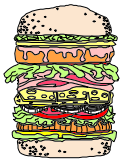
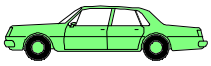
OPENING CEREMONY
MARCH #2

FLAG CEREMONY: "BUT ON THE OTHER HAND"

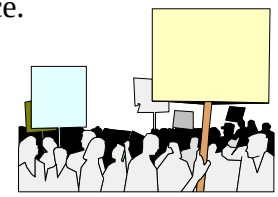


Americans are great at complaining about everything,
but on the other hand, I am thankful….
...For the clothes that fit a little too snug
because it means I have enough to eat.
....For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning and gutters that need fixing
because it means I have a home.



...for the spot I find at the far end of the parking lot
because it means I am capable of walking and have been
blessed with transportation.

...for my huge heating bill
because it means I am warm.
...for the piles of laundry and ironing
because it means I have clothes to wear.
...for weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day
because it means I have been capable of working hard.
..... for getting too much E-mail
because it means I have friends and advertisers keep our huge economy going
….for having to go to the gym to lose weight
because it means I don't have to labor the whole day just to have enough food to eat.
...for the lady behind me in church who sings off key
because it means that I can hear, and we are both at the church of our choice.



… for the taxes that I pay,
because it means that I am employed.
.. .for all the complaining I hear about government,
because it means we have freedom of speech.
…for having a huge pile of newspapers to recycle.
because it means the newspaper can publish anything it wants and tells me about everything.

Yes, we have many things to complain about,
But I am thankful that I live in this
The freest, strongest, noblest, most compassionate
Nation that has ever been on the earth.

GAMES
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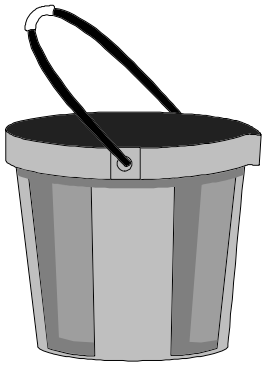
TILT



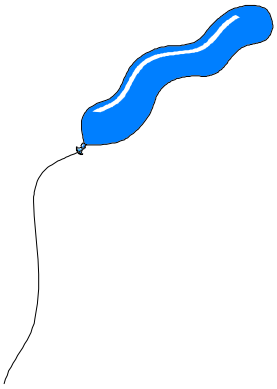
Materials: (for each den or patrol) a large bucket half filled with water
Aluminum foil cake container
1 Alka seltzer tablet.

For each patrol, put an Alka Seltzer tablet in each foil cake dish and then float one cake dish in each patrols bucket. The patrols must now transport the bucket through an obstacle course without the tablet getting wet or falling into the water. They are not allowed to touch the foil cake container or the tablet. The patrols could either carry the buckets by their handles, or pick them up between two poles.

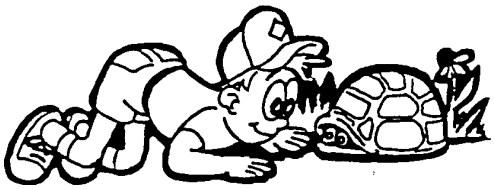
BALLOON ROCKET RACE

Materials: Thread, string, drinking straws, long balloons, clothes pins, tape.

Thread the string through the drinking straw and tie taut between two objects, such as chairs. Inflate balloon, clip shut with the clothes pin, then attach balloon to the straw with the tape. Race the rockets by removing the clothes pin.

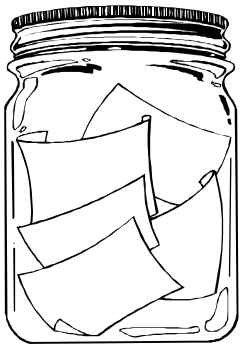


When you take off the peg, the trapped air rushes out and makes the balloon move along. Scientists describe the way the balloon moves as "action and reaction". This means the movement in one direction (air rushing out backward) causes movement in the opposite direction (balloon moving forward).



GAMES
MARCH #3

WHERE IS THE SOUND?



Materials:
Jelly jar 1/2 filled with dried beans
Blindfolds.

Sit on a chair, blindfolded. Have another scout rattle the jar containing dried beans in different places behind you.

Say where you think sound is coming from. How many times did you get it right?

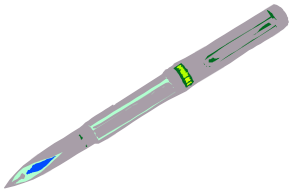
What happens? You have two ears so your brain can compare noise levels reaching each ear and calculate where a sound is coming from. When a sound is equally distant from both ears, it is hard to judge where it is being made.

ONE EYE TEASER

Materials: Pen with a lid

Close one eye, then hold up a pen in one hand and its top in the other. With your arms slightly bent, try to put the top on the pen. Can you tell if the top is in front or behind the pen? Now use both eyes.

What happens? Your two eyes give you two slightly different views. Your brain compares these two views to judge exactly where things are. When you close one eye, you have only one view so it is much harder for your brain to judge the distance between objects..



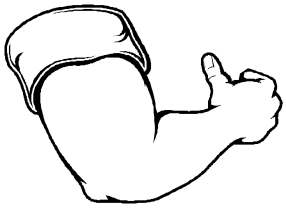
GAMES
MARCH #4

HOLE IN YOUR HAND

Materials:
Sheet of stiff paper 12 x 8 inches
Tape

Make a tube by rolling up the sheet of stiff paper. Tape the edges so the tube holds together.
Hold the tube up to your right eye. Hold your left hand up beside the tube.
Stare hard down the tube, keeping your left eye open. Do you see a hole in your hand?
What happens? One eye is looking down the tube and the other is looking at your hand. The two views mix together so you see a hand with a hole in it.

MUSCLE PULL



Materials: Pair scouts sitting across from one another with a table between them.

Have Scout #1 press his hands tightly together. Have Scout #2 try to pull them apart by gripping each wrist and pulling them to the side.

Scout #2 will find it very difficult to pull Scout #1' s hands apart in this position because the muscles being used for pulling are not used very often.

Try the same test again, but this time Scout #2 crosses his hands over and pushes Scout #1' s hands apart. It is easier to move Scout #1' s hands apart because different muscles are being used. These pushing muscles are stronger because they are used more frequently.

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Materials used in this Example

Tilt
Balloon Rocket Race
Magic Funnel
Watching Sound Move
Where is the Sound
One Eye Teaser
Hole in Your Hand
Muscle Pull

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