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Winter Wonderland

REMINDERS: Don't lose boys or leaders. Keep the dens and packs going strong, especially during the busy holiday season. Think now about **RECRUITING** new boys and leaders. The Cub Leader Book , 10-4, 5 has some good ideas. Help your boys earn their 'Recruiter Strip." (See 12-7)

TIGER DEN LEADER HINTS

This could be a fun month to work on Achievement 5F "Go Outside and Watch the Weather." Also, Elective 1 "How do you celebrate?" or Elective 2 "Making Decorations."

DEN LEADER HINTS

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Ice Skating Belt Loop
Skiing Belt Loop

Tiger
E1 Family Celebrations
E2 Decorations
E11 Helping Needy

Wolf
E3a Make It Yourself
E9a,b,c Let's Have a Party
E20d,e Sports

Bear
A9 What's Cooking
A10b Make & Do
A17b Charades with Christmas Carols
E9a Art Project
E20b,c Sports

MONTHLY BLUE & GOLD

Menu - Chili Dogs
Iceberg lettuce salad
Ice cream floats

Activities - Dog sled races "cubanapolis" style.
Snow' sculpturing with IVORY soap bars
Igloo' b uilding with cardboard boxes

Guest Speakers - Alaska native
Expert on cold weather safety
Expert skier

GATHERING/ PRE-OPENERS

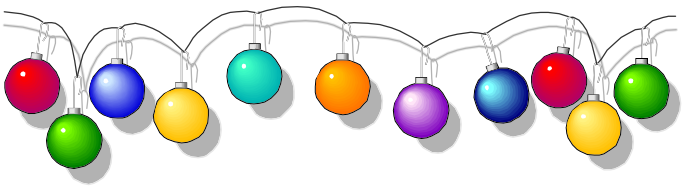
Christmas Cheer Song Match

Instructions: Match the phrase with the song title.

1. Was a happy jolly soul.
2. Are you listening?
3. In a one horse open sleigh
4. No crib for his bed
5. Let earth receive he king
6. As they shouted out with glee
7. The lights are brightly shining
8. Now you say there's no such thing as Santa
9. Like the ones I used to know
10. Bring us some Figgie pudding
11. Sing Choirs of Angels
12. All is bright
13. She didn't see me creep
14. He knows when you're awake
15. Dancing & prancing in Jingle Bell Square.

A. I saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus
B. Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer
C. Frosty the Snowman
D. Joy to the World
E. Jingle bell Rock
F. Santa Claus Is Coming to Town
G. Oh Come All Ye Faithful
H. Away in a Manger
I. Silent Night
J. Jingle Bells
K. Oh Holy Night
L We wish You…Christmas
M. White Christmas
N. Winter Wonderland
O. Rudolph

ANSWERS: 1-C, 2-N, 3-J, 4-H, 5-D, 6-O, 7-K, 8-B, 9-M, 10-L, 11-G, 12-I, 13-A, 15-F, 15-E.



Christmas Wreath/ Service Project

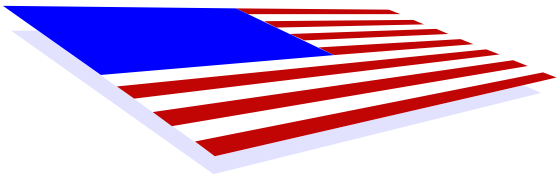
- Have each Scout trace their hand on green construction paper.
- Cut out all the hands and place them together in a circle with the fingers pointing outward, forming a wreath.
- Decorate with red berries using markers or crayons.
- Give to the head of their sponsoring organization as a 'Thank You' and Christmas Card.

OPENING, CLOSING, AND FLAG CEREMONIES

"ANGELS AND CUB LEADERS" FLAG CEREMONY

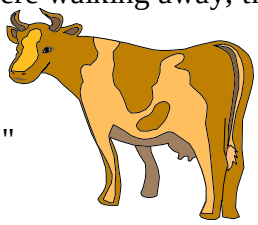
[*Have 3 or 4 Cub leaders in uniform standing in front, Have 3 or 4 Angels standing with them—sheet costumes. Santa can have a Santa hat for costume]*

LDR #1 We will all stand and sing the National Anthem
ANGELS {Singing} "Hark the Herald Angels Sing….."
LDR #2 Wait, wait, that's not the National Anthem.
ANGEL #1 That's the National Anthem of heaven.
LDR #1 But we're supposed to sing the National Anthem of our country.
(Santa Claus enters)
LDR #3 Santa, we need your help. We want to sing our National Anthem, but the Angels want to sing "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."
ANGEL #1 That's the National Anthem of Heaven.
SANTA CLAUS: Well, Cub Scouts are suppose to honor God and Country, so let's all sing "God Bless America".



"THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM" CUBMASTER STORY

Two Christmas Angels, who humans didn't know were angels, stopped to spend the night in the home of a wealthy family. The family was rude and refused to let the angels stay in the mansion' s guestroom. Instead, the angels were given a small space in the cold basement. As they made their bed on the hard floor, the older angel saw a hole in the wall and repaired it. When the younger angel asked why, the older angel replied, "Things aren' t always what they seem" The next night the pair came to rest at the house of a very poor, but very hospitable, farmer and his wife. After sharing what little food they had, the couple let the angels sleep in their bed, so they could have a good night' s rest. When the sun came up the next morning, the farmer and his wife went out to milk the cow and found that it had died in the night. In tears, they told the angels that its milk had been their sole income. As they were walking away, the younger angel was furious and asked the older angel,



"How could you have let that happen? The first man had everything, yet you helped him," she accused. "The second family had little, but was willing to share everything, and you let the cow die."
"Things aren' t always what they seem," the older angel replied.
"When we stayed in the basement of the mansion, I noticed there was gold stored in that hole in the wall. Since the owner was so obsessed with greed and unwilling to share his good fortune, I sealed the wall so he wouldn' t find it. Then last night, as we slept in the farmer' s bed, the angel of death came for his wife. I gave him the cow instead."
Things aren' t always what they seem.

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

Props: Snowflakes cut from paper
1 extra large snowflake for Cubmaster
Individual smaller letters "I" — "N" — "T" — "E" — "R"
1 large W
6 parts attached back of letters
5 boys

Boys, as they receive their awards, also take a snowflake (previously cut) from the table and attach it to their letter by that snowflake. They then read the part on the back of their letter and stand in line to spell out a word. Cubmaster picks up large ' W" last and goes to the front of the line to spell out "Winter". (If more than five boys, have two or three read one part together and hold the letter together)

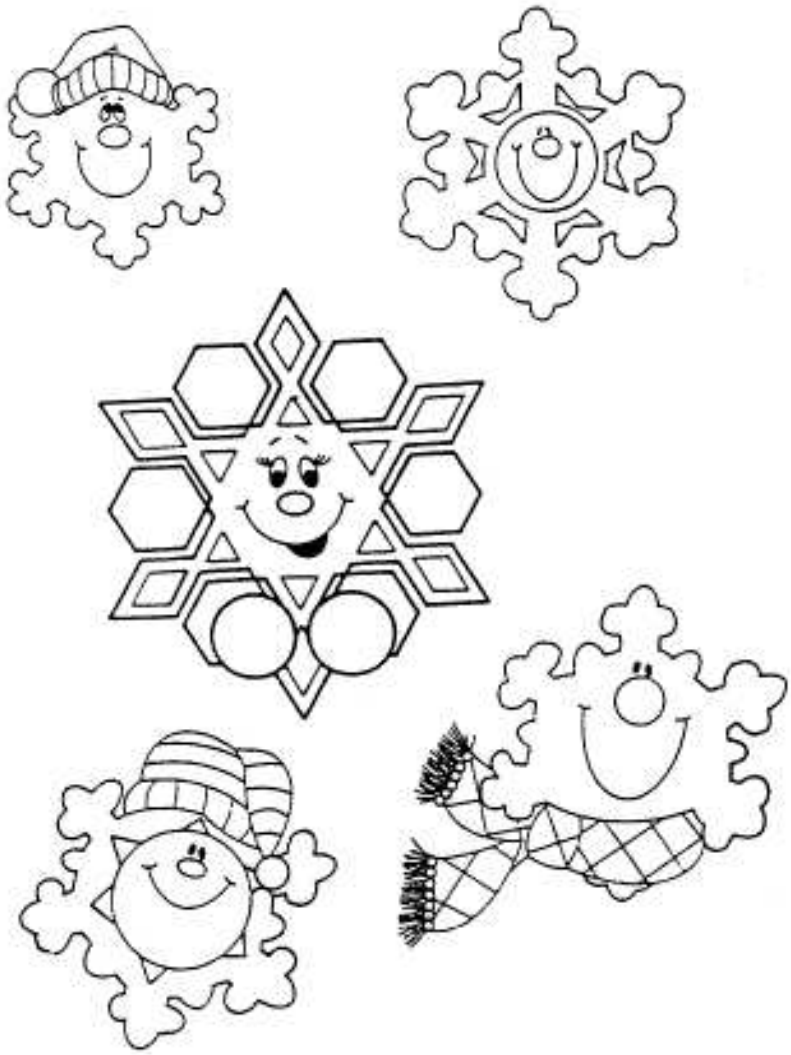
1. Icicles and ice
Cold weather too,
Winter give us
Such fun things to do.

2. Neighbors out shoveling
Deep fallen snow
Got to shovel that driveway
Before we can go.

3. Trees topped with snowflakes Glittering bright
Wow, what a beautiful,
Wonderland sight!

4. Everything is cold
Bundle up well
Temperature's down
We sure can tell!

5. Rain and snow
Let's go play
And make a bigger snowman
Than we did yesterday.



Cubmaster:
Walking and helping
Lending a hand
How grateful we are
For this Winter Wonderland.

GAMES

FUMBLE FINGERS RELAY

Materials: 2 jars with screw on lids
10 toothpicks
2 pair of large mittens

Each team has a pair of large mittens. At a goal line is a jar, one for each team containing five toothpicks. On signal, the first person from each team races to the goal line, puts on the mittens, removes the lid, empties the jar, picks up the toothpicks and puts them back in the jar and screws on the lid. He takes off the mittens and races back to hand them to the next player, who repeats the action.

ICE CUBE RACE

Materials: A bag of ice
two spatulas
four containers

Place ice in two of the containers. Place the other two containers a fair distance away. Object of the game is to move the ice from one container to the other, by using the spatula. Boys must pick up an ice cube with the spatula and run to the other container and deposit the ice cube. First team to have all the ice in the opposite container wins.

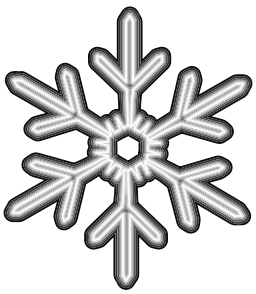
You could also use cotton balls, which are less messy.

SNOW CLOTHES RELAY

Materials: Two outfits of outside clothing
(i.e. coats, mittens, boots, snow pants, scarf, hat etc)
Two paper bags

Place the clothing in two bags. One team member must run across the room put the clothes on in order of receiving them out of the bag. Then run across the room and take it all off, for the next player to put on. First team to have all players finish, wins the game.

SKITS AND STORYTELLING



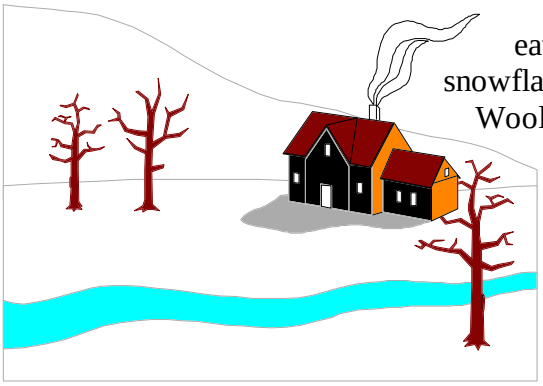
A WINTRY MIX-UP

Instructions: Print the following phrases, one per card. Distribute to the audience. The Narrator reads the story aloud, pausing at each blank space. The person with the next card fills in the blank.

A quart of eggnog
A Snowman
A broken T.V.
Chicken feathers
An old innertube
Frozen fingers

A Little Lamb
A pound of butter
A fluffy pillow
A snow shovel
14 cookies
Snow boots

Bubble Gum
A pair of dirty socks
A dog' s bone
A Stocking cap
Lipstick
Furniture Polish



It was a cold winter night. The icicles on the eaves of the cozy house hung down like _____, and the snowflakes were falling as fast as _____. Inside, Mrs. Woolley sat in her old rocker that creaked like _____. She was knitting a pair of mittens the color of _____. "Where can my husband be," she wondered as she went to the stove. She lifted up the lid and stirred a bubbling pan of stew. The stew smelled delicious, just like _____.

Just then, two little children burst into the room. Their frightened faces were the color of _____. "Mommy, come with us!" they cried. "Something is happening in the garage." Mrs. Woolley tossed her knitting into_____ and ran out the door so fast that she almost tripped over _____. With a noise like _____, the three quietly crept to the garage.

In the frosty sky overhead, the stars twinkled like _____, and the snow lay on the ground as deep as _____. Through the window of the garage, they could see a figure pulling tools off the shelf and stuffing them into a sack that was as lumpy as _____.

"A robber," Mrs. Woolley whispered to the children. " You grab _____, and you grab _____, and I' ll make a noise like_____ to scare him away."

But just then, the door opened, and the person inside quietly crept out. "Stop, thief", Mrs. Woolley tried to shout, but she was so frightened, her voice sounded like _____. The figure with the sack stopped short. Then there was a jolly laugh, and a voice said, "What are you doing out here so late?"

It was daddy, himself! He said he was just gathering some tools to fix the broken sled, which had lost _____. Daddy had the day off tomorrow, and wanted the whole family to go sledding.

He took each child by the hand. "Your hands are so cold, they feel like _____," he said. They all hurried into the house for a bowl of stew, which tasted better than _____on that cold night. Then he gathered the family around the fire, which was crackling like _____, and read them all a story about _____. How wonderful it was to be together again.

THEME CRAFTS

WINTER SCENE WATER GLOBE

Materials Needed:

1 jar (baby food or jar of your choice with lid
Water
Sparkle Flakes and/or glitter
Figures to make the scene (small figures that are water safe). People, trees, fences, etc.
Glycerin (in pharmacy's)

Instructions:

1. Clean the jar and the lid
2. Choose the figures or items to be put in.
3. Arrange them on the inside of the jar or the lid. Glue them in with hot glue. Supervise the glue gun.
4. Fill jar with water and put the Sparkle Flakes or glitter in the water.
5. Screw on the lid and hot glue the around the lid. Be sure that no water comes out the lid when the jar is turned up side down.

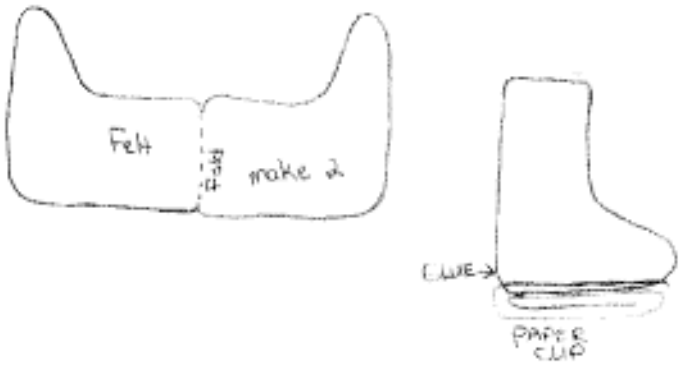
PAPER CLIP ICE SKATES (PAIR)

Materials Needed:

2 paper clips
Felt (a color of your choice) Pattern
Craft glue

Instructions:

1. Trace the pattern onto the felt with a pen or marker
2. Cut out leaving the bottom uncut.
3. Fold the skate in half at the bottom and insert the paper clip.
4. Glue the two halves together with a ribbon or string or yarn at the top.
5. Let the boys decorate it any way they want.



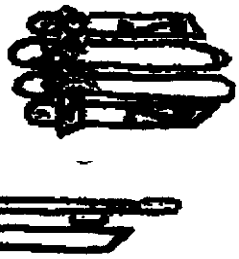
HOLIDAY AND SEASONAL CRAFTS

CANDY JAR REINDEER
(Pack-o-Fun Nov. 2000)

MATERIALS:
Recycled baby food jar
2 3/8' foam egg
Espresso Bean metal paint
2 1/2" x 4" piece of light brown craft foam
2 1/2" x 4" piece of dark. Brown craft foam.
12" length of 3/8" black satin ribbon
3" length of brown chenille stem
3/4" gold jingle bell
Jute twine

INSTRUCTIONS:
1. Paint lid Coal Black. Let dry, Replace lid on jar.
2. Paint egg with Espresso Bean. While paint is still wet, dip paintbrush into a small amount of Real Red for cheeks. Let dry. Dip handle end of paintbrush into Coal Black; touch handle to head for eye. Repeat for other eye and to dot a slightly larger nose. Paint a 1/2" long mouth line from center to bottom of nose. Use toothpick to highlight dot each eye and to tri-dot top of each cheek. Use Bright White.
3. Use marker to draw a wiggle line on one side and along all edges of each antler and each arm. For hooves, use Coal Black and paint 3/4" from bottom on each side of arms. For arm support, insert one end of chenille stem through center top of arm; twist end for arm support. Repeat for other arm. Glue center of arm support to center top of lid. Glue head on lid. Let dry. Apply glue to end of antlers, and insert into top of head, spacing each approximately 3/8" apart. Glue each ear to top of head in front of antlers. For hair, cut five 1" lengths from twine. Glue hair on top of head between the antlers. Tie ribbon on a bow around bottom of head; cut ends at a slant. Glue jingle bell on center front of bow.

SLED ORNAMENT



Use 9 popsicle sticks. Cut 4 at an angle 1/2" from end, using a saw or wire cutters, then sand them. Spray or paint with red paint before gluing. For bottom of sled take two pieces of popsicle sticks to secure sleigh and to put runner on bottom of sleigh. On top of sleigh the "turn bar" is glued on. Glue Holly Sprig and hanger just above turn bar. Decorate with silver glitter and glue (or use fabric silver paint.)

CLAY POT ANGEL

Start with 2" clay pot. Paint it white. Use some lace or light blue paint to make a scalloped bottom. Paint a 1 1/2" wooden doll head flesh colored. Paint black for nose and mouth. Use wiggle eyes or paint some. Take hot or Tacky Glue to attach head to body. Attach hair to head with glue. Halo is a gold ring or gold pipe cleaner/chenille stem Wings are a scalloped wood heart painted either silver, gold, or white. Glue on the back of the angel. Put a ribbon at neck.

LOOK FOR 'BEADED ORNAMENT' INSTRUCTIONS IN MARCH'S HOLIDAY CRAFT

SONGS, CHEERS, AND SPARKLERS

SONG SERVICE

Tune – Winter Wonder Land,

In December we can think of service,
And plan of all the people we can help,
The Cub Master will ask if we are ready,
And we will do our best job all around,
Later on we'll bake cookies, frosting all over our faces,
To pass them around, turn their frowns upside down,
Doing service is so fun you see!

SONG I HEARD THE CUBS

Tune - I heard the Bells

I heard the call of cubs on day,
Their old familiar laughter play
And wild and sweet the boys repeat
Oh come with us to Scouts today!

SKIT FLOWERS

#1 This year we are going to have lots of Christmas flowers.
#2 Why is that?
#1 Last year I planted all the Christmas Bulbs.

SKIT SERVICE

Cub 1 – (*Pretends to pick up a ball, and throw It in the air, then swings other arm over head to hit the ball, like playing tennis),*
Cub 2 – What on earth are you doing?
Cub 1 – I'm doing my service!

SKIT SNOWMAN

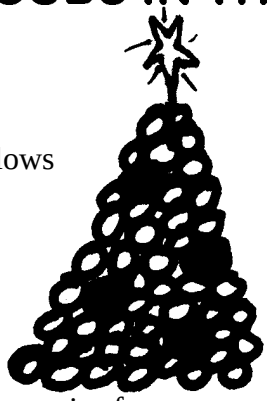
Cub 1 – Standing still looking like a snowman
Cub 2 & 3 – Walk in together
Cub 2 – Hey! What a cool snowman!
Cub 3 – Sure is!
Cub 1 – *(Shrinking down to the floor)*
I'm melting, I'm melting,
Cub 2 – What do you think is the matter with him?
Cub 2 – Don't mind him, he's all wet!

APPLAUSES/CHEERS

1. DRIPPY SNOWBALL-- Pretend to make a snowball saying (hee, hee, hee), lift arm over head and throw, water runs down arm, looking at arm saying Yuck!
2. SNOW GLOBE-- Pretend to pick up a good sized snow globe, shake it up, and look at it and say, OOO, AAH, pretty
3. FLOATING SNOWFLAKE-- Put your hands in the air, move hands slowly dawn, in left hand to right to left to right action, until waist high, saying, Chill Out!
4. WONDER LAND-- Pretend to be thinking, tapping finger on chin, saying, I wonder. Get a big smile on face, with palms side up, and say, Wonderful!
5. SERVICE-- Saying, very serious – To serve, or not to serve? That's the question! Then ask, "Now what's the answer!"
6. REPEAT AFTER ME—Group repeats everything the leader says, "Winter—winter, Wonder—wonder, Land---land How Grand—how grand!"
7. SANTA—"Ho, ho, ho!" Ho ld stomach as you laugh
8. UP ON THE HOUSETOPS—Pretend to slip, slide and fall off the roof and scream.

CUBS IN THE KITCHEN

CHRISTMAS TREES



3 Tbsp. butter
3 Cups miniature marshmallows
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1/2 tsp. green food coloring
4 Cups Cheerios
Sliced gumdrops
Toothpicks
Yellow/gold stars

Melt butter and marshmallows; stir often. Remove from heat, add vanilla and food coloring. Fold in Cheerios. Cool. While cooling, make stars and slice gumdrops. Butter hands and shape 2/3 cup mixture into a tree and place on waxed paper. Add gumdrop slices Put star on top with toothpick.

RAINBOW SOUP IN A JAR

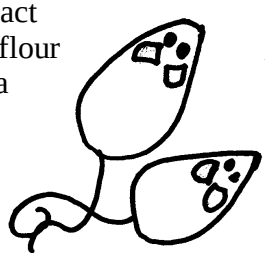
Warm the heart as well as the stomach, with this colorful bean soup.
8 kinds of beans, dried peas, lentils etc.
9 wide mouthed pint-canning jars
Rainbow soup recipe (see below)

Pour 1/4 cup of each kind of beans in layers into the jar, put on lids and decorate the lids, tie with a ribbon and attach the recipe card.

COOKING THE BEAN SOUP:
Rinse, pick through beans, and soak them overnight. Drain and rinse beans again and place them in a soup pot with **4 crushed garlic cloves and 10 cups water or stock.** Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 1 1/2 hours. Add 2 **diced carrots** and simmer for one or more hours. Add 2 **cups crushed tomatoes, 2 chopped onions, 1 diced green pepper, 1 tsp. dried parsley, 1/4 cup lime juice, 1 tsp. chili powder.** Cook slowly for thirty more minutes. Stir in 1/4 **cup chopped fresh cilantro and salt and pepper** to taste. Serves 8.

NUTCRACKERS PEANUTTY MICE

1/2 cup butter softened
1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1 large egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 3/4 cups all purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
Peanut halves
Mini chocolate chips
Shoestring licorice



Cream the butter, peanut butter, and sugars. Beat in the egg and vanilla until fluffy. Sift together the flour, baking soda and salt, and stir into the wet mixture just to blend. Cover and chill until firm (about 1 hour). Shape level tablespoons of dough into balls. Pinch one end of the ball to form the pointed mouse nose. Then flatten the bottom and pinch sides to create a rounded back. Place the mice 2" apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Push in peanut halves for ears and mini chocolate chips for eyes.
Use a toothpick to make a small rounded hole for the tail. Bake in pre-heated 350 degree oven for 8-10 minutes or until firm. Cut the licorice into 3" long tails and insert while cookies are still warm. Makes 4-5 dozen.

THEME MIDWAY

Snowflake Neckerchief Slides

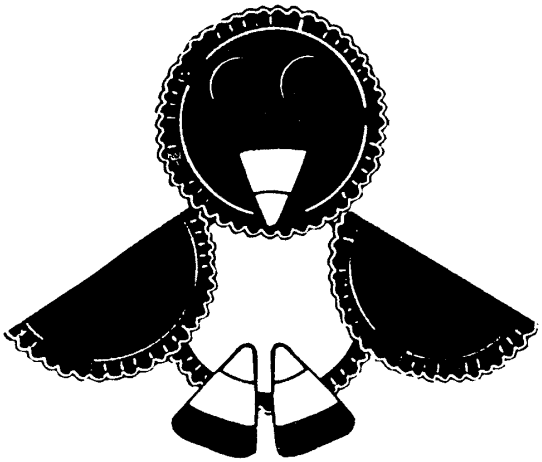
Materials:
lid from frozen whipped topping
copy of snowflake
black permanent marker
"slide" (milk jug handle)
hot glue gun

Directions:
Enlarge, then trace snowflake onto lid with black marker. Cut out and glue slide to snowflake.

Sled Ornament

Materials:
6 regular popsicle sticks
1 mini popsicle stick
Cord for sled "rope"
1 ornament hanger
red, white, black paint
Paintbrush
old tooth brush (for splattering)
clear coat spray
Christmas decorations (flowers, pine cones, bells, etc.)

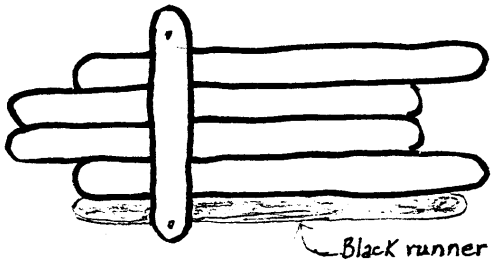
Directions:
Arrange 4 sticks for body. Glue mini stick to top. Turn sled over and glue runners to sides. Paint sled red, runners black. Splatter with white paint. Spray with clear coat. Glue on any desired decorations. Attach cord and hanger.



Penguin Treat

Materials:
1 1/2 Chocolate sandwich cookies
2 colored candies
3 pieces of candy corn
white frosting

Directions:
Cut the cookie half in half. (For wings) Divide the full cookie in half. Use the half without the white filling for the head, the half with the white filling for the body. Attach the eyes, beak, feet, and wings with the white frosting



DEN AND PACK RECOGNITIONS

Snowman - Marshmallows
Sugar Crystals
Ice Cream Cone
Frosty the Snowman
Snow Shoes
Snow Cave
Icicles
Light Award/Torch Award

Snow Cone
Igloo - make out
 of sugar cubes
Snow Shoe

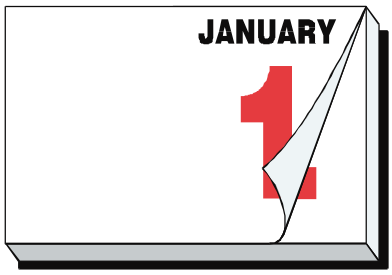
BSA FAMILY AWARD

Suggested Topic

' Planning & Organizing'

(Family Book p. 32)

Get ready for next year by setting some goals this month. Have a family council and discuss possible goals, such as going on a vacation, learning to do something new as a family, or completing a project to enhance the house. Consider setting a goal to earn the FAMILY AWARD. Choose two activities in each of five areas to work on. Suggestions for each month are found in this book. If you do one of these each month, at the end of the year you could receive your family award. Have Fun!



THEME RESOURCES -- Winter Wonderland

CATEGORY	NAME	BOOK OR REFERENCE (Note: All books can be found at Scout Shop)
Extra Ideas	What do you do at Holiday Time?	National Theme - December 2000
	Holiday Magic	National Theme - December 1999
	Winter Games	Cub Scout How To Book p.2-47
	Winter Activities	Cub Scout How To Book p 8-32 through 8-34
Stories	"The House Where Santa Claus Lives"	Cub Scout How To Book pg 6-4
	"My Trusty Musket"	Crazy Cory's pg. 6
	"The Legend of the Olympic Torch"	Crazy Cory's vol. 2 pg. 20
Ceremonies	Snowflake Instant Recognition Ceremony	Ceremonies for Dens and Packs pg. 2-4
	Yule Log Advancement Ceremony	Ceremonies for Dens and Packs pg. 8-12
Applauses & Cheers	Goodbye Santa, Icicle, Rudolph, Santa Claus, Snowball, Snowman, Sleigh & Working Elf	All the Applauses We Could Find (alphabetical)
	Olympics, Ice Cube, Melting Icicle, Santa & Rudolph	Crazy Cory's vol. 2 pg. 81 & 82
Sport Pin	Skiing	
Cub Requirements	Wolf Elective 20 - Winter Sports	Wolf Book
	Bear Elective 20 - Winter Sports	Bear Book

Santa Claus Cheer: Stand up and put hands on tummy, bend forward and laugh Santa Claus style while saying, "Ho, ho, ho."

Santa Claus Run-ons:

How does Santa Claus water his garden? With his ho, ho, hose
How does Santa Claus keep his legs warm? With his ho, ho, hose
How does Santa Claus weed his garden? With his hoe, hoe, hoe
What does Santa Claus eat for breakfast? His Cheerios, hos, hos
What is Santa Claus's favorite dessert? Hoho, hos

SCOUTER'S TIPS: Use your imagination. Don't be afraid to try new things. Involve the group. Avoid cheers or other things that are in bad taste or negative.