredients. Add flour mixture to butter mixture a little at a time, stirring well each time. Cover and chill for at least 2 hours.

Making letters:
Heat oven to 350 degrees. On a floured surface, roll the dough flat to a 1/4 inch thickness. Cut out large letters with a butter knife or use commercial cutters. With spatula, set the letters on a lightly greased baking sheet. Bake for about 10 minutes or until the cookies are set. Yield varies depending on size of cookies.

PENGUIN CUPCAKES

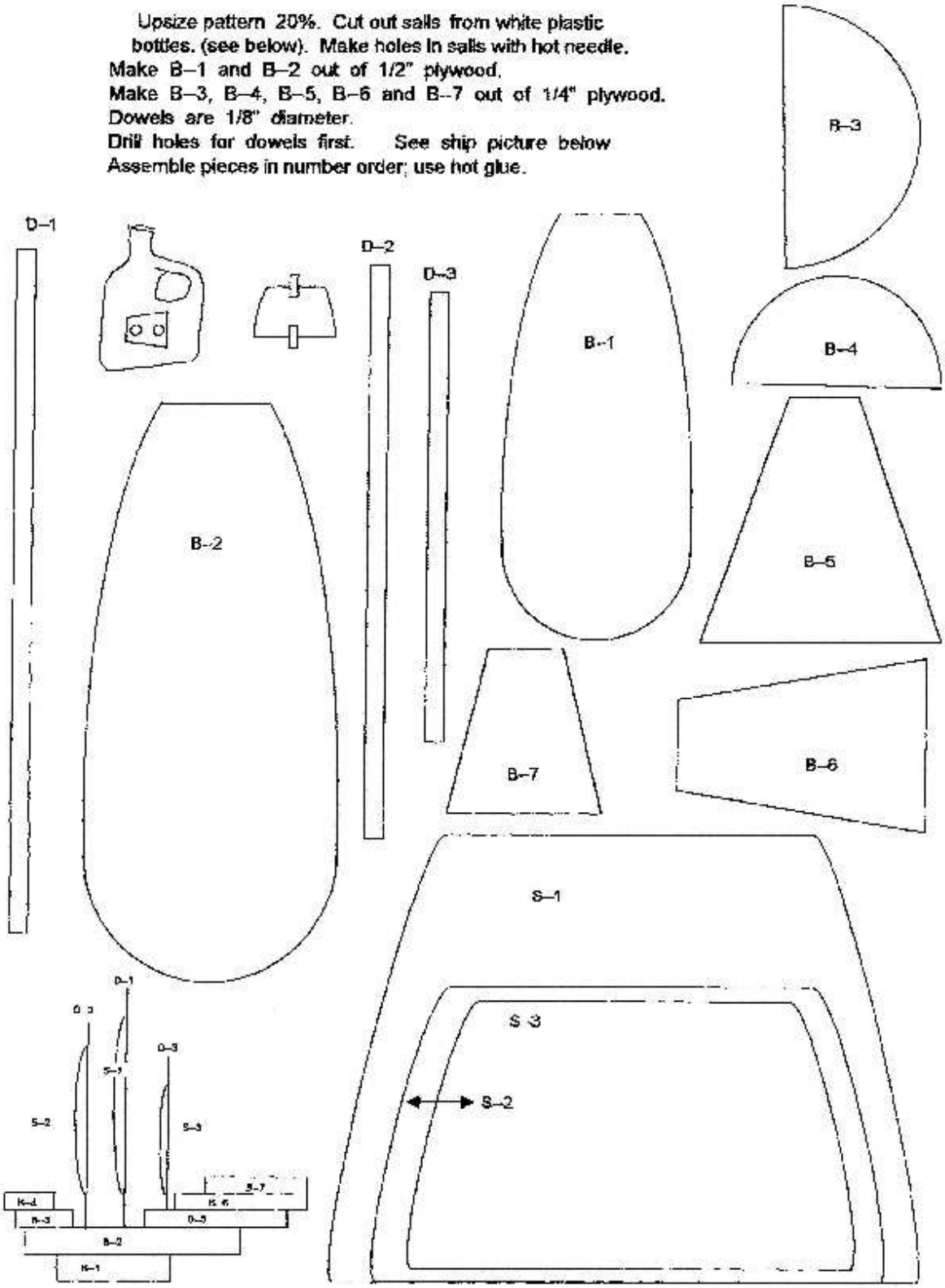


Vanilla cupcakes
Vanilla frosting
Chocolate covered cookies,
3 halves per penguin, for wings, and head.
Brown mini M&Ms for eyes
Dried apricot wedges for beaks and feet
Frost cupcakes, reserving some for "gluing" the eyes and beaks. Assemble as shown, making feet lie flat and beaks stick out.

THEME MIDWAY

The 'Mayflower'

Upsize pattern 20%. Cut out sails from white plastic bottles. (see below). Make holes in sails with hot needle.
Make B–1 and B–2 out of 1/2" plywood.
Make B–3, B–4, B–5, B–6 and B–7 out of 1/4" plywood.
Dowels are 1/8" diameter.
Drill holes for dowels first. See ship picture below
Assemble pieces in number order; use hot glue.



DEN AND PACK RECOGNITIONS

Plymouth Rock Award
Thanksgiving
Pocahontas
John Smith
Horn of Plenty Award
Pilgrim Hats
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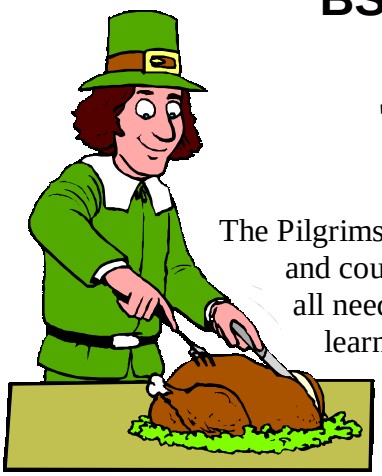
BSA FAMILY AWARD

Suggested Topic

'Learning Duty to God'
(Family Book p. 21)



The Pilgrims of Plymouth Rock were willing to sacrifice their homes, families, and country to find a place where they could worship as they desired. We all need to learn our duty to God. This can be done by helping children learn more about their family' s religious faith and beliefs, then encouraging them to obey and support these teachings. Some activities might include: Go on a hike and acknowledge the beautiful things in nature that are God' s creations. Pick up litter, and talk about taking care of the world. (This also fills requirements for Cub Scout advancement.) Choose and memorize a family scripture or inspirational thought and hang it in your home. Set a time to read scriptures and have a family prayer together. As a family, make a list of all your blessings and things to be truly thankful for. Offer a prayer of thanks for these. Collect and distribute food, clothing, or other aid to those in need. Attend church together and reflect on the feelings you have about God. Then strive to do the things that will make you a better person and a better family.

THEME RESOURCES -- Pilgrims of Plymouth Rock

CATEGORY	NAME	RESOURCE
Extra Ideas	Our Native Peoples	National Theme — February 2002
	Theme Crafts	Cub Scout How To Book Section 3
	Skits and Costume Ideas	Cub Scout How To Book Section 4 (Pilgrims p. 4- 14, Native Americans p. 4-15 and 4-16)
	Pack Advancement Boards	Cub Scout How To Book pg. 12-7
Applauses and Cheers	Bow And Arrow, Cowboy, Cow, Coyote, Call The Hogs, How, Double How, Howdy, Heap How, Hunters, Indian, Kiowa Indian, Old Indian	All the Applauses We Could Find (alphabetical)
Stories	"Chief High and Chief Low", "The Origin of the Ancient Native Chant: 'Malo, Malo, Malo,'" "The Story of the Six Arrows" & "Akela -Chief of the Webelos"	Crazy Cory's, pp. 22 -23, 27, 32
Song	"Pioneer Song"	Crazy Cory's, vol. 2 , p. 49
Academic Pin	Heritages	
Cub Requirements	Wolf Elective 10-Native	Wolf
	Bear Elective 24-Native American Life	Bear

The Pilgrims left England because of religious prosecution. On Sept. 6, 1620 the Pilgrims set sail on a ship called the Mayflower. The Pilgrims decided to settle at Plymouth. The first winter was devastating; only 50 of the 110 Pilgrims and crew who left England survived the first winter.

In 1621, a group of Abnaki Indians came to Plymouth and taught the Pilgrims how to survive in the new land. The harvest was very successful and the Pilgrims wanted to celebrate. Pilgrim Governor William Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving. This custom is now celebrated annually as Thanksgiving Day.

We are similar to the Pilgrims when we try something new. Maybe we do not do it correctly and we need some guidance from someone who has more experience. Our parents and leaders are like the Abnaki Indians. They have more experience and can help us to be successful. Tonight, we would like to thank some of our special leaders. . . . .

Thank you!