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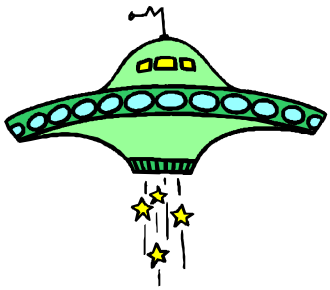

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Soaring To New Heights

REMINDERS: Get your parents and boys excited about the upcoming Cub Scout year. A good way to do this is by holding a **Pack Adults Meeting** (Cub Leader Book 24-11). Orient the parents, let them know of upcoming events, enlist their help, and recommit them to helping their boys. Use Ceremonies for Dens & Packs 7-2 to help do this.

Have your leaders had Youth Protection training? Qualify for the Quality Unit Award, and get everyone trained. See information in Pow Wow Book p. 328

TIGER DEN LEADER HINTS

Help boys discover the excitement of airplanes. Take them to visit the airport and work on Elective 41 "Transportation." Boys could build a simple model airplane as they work on Elective 17, "Make a Model."

DEN LEADER HINTS

Art Belt Loop
Cub Power Patch
Unacceptables Patch

Tiger
E10 Helping Hands
E12 A Friendly Greeting
E15 Our Colorful World
E17 Make A Model
E41 Visit Airport
E47 Recycle
E48 Go for a Ride

Wolf
A3 Keep Your Body Healthy
E5a,b Kites
E12 Be An Artist

Bear
A21 Build a Model
E1 Space
E6 Aircraft
E9 Art

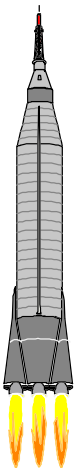
BLUE AND GOLD THEME IDEAS

Menu - Calzone 'stars'
Way-out waffles with fruit
Cosmic crepes
Flying fajitas

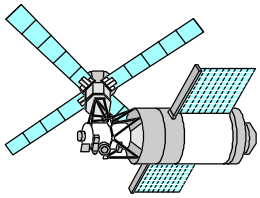
Activities - Make and fly paper airplanes
Model airplane display
Make kites

Guest speakers -
Military/Civilian pilots
NASA Personnel
Aviation historian

GATHERING/ PRE-OPENERS



Solar System Pre-Opener

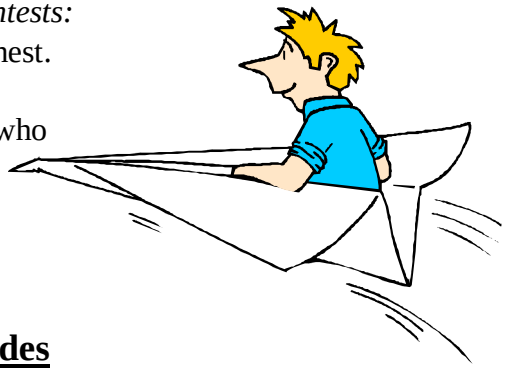


Put the name or a picture of a planet, or other ' outer space' object on the back of each scout as they arrive. Have them ask questions to discover what their object is.

Paper Airplane Races

Have boys make paper airplanes, then have various contests:

- See who can make them fly the highest and the farthest.
- See who can make them fly in a straight line.
- Put Hula hoops or rope circles on the floor and see who can get the plane inside the circle.



Airplane Neckerchief Slides

- Use craft foam to make neckerchief slides. Two patterns are available below.
- Have pattern available, pens to draw on foam, and scissors.
- Make a loop out of a pipe cleaner (chenille); attach to plane with a hot glue gun. (Remember to have adult help with glue guns.)

OPENING, CLOSING, AND FLAG CEREMONIES

"THANK YOU AMERICA" FLAG CEREMONY

#1 Thank you AMERICA, for our beautiful and spacious land, our millions of acres of fields and wooded hills, our forests and grasslands, our mountains and treeless plains.

#2 Thank you for our rivers and lakes, and for the patterns of brooks flowing to the sea; for two great oceans—on the east and west, and two peaceful borders on the north and south.

All: Thank you AMERICA, for all the beauty of this land.

#3 Thank you AMERICA for abundance; for trees in our forest—hardwoods and soft, that give us lumber for building houses, stores, & factories.

#4 Thank you for the wild life in our forests, and the fish in our streams, and above all for the fertility of our soil that enables us to produce so large a share of the world's meat and cotton, corn and wheat.

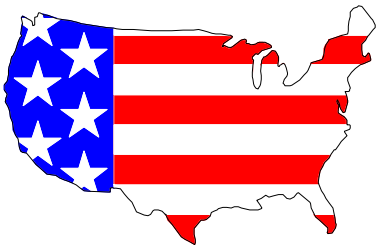
#5 Thank you for the riches under the earth—silver and copper, gold and lead and zinc, oil and coal, iron and uranium…

All: Thank you AMERICA for all this bounty we are blessed with.

#6 Thank you AMERICA, for opportunity and the open door. For the chance to live where we please, to work where we want, to own property, and manage our own affairs, and to succeed or fail according to the ways we develop our abilities.

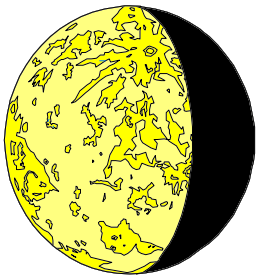
All: Thank you AMERICA for our heritage of freedom and independence, for ringing words that come out of the past as strong as the day they were spoken: "Give me liberty or give me death"; "Liberty and justice for all"; "Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness;" "From every mountain side, let freedom ring."

#5 Thank you America for your faith in us, and in the future. May we be given the foresight to care for the bounty which you have entrusted to us so that Americans who follow will know the same plenty we are grateful for.



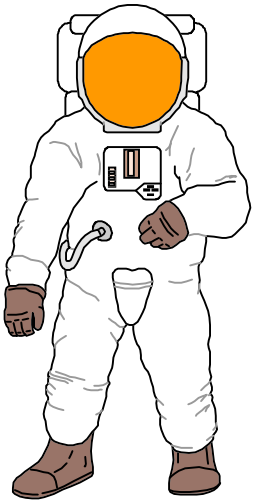
All: Thank you America, For the past, for the present, and for the future, and help us be worthy of our heritage.

Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.



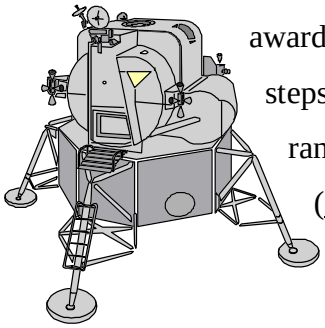
PLEDGE TO MOON If it is night and your meeting is outside, remember there is a United States flag standing on the moon planted by a former Boy Scout. Briefly talk about the flag and its significance, then have a flag ceremony. *(Saluting the flag on the moon is now discouraged--you should salute a flag you can see.)*

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES



Ceremony 1--Neal Armstrong:

Neal Armstrong was the first man on the moon. When Neal Armstrong stepped on the moon he said, "That's one small step for man, one giant step for mankind." Each Cub Scout in our pack also makes small steps through the Scouting program and through life. The 'small steps' are earning awards. (*Possibly hand out awards here*.) These 'small steps' add up to a 'giant step' as a Cub Scout earns his rank advancement. Tonight we would like to honor (*name*) as he earns his _____ rank.

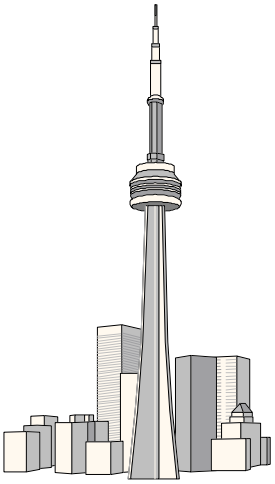


Ceremony 2 -- Rocket Across the Solar System

Across one wall, have cutouts of all the planets in the Solar System. Each boy gets a rocket cutout. As they receive their awards, they get to try to reach the sun. For eg., Tigers could start at Pluto, and move to Neptune or Uranus. Wolf scouts could move to Neptune, and with Arrow Points move to Saturn or Jupiter. Bears could move to Mars, and Earth or Venus for Gold and Silver Arrow Points. Webelos would move to Mercury. Arrow of Light recipients would move to the Sun.

GAMES

SPACE CONSTRUCTION



Your team of construction mechanics are on the moon. You need to build the tallest radio tower you can, using the standard space-blocks. The structure must be free standing and self-supporting DO NOT DAMAGE THE BUILDING MATERIALS while constructing your tower!
Game parts: 16 cardboard boxes all the same size, 6 large coffee cans, 3 thin strips of plywood, 2 poles with nails through the ends, several smaller dowels and a tape measure. The object is to build as tall a tower as possible with the materials supplied. The tower must be free standing and self supporting, and stay up for at least 1 minute. DO NOT LET THE CREW DAMAGE OR MODIFY THE SUPPLIED MATERIALS! Measure the tower to the nearest inch. The crew can try several different configurations.

TROGLYDIETS

(Based on the game Troglydytes)

Space invaders, the Troglydiets, have landed on the earth. The ' Earthlings' h ave to *sweet talk* them into becoming friendly.
To Play: Choose a boy to be the Troglydiet. Put an empty bowl (representing the space ship) on the ground, behind a boundary line. The Troglydiets sit with their backs to the bowl. The other boys, representing Earthlings, are each given four pieces of candy. (One to eat NOW and three for the game.)

Each Earthling must sneak up and, at three different times, get his candy into the bowl then get back past the boundary line before the Troglydiet can turn around and call out the his name. The Earthling may not put all three pieces of candy in at the same time, but must go outside the boundary line each time before putting in another piece. Boys may try to throw the candy into the bowl, but must do so from inside the boundary. If they miss, they must retrieve it and go back outside the boundary, and try again.

The Troglydiet may only call out names of boys that are within the boundary. If their names are called, they must join the Troglydiet and try to catch other boys. If a boy gets all his candy into the bowl without being caught, he is safe.

When all the candy is in the bowl, a winner is determined, and gets the candy. If more boys are now Troglydiets, they win. If more boys are safe, they win. If the winning team wants to share the candy with the other team, then "peace" will be established between the Earthlings and the Troglydiets. (For boys with food allergies, other things may be substituted.)

Adaptation for nighttime play: The Troglydiet has a flashlight and must shine it on the Earthling's face to catch him.

SKITS AND STORYTELLING

FORTUNATELY, UNFORTUNATELY

Audience responds with a Yea, or Oh.

Once there was a man who took a ride in an airplane. (Yea!)
Unfortunately, he fell out of the plane. (Oh!)
Fortunately, he was wearing a parachute. (Yea!)
Unfortunately, the parachute was not properly packed and it didn't open. (Oh!)
Fortunately, there was a haystack in the field below. (Yea!)
Unfortunately, there was a sharp pitchfork sticking straight up in the haystack. (Oh!)
Fortunately, the man missed the pitchfork. (Yea!)
Unfortunately, he also missed the haystack. (Oh!)

THE FALLING ENGINE

Props: Seating for a pilot and two rows for passengers

Announcer: This skit takes place on an airplane.
(Participants enter and form into two rows, seated. The announcer becomes the pilot at the front. Sound effects of flying are suggested.)

Announcer: The plane is flying along, when the pilot announces:

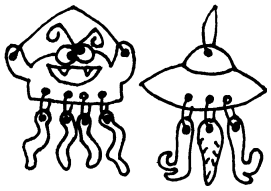
Pilot: Ladies and Gentlemen I'm sorry to tell you that the far starboard engine is overheating and the engineer is going to shut it down. Don't worry, the plane is quite able to fly on three engines, but the flight will take about an hour longer.
Passengers: **(**Passengers mumble and grumble, then settle down)
Pilot: (A few minutes later) Ladies and Gentlemen, I must tell you that the outside port engine has low oil pressure and the engineer must shut it down. Again, do not worry, as the plane will fly on two engines, but we will be delayed by 2 hours.
Passengers: (More upset, grumbling, then sound of engine sputtering)
Pilot: (After more flying, with a tight, controlled voice) This is your pilot. You will have noticed that the engineer has shut down the remaining port engine due to a faulty fuel line. The plane will fly on one engine, but this is very difficult and we will arrive 4 hours late!
Passenger #3: (loud voice) What a rotten airline. If that last engine goes, we'll be up here forever.

THEME CRAFTS

WIND CHIMES

You need: salt dough (3 C salt, 3 C flour, 2 T oil, enough water to make a smooth soft clay) • paint • string or yarn • pipe cleaner • glue •

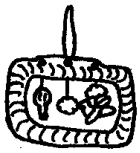
Form dough into shapes as shown or make up your own. Poke holes for hanging and attaching parts. Bake at 250 degrees for an hour or so. Paint or decorate as desired. Tie pieces together with string. For alien, form pipe cleaner into antennae shape and glue behind eyes.



HIGH FLYING MOBILE

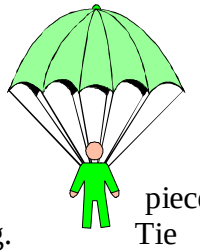
You need • clear plastic bakery container (usually used for cookies)
• small-tipped permanent markers (*Sharpie*) • string • small pictures of aircraft, hot air balloons etc. as patterns • paper punch • scissors • cotton balls • white glue •

Cut out the flat top and bottom panels from the bakery container. Trace the picture onto the plastic with marker. Next, color in the traced design, and cut it out. Repeat tracing as desired. Punch holes in finished pictures, and tie one end of the string to the hole. Close the bakery container and punch 3 holes, one in the center, along the edge where it closes. Tie pictures to the holes, pulling the string to the desired length. Repeat with other pictures. Glue cotton ball clouds on strings, where desired. Snap the container shut. Take one more piece of string and make a hanging loop.



PARACHUTE

You need • plastic grocery bag • string • plastic animals or people •



Cut a square, approx. 12”, out of the plastic grocery bag. Cut 4 pieces of string 12-14 inches long. Tie each string tightly around a corner of the plastic. Tie the 4 loose ends together in a knot, then around the plastic figure. Fold the parachute in half diagonally, then in half again. Throw the parachute straight into the air and watch it glide down.

BLIMP

You need • 2 paper plates • scissors • foil • colored paper • newspaper • yarn or string • Jello box • stapler • glue •

Hold two paper plates together, front to front, and cut them into the shape of a football. Cover with foil. Cut 4 tail fin shapes. Tape one at the top and one at the bottom of one blimp shape. Place the silver shapes together and staple along the outer edge, leaving an opening for stuffing. Make a hole at the top of the blimp. Thread yarn through to make a hanger. Stuff the blimp with newspaper, then staple closed. Tape or glue the remaining two fins to the sides. To make the cabin, cut an empty Jello box in half and cover one half with colored paper. Cut a V-shape from each end of the box. The blimp will slide into the V. Tape or glue the blimp into place. Make a design or message on the side of the blimp on each side.

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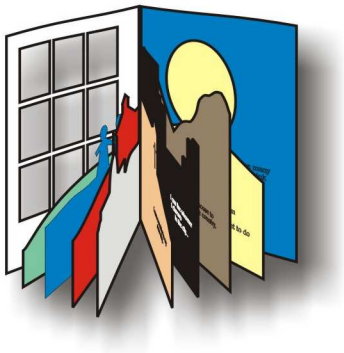
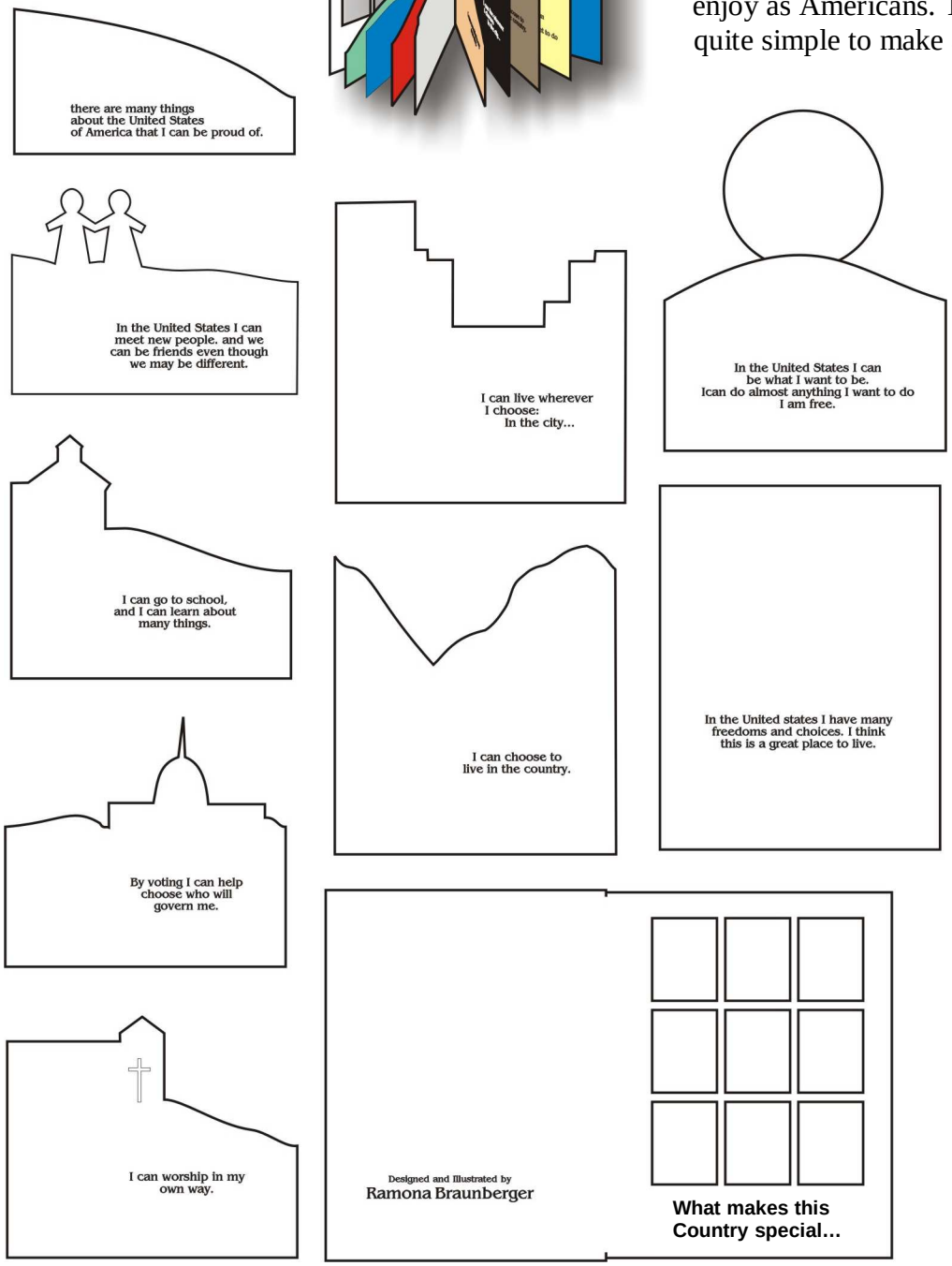
HOLIDAY AND SEASONAL CRAFTS

'Freedom Book'--Remembering 9/11





This is a small book I put together many years ago, which my boys always seemed to enjoy making. I also used the time while we were working to get the boys to think about what freedoms we enjoy as Americans. The book is really quite simple to make and you can have the boys decorate it anyway they would like. Some years the boys became very involved and other years they used construction paper and staples.

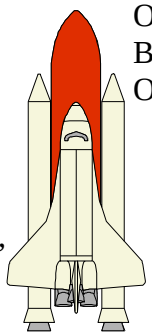
One way of assembling this book is to enlarge the patterns to ½-sheet size, copy them onto appropriate colored paper. Cut each page out. Assemble by folding the cover sheet in half and inserting the inside pages. Staple along the folded edge.

SONGS, CHEERS, AND SPARKLERS

SONG – "THE ASTRONAUTS PLEA"

(Tune – My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean)

I went for a ride in a space ship,
The moon and the planets to see,
I went for a ride in a space ship,
Now listen what happened to me.
(Chorus)
I went for a ride in my space ship,
The capsule was crowded and I,
Developed a cramp in my muscles,
So decided to walk in the sky,
(Chorus)
I went for a walk from my space ship,
The ship was controlled from the ground,
And some one in charge down at NASA,
Forgot I was walking around.
(Chorus)



(Chorus)
Bring back, bring back,
Oh, bring back my space ship to me, to me,
Bring back, bring back,
Oh bring back my space ship to me.

HINTS FOR A STRESS-FREE SPACE DERBY

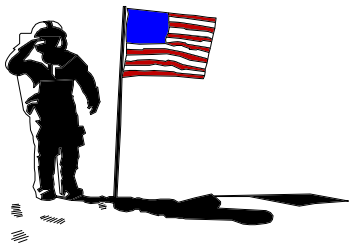
1. When you buy space derby kits, also get CARRIERS for the lines.
2. Set up a track with FISHING LINE between LONG BANQUET TABLES. Use two tables at each end. Set one up normally; put the other on top of it on its side. Wind the fishing line around the top table and put the carriers on the lines.
3. Have the boys wind up their rockets for trial runs. For variety, put planets on the floor and race to those, instead.

JOKES RUN-ONS: "FLASHLIGHT"

Cub 1-- I can climb anything.
Cub 2 – *(throwing a flashlight beam upwards),* "Well, climb that!
Cub 1 – "Well, I could, but it would be just like you to turn it off when I was 25 feet up, then where would I be!

THE EAGLES

Two eagles were lazily soaring over the desert, when a jet-propelled plane sped by them. It's the exhaust spouting flame and smoke, as it went out of sight, one of the eagles remarked,
Eagle 1 – That bird was really in a hurry!
Eagle 2 – You'd be in a hurry too, if your tail was on fire.



APPLAUSES/CHEERS

1. APOLLO-- Count down, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, "Blast Off!" Blast off with your hand, gaining orbit and say, "Bleep, bleep, bleep."
2. MAN IN THE MOON-- Circle face with hands and say, "I eat green cheese!"
3. SKY ROCKET-- pretend to strike a match, and pantomime lighting a rocket. Watch the rocket go up and say, "SSSSSS, Boom, AHHHH", flutter your fingers to represent falling debris, then place your hand over your eyes, peer out, exclaiming, "Isn't it lovely".
4. OWL-- "It's a hoot, it's a hoot"
5. CANARY-- Place right hand on left shoulder, left hand on right shoulder, extend elbows and say, in a deep voice, "Here kitty, kitty, kitty, kitty".
6. SATELLITE --Move right hand in circle over head, opening and closing fist while saying in high voice, "Gleep, gleep, gleep"

CUBS IN THE KITCHEN

CLOUD PUFFS

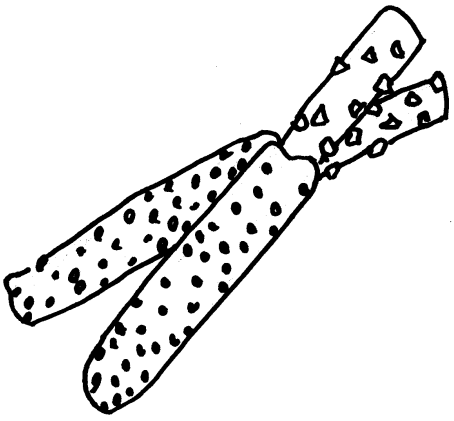
Saltine crackers
Peanut butter
Marshmallows
Margarine

Spread crackers with peanut butter. Place on cookie sheet. Place a marshmallow on top of each peanut butter cracker. Place a small dot of margarine on top of each marshmallow, and place in oven. Turn setting on to broil. Broil until marshmallows are puffy and lightly browned. Watch carefully! Remove from oven and allow to cool.

CELEBRATION STICKS

1 cup dipping chocolate or chocolate chips
10 8" pretzel rod sticks
Colored sprinkles

Melt the chocolate in the top of a double boiler or in the microwave. Microwave in microwave safe bowl for 30 seconds on high, stir, and microwave for twenty more seconds. Stir until smooth. Put chocolate in a tall container, like a cup, and dip pretzels into the chocolate. Roll in sprinkles and place on waxed paper to cool. Makes 10.



FOOTBALL PUDDING

Let' s play with our food!!!
1 pkg. instant pudding mix
Milk called for in pkg. directions
Two re-sealable bags.

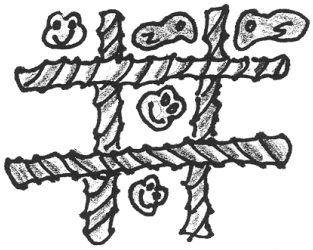
Pour both milk and pudding mix into a plastic bag, squeeze all the air out and seal. Place first bag in second bag, squeeze all the air out and seal it also. Stand in a circle and toss the "football" around for about five minutes. When pudding is done, snip the comer of the bag and squeeze into cups for serving.

FINGER PAINT

2 cups laundry starch (or flour)
1 cup soap flakes *(Ivory is closest nowadays)*
Water

Mix together to consistency. Color with tempera paint or food coloring.

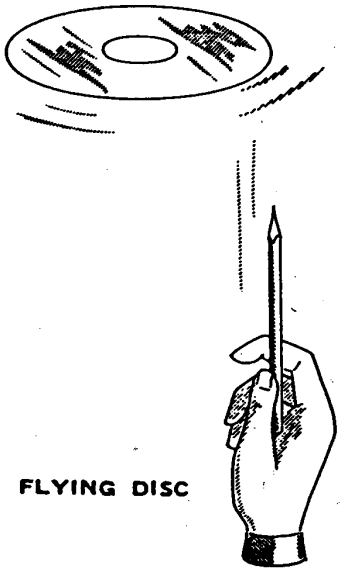
TIC TAC TOE TO EAT



Paper plate
4 sticks of twist licorice
2 kinds of gummy animals

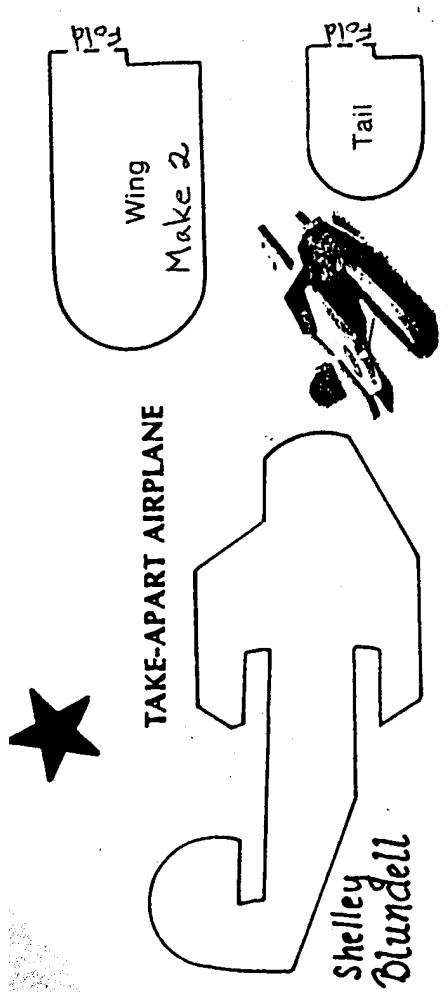
Arrange the licorice in a tic-tac-toe grid. Instead of X' s and O' s, use the different kinds of animals (bears and frogs for example). Follow the rules for classic tic-tac-toe with one exception, winner eats all!

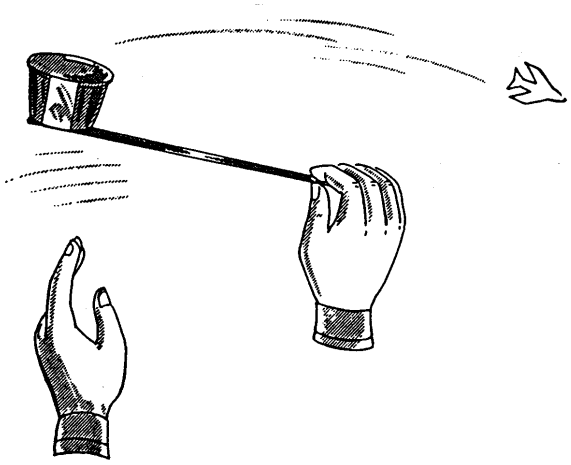
THEME MIDWAY



FLYING DISC

From a plastic foam tray, cut a 5 1/2 inch circle. Cut a 1" circle out of the center. Place the disc over a pencil and, with a rapid circular motion, work the disc up to the top of the pencil; the disc will fly off the pencil and glide gently to the ground.



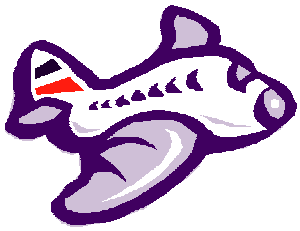


Jet Launcher

From the narrow side of a clear, oval plastic bottle, cut a strip, 1" x 8 1/2". Tape a paper nut cup to the bottom end. From a plastic foam tray, cut a tiny jet, 1" long. Place the plane in the cup. To launch it, hold the plastic strip horizontally and pull the nut cup end down. Release, and watch the jet soar.

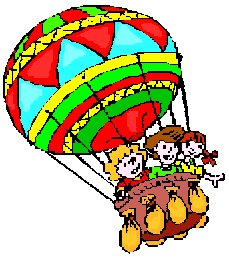
DEN AND PACK RECOGNITIONS

Space Shuttle Award
Wright Brothers Award
Wrong Brothers Award
Lucky Lindy



Amelia Earhart
Air Planes - Commercial and Military
Balsa Wood Airplanes
Transformer - paper to airplane - origami
Rocket Award

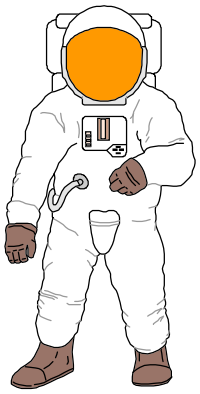
Life Saver Air Planes
Rockets
Jake Garn Astronaut Award
Hot Air Balloon



Blue Angels/Thunderbird
Parachute Awards
Autumn Leaves

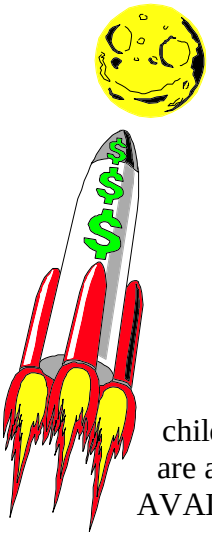
BSA FAMILY AWARD

Suggested Topic



' Overcoming Obstacles'

(Family Book p. 35)



Helping family members overcome obstacles and face difficult challenges is an ongoing struggle. The stories of Charles (Chuck) Yeager (who broke the sound barrier), or the Mercury and Apollo astronauts and their struggles to make it into space, are uplifting stories of overcoming obstacles. As a family, watch the movies "The Right Stuff" or "Apollo 13". They illustrate the above stories very well. Be certain to discuss as a family some of the challenges you face. Next, outline a plan to help each member overcome these obstacles and move ahead. Let the children know they are not alone. Their parents, school, church, and scout leaders are all available to support them in their struggles. As parents, we need to BE AVAILABLE when the child is seeking for support.

THEME RESOURCES - - SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS

CATEGORY	NAME	**BOOK OR REFERENCE** (Note: All books can be found at Scout Shop)
Extra Ideas	Blast Off	National Theme September 2002
	Space the New Frontier	National Theme - June 2000
	Adventures in the Sky	National Theme - June 1998
	Theme Crafts	Cub Scout How To Book Section 3
	Skits and Costume Ideas	Cub Scout How To Book Section 4
	Space Derby Ideas Cub	Cub Scout How To Book pg. 9-44
Games	Blast Off Game Cub	Cub Scout How To Book p. 2-29
	Lost in Space Be Aware and Care	Cub Scout How To Book pg. 11-15
	Atomic Challenge, Balloon Bat, Balloon Launch, Bean Bag Launch, Launcher, Celebration of Flight Games	The Best of Scout and Youth Games pg. 14-18, 31
Awards	Trophies and other Awards	Cub Scout How To Book Section 10
Thank Yous	Airplane-"Really helped us fly"	
	Space Ship-"Out of this world"	
Ceremonies	Space Opening Ceremony	Ceremonies for Dens and Packs pg. 5-9
	The Sky is the Limit Closing Ceremony	Ceremonies for Dens and Packs pg. 6
	Stars Closing Ceremony	Ceremonies for Dens and Packs pg. 6-6
	Airplane Advancement Ceremony	Ceremonies for Dens and Packs pg. 8-3
Applauses and Cheers	Airplane, blast and blastoff, man in the moon, satellite, skyrocket, UFO	All the Applauses We Could find (alphabetical)
	Star Trek, Captain Picard, Spock	Crazy Cory's vol. 2 pg. 79
Cub Requirements	Wolf Elective 5G, H&I-Make model boat, airplane, train or car	Wolf
	Bear Elective 1-Space, 6-Aircraft	Bear
	Webelos Traveler	Webelos

Activity ideas: Father and Son Rocket Launching Activity

- Rockets made from 2-liter bottles and launched via water pressure.
- Paper Airplane competition
- Prizes for flying farthest, most accurate landing, best construction, etc.
- Time airplane construction and throwing event.
- Throw planes through or into a horizontal or vertical target.