

Cub Roundtable November 6, 2008

Theme for December 2008: Holiday Lights

This month Cub Scouts will share their holiday traditions with others in the pack and in the community. Lights on a Christmas tree, candles on a menorah for Hanukkah, candles on a kinara for Kwanzaa - many of our holiday traditions involve lights. Boys can be stars this month by brightening someone's holiday season with a gift of compassion. A den can plan a visit to a nursing home or children's ward; they might also sing holiday favorites.

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Yours in Scouting,



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PACK RESOURCE SHEET

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Pre-Opening Activity: Holiday Bingo

Materials: Bingo cards with a grid of 16 (four by four) squares, pencils

As people arrive, give each person a bingo card and a pencil. Participants are directed to introduce themselves to others and ask the person they meet to fill in something that is related to the holiday season in one of the boxes on their cards. Examples include snow, candy canes, candles, family, and greeting cards.

Opening Ceremony: Spirit of Cub Scouting

Materials: One blue candle for Cub Scout 1, one white candle for each of the remaining Cub Scouts. (If it is not possible to use candles in your meeting room, use artificial candles or drawings of candles.)

Arrangement: The room light is dimmed. A den of boys stands in front holding lit candles. One boy holds an unlit blue candle. Narrator stands away from the boys.

NARRATOR: This is a season of lights. Thousands of homes burn candles to light the way for the Christ Child. Thousands more burn candles to commemorate the miracle of the oils of Hanukkah. And thousands yet will light candles of Kwanzaa. Each of those candles also represents the spirit of goodwill among humanity.

(Cub Scout 1 lights his candle.)

NARRATOR: Cub Scouts has such a candle. It is called the spirit of Cub Scouting and it burns in all our hearts. We strive to keep this light lit year-round as we live by the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack.

CUB SCOUTS: Please stand and repeat the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack with us. *(Repeat the Promise and the Law.)*

NARRATOR: We will leave our Cub Scout spirit candle burning throughout this meeting to remind ourselves of our ideals.

Prayer: A Prayer of Faith

We thank thee Lord for our Families,
For America that keeps us free,
For the Independence we enjoy,
And for family Traditions new and old,
Grant us Health all year long
To keep our minds and bodies strong. Amen.

Song: Giving Gifts

Tune: "Jingle Bells" chorus

Giving time, sharing time,
Fun for everyone.

Cub Scouts know that holidays are
The time for deeds well done.

Giving time, sharing time,
Let us all take part.

Join with Cub Scouts all around,
And give gifts from the heart.

Cheer: Cub Scouts Give Goodwill

Divide the audience into three groups. The first group says, "Cub Scouts," the second group says, "Give," and the third group says, "Goodwill." Cubmaster points to groups randomly. Conclude the cheer by pointing to groups in the correct order.

Advancement Ceremony: Candlelight Advancement

Materials: The Cub Scout spirit candle from the opening ceremony; one candle for each family whose son is receiving an award

CUBMASTER: This is a special season. We celebrate the birth of Christ, the light of the World; Hanukkah, the Festival of Light; and Kwanzaa. Tonight we celebrate the Light of Cub Scouting by recognizing the achievements of these boys. *(Dim the lights and call names. As each family comes forward, give them a candle and have them light it from the Cub Scout spirit candle.)*

The glow of these Cub Scouts' achievements and the pride of their families light up this stage. When they leave here, that light will be spread throughout this pack and our community. Congratulations!

Closing Ceremony: Spirit of Cub Scouting

Materials: The Cub Scout spirit candle from the opening ceremony

CUB SCOUT 1: Now our meeting is ending, and we must blow out the candle of the spirit of Cub Scouting.

CUB SCOUT 2: But let us silently pledge to keep the ideals it represents ever burning in our hearts.

(Extinguish the candle.)

CUB SCOUT 1 and 2: Good night, everyone. Happy Holidays!

Cubmaster's Minute: Cub Scout Heart

"The heart of a Cub Scout is a beautiful and shining thing. It can light up the darkest night. It can bring a smile to the face of other people. Why? Because the heart of a Cub Scout is bright with the Cub Scout spirit, the spirit that says, 'I will help those around me. I will give of myself to those who need my help.' You will give off the special glow of kindness and brotherhood that will shine forever around you."

Game: Gift Giving

Materials: One beanbag (or sock ball) per player, one box per team

Divide the group into teams of equal number of players. Space the team boxes equidistant from each other. Team members place their bean bags in their box. The beanbags represent gifts or goodwill. On the signal to begin, each player takes one beanbag at a time to one of the other teams. Beanbags must be placed—not thrown—into boxes. Players continue placing their gifts in the other's boxes for a specified amount of time (e.g., two minutes). On the stop signal, the players return straight home. Team with the fewest beanbags will be declared the best gift givers.

Game: Holiday Scramble

Materials: Large paper with a list of words or expressions pertaining to the holiday, goodwill or friendship; large cards with the necessary letters to spell all the words on the list

Post the paper so that everyone can see it clearly. Give each player one or more cards, each with a letter on it. When signaled, the players scramble and stand so that their cards spell a word correctly. Those players who form the word yell the word. The game leader checks the word off the list, and the players scramble again to form another word. The team works together to spell the words on the list as quickly as possible. Players are allowed to swap letters with each other.

This game can be played as a team competition.

Examples of words and expressions:

"Goodwill"	"Friendship"
"Greetings"	"Kindness"
"Thank you"	"Reindeer"
"Dreidel"	"Light"
"Gift"	"Candle"

Game: Gift Wrapping

Materials: A box, wrapping paper, tape, and scissors for each team

Divide the groups into teams of two to three players. Each player on the team must keep one hand behind his back; together, they cooperate to wrap their gift. Teams compete for speed and neatness.

To make this game more challenging, have the players wrap their gifts in silence.

Project: "Stained Glass" Greeting Card

Materials: Clear sheet protector, wide black permanent marker, permanent markers in various colors, aluminum foil, cardstock, tape

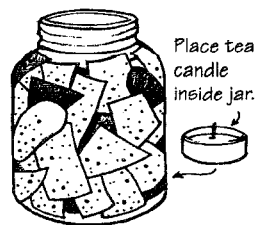
Fold cardstock in half. Cut a shape (oval, triangle, simple holiday shape) out from one side. Cut open the sheet protector and cut out a piece that will cover the opening in the cardstock. Using the black marker, draw thick lines on the sheet-protector piece. Let dry. Tape the sheet protector on the inside of the card against the opening. Using color markers, fill the areas between black lines. Crumple up a piece of aluminum foil, then smooth it out and tape it to the back of the sheet protector.

Write a holiday message on the inside of the card.

Project: Glitter Candleholder

Materials: Small glass jar, colored tissue paper in three or four colors, glue, fine glitter, container for glue, brush, tea candle

Cut the tissue paper into small pieces of any shape, but not too small (one to two inches). Dilute a small amount of glue with about an equal amount of water. Mix glitter with the glue. Using the brush, spread a small amount of the glue mixture onto the jar. Stick on a piece of tissue,



making sure the tissue piece gets wet but not dripping. Apply another tissue piece with one edge overlapping with the first. Keep applying tissue pieces. Colors will run, blurring the edges of individual tissue pieces. When the jar is covered, apply a thin coat of the glue mixture over the tissue pieces.

When dry, place a tea candle inside the jar.

Note: For fire safety, avoid gluing tissue pieces to the top edge of the jar.

Project: Frosty Pop

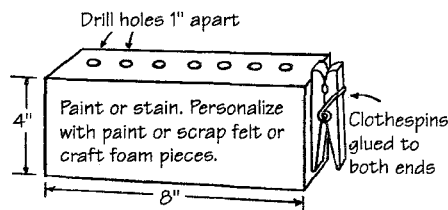
Materials (for each Frosty Pop): Three marshmallows, one peppermint patty, one chocolate kiss, one bamboo skewer, round toothpicks, food coloring (red, orange, green, black or blue), clear plastic wrap, one twist tie or short length of ribbon

Push three marshmallows onto the skewer; add peppermint patty and chocolate kiss for Frosty's hat, taking care that the skewer goes only partway into the chocolate kiss. Dip the tip of a toothpick into black or blue food coloring and gently press it into the side of the top marshmallow to make Frosty's eyes. Use food colors of your choice to draw a carrot nose, mouth, and buttons. Wrap the pop in clear plastic wrap and tie it at the bottom with twist tie or a piece of ribbon.

WEBELOS ACTIVITY BADGE PROJECTS

Craftsman: Pencil/Pen/Memo Holder

Materials: 2" x 4" piece of wood about 8 inches long; vise or C-clamps; sand paper; hand drill and 3/8-inch drill bit; ruler; pencil; one or two spring-type clothespins; wood glue or hot glue; paint or wood stain; scrap felt or craft foam (optional)



Place the wood in the vise (or clamp it to a work surface) with one narrow side facing up. Beginning one inch in from one end on top of the wood, make seven marks at 1-inch intervals. Drill a hole at each of the marks, trying to make all the holes the same depth. Sand the entire holder smooth. Attach clothespins upside down to either end with glue. When the glue dries, the holder can be painted or stained; when the paint is dry, the holder may be personalized with paint or scrap felt or craft-foam pieces.

This makes a great gift. If giving as a gift, add pencils and a memo pad.

Scientist: Diving Raisins

Materials: Raisins, clear soda, scissors, clear drinking glass

Cut several raisins into small pieces with the scissors and drop all the pieces into a glass of clear soda. They should sink to the bottom. After a few minutes the raisins will rise to the surface and dive to the bottom. They will continue to rise and sink until the soda goes flat. Why?

Look closely at the raisins. What do you see? Tiny gas bubbles have become attached to each piece of raisin. The raisins and their accompanying gas bubbles rise after their combined weight becomes less than the weight of the soda they displace. Eventually, when enough gas bubbles break loose and escape, the raisins sink to the bottom of the glass and the process repeats.

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Details: Goodwill is hosting an annual event called Santa Wheels. The main aspect of this event is to refurbish children's bikes and then distribute them to children in the CSRA. It would be a great opportunity for hands-on work and learning skills in bicycle repair. Please call me at 706-691-6527 if you think that any of the Scout would be interested in helping.

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