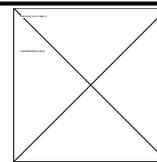

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I would like to thank Jerry for being such a huge help on last month's Bugle. My husband Jim and I went out of town in April, and Jerry stepped in and did a lot of work on the Bugle. We went to Alabama to scout out a place to live. Pardon me as I digress a bit from scouting, but we found a wonderful place to live in Madison, Al, and we are building a home. But let me say, not only will I miss my home and family and friends here, I will also really miss my scouting home.

While being on the Web I came across this address. It takes you to a Cub Scout Web page. There are only two web addresses in the Greater St. Louis Area Council and one of them belongs to **Pack 939** in our district. It is one of the best web sites I have visited to date. Congratulations Pack 939. You can visit their site at the below address:

<http://www.emf.net/~troop24/scouting/cubs.html>

Again while being on the internet I found another interesting article

For Every 100 Boys Who Join Scouting

- 2 will become Eagle Scouts
- Rarely will one be brought before juvenile court
- 12 will have their first contact with a church
- 1 will enter the clergy
- 18 will develop hobbies that last through their adult life
- 5 will earn their church religious award
- 8 will enter a vocation that was leaned through the merit badge system
- 1 will use his Scouting skills to save a life
- 1 will use his Scouting skills to save his own life
- 17 will be future Scout volunteers

I would like to thank Wayne S Mery for making this information available on the 'net'. He found it in a Circle 10 1996 PowWow Book.

Next month I will be doing a survey on the Bugle. I am doing this for several reasons. After 4

years, next month will be my last issue. In doing a survey we will find out how useful the Bugle has been as an enhancement to what is done at Roundtable. I can find out if it is useful, to what degree, and your likes and dislikes. It is important that you fill out the survey next month, and I will appreciate your help. I will take the results of the survey and present it to our Roundtable Staff, and possibly it will give me an idea as to whether or not to try this in my new Cub Scout home. I appreciate your help in this matter, please be ready next month.

This time of the year is a wonderful time to be a Cub Scout Leader working with the Cub Scouts. There are many opportunities for learning and fun inside and now outside. Now is the time of the year when we spend more time with our dens and pack outdoors I would like to go over some safety guidelines and ideas in this issue, which you will find below.

If you have any questions or suggestion about the Bugle, e-mail me at CMR1954@aol.com.

It's better to look ahead and prepare, than look back and regret

Safety in the Outdoors

In April I went out to St. John's Hospital, and when I left the parking lot I ended up going in the opposite direction that I came. Not everyone has a poor sense of direction like I do, but it got me thinking as I started this month's Bugle about being in the outdoors, and sometimes how easy it is to get lost.

There is no reason to alarm your scouts about safety in the outdoors. This is only an outline of some of what you might want to

cover with your scouts. It is just another step in **BEING PREPARED**. First of all each boy should have a fanny pack or a belt pack to wear when you take them on a hike in the wilderness. Some of the items that can fit into these packs are a whistle, a mirror (for signaling), a light stick, a bandages, tissues, and a water bottle.

Putting the above items in a belt pack will keep the boys' hands and arms free. Teach the boys the importance of each item in his pack. The whistle should be used **ONLY** if they get separated from the group. A signaling mirror can be used to reflect the sunlight in any direction without the boys having to use a lot of energy. A light stick can only be used once. It is a great way to mark your location if your are lost at night. Bandages are handy just in case they get a scrape. Hiking around outside will make them thirsty. Teach the boys that although the body needs water, it is as important not to drink all their water all at once.

Those are just a few guidelines that will help your Great Outdoor Adventure with your scouts be a safe, enjoyable one.

OPENING CEREMONY

STAND UP FOR THE FLAG

Cubmaster: Stand up for the flag of America, wherever you may be. Respect it and protect it, for it shall keep you free. Free to do what you want to do, and say what you want to say. Free to go where you want to go, and pray the way you want to pray. Stand up for the flag of America, for all the world to see. Stand up for the flag, that star spangled flag, that stands for you and me.

ABCXYZ OPENING

This ceremony will require seven participants: One narrator and six Cub Scouts. Each Cub Scout will need a large card with the appropriate letter on the front in super large lettering. Print the words on the back of each card for the boy to read. Remind him to read over the card and not have his voice become trapped behind the card as he reads.

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Narrator: To study nature is to learn about our environment and how we can protect and preserve it now and for the future.

Boy 'A': ACTION: Take action to keep the world around you at its best. Take no action that will destroy it.

Boy 'B': BEAUTY: We are blessed with the beauty of nature all around us.

Boy 'C': CITIZENSHIP: Practice good citizenship by caring about the appearance of your neighborhood and home town.

Boy 'X': X is the unknown factor. What will happen if we don't all work together to preserve our environment.

Boy 'Y':YOU!! It is up to you to set the example for others.

Boy 'Z': "Z" is for ZEST. Go about your projects with zest and enthusiasm. Walk hand in hand with Mother Nature. She will always be your friend.

ACTIVITIES

CUB CORNER

Explore a park or vacant lot for living things in the air, on the ground or in the water. Make a collection or display. Mount butterflies by pinning down their wings so they aren't damaged on cotton under glass. Mount insects by gluing small ones to triangular pieces of paper.

Dry pressed leaves and plants between layers of weighted newspapers. Change sheets next to plant every day for about five or six days until dry. Scotch tape to cardboard.

Scrub seashells in hot soap and water. Spray with plastic spray if you wish and glue to display board. Dry starfish and crabs in the sun before mounting.

Mark off a square foot of ground. See how many different types of plants, grass, stones, insects, etc., you can find in this small area. A digging tool and magnifying glass will help.

Bees And Butterflies

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The next time your den is anyplace where there are a lot of flowers, pretend that all of you are bees and butterflies. Zigzag from one flower to another. Look at a blossom from the insect point of view. Stick your finger down into the blossom to find the pollen. How would you get to it if you were an insect?

Feel the pollen and smell it. Be careful that you don't run into a real bee!

Listening Post

Find a spot just for you within sight of your leader and listen carefully for two minutes. Then come together and tell each other what you heard. How many sounds did you hear? Could you tune out sounds from the world of people?

Marking A Nature Trail

Use simple signs that campers can make.

Label plainly - not too much printing.

Put something interesting on besides the name.

Use a variety of types of signs

Put signs where they can't be missed – some high, some low. Have too many than too few. Place so the next marker is plainly seen along the trail.

Some are permanent (as on trees).

Some are seasonal (as on flowers).

If you use wire, make it loose, not tight.

Don't use nails. Small tacks on thick bark -- ok!

Examples:

Plain baggage tag - good for temporary trails or seasonal things. Mark with pencil or India ink.

Peg Sign - Make of wood - for sticking in the ground.

Pulpit Sign - Made of wood - good for things close to the ground.

Sheltered Label - Make of wood – protects pictures and labels from rain.

Tin Can Top Label - These can be enameled and lettered. Suspend by wire or tack to bark.

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Hanging Sign - Small blocks of wood with eyelets for hanging by wire or string.

GAMES

Keep America Beautiful

The audience is told that a tree will be planted and through the magic of Cub scouting, will grow and blossom. Two teams of four are chosen and each team selects a captain. The captains are given signs to wear which say "sapling". Each captain stands in the middle of his team. Others on the team are handed a paper sack containing a roll of scotch tape, 20 or 30 green construction paper leaves, a few birds, blossoms and butterflies made out of construction paper, a bird nest, and a few small real branches. At the signal to "go", each team begins to make their 'sapling' grow by handing him the branches to hold and taping the contents of the bag to him. First team to finish is the winner.

Duplication

Make up a list such as the one below for each boy. Boys can hunt in pairs in your backyard or in the park. See which pair can find the most within a limited amount of time.

1. A cup of wet sand.
2. Something that flies
3. A worm
4. Five maple leaves
5. Three rocks at least two inches in diameter
6. A piece of string
7. A dandelion

SCAVENGER HUNT

Find these items (listed in the book *Sharing Nature with Children* by Joseph Cornell)

1. One seed dispersed by the wind
2. Three different kinds of seeds
3. One camouflaged insect
4. Part of an egg
5. Something perfectly straight
6. A chewed leaf
7. A feather
8. Something fuzzy

9. Something white
10. Something beautiful

Outdoors Alphabet Game

Divide the den into two teams and give each a paper and pencil. Set a timer for six minutes and ask the boys to write down items in the outdoors that begin with each of the letters of the alphabet.

SKITS

The Peanut Butter Skit

Several boys come hiking in. "All right guys, let's break for lunch. We'll take 30 minutes, unpack your lunches."

Everyone sits down and unwraps sandwiches from their own paper bags. One has ham, another tuna, etc. The last has peanut butter. He says, "Yuk! I hate peanut butter." He opens another, then another. Each time, it's peanut butter. "Yuk! I hate peanut butter!"

Then one of the other boys speaks up. "We go through this same thing every trip. If you don't like peanut butter, why don't you ask your Mom to fix something different each time?"

"You leave my Mom out of this! I fix my own sandwiches for these hikes!"

The following skit is best done by the adult leaders at a pack meeting

The Fisherman

Props needed: one chair, one fishing pole, green garbage bag half filled with crumpled paper.

The Scene set-up: Leader sits on chair, holding pole, making like he is fishing. Another leader announces that the scene takes place on a frozen lake. The sitting leader is obviously a successful fisherman, because look at all of the fish that he has in his garbage bag.

First Leader: (Walks on) Wow! Look at all of the fish! What's your secret? Etc., etc...

Fisherman mumbles a reply but doesn't open mouth...

First leader says can't understand

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reply... while first leader is trying to get fisherman to say something, second leader walks on, and goes through the 'Wow... What's your secret?' routine.... Fisherman mumbles a reply, but still doesn't open mouth. Continue this until all of the leaders are on stage, with all leaders commenting on 'What's your secret?'.... Once all of the leaders are on stage, everyone starts to get angry at fisherman for not replying in a way that they can understand., etc., etc. Finally, fisherman cups hands under his mouth, and goes 'Patooee', and says something like: 'Well, the secret to my success is that you have to keep the worms warm!'.

- ◆ Thanks to Jim Speirs, speirs@MAIL.NORTH.NET

SONGS

Taps

Day is done
Gone the sun
From the Lakes
From the hills
From the sky
All is well
Safely rest
God is nigh.
Fading light
Dims the sight,
And a star gems the sky,
Gleaming bright,
From afar,
Drawing nigh,
Falls the night.
Thanks and praise,
For our days,
Neath the sun,
Neath the stars,
Neath the sky,
As we go,
This we know,
God is nigh.

- ◆ Thanks to The U.S. Scouting Service Project

Hello

[Tunes: Coca Cola's I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing or Auld Lang Syne

I love to hear the word Hello,
 Wherever I may go.
 It's full of friendship
 And good cheer
 And warms the heart up so.
 Hello, Hello, Hello, Hello,
 Hello, Hello, Hello.
 When e'er we meet
 Like friends let's greet
 Each other with Hello.
 Hello, Hello, Hello, Hello,
 Hello, Hello, Hello.
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 -- Thanks to Laura Humphrey

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

Nature

Equipment: A three foot high tree limb with several branches, set as if it were a tree, in a can of plaster of paris. Green paper leaves (made with a thin wire and wire stem sticking out) with Cub Scouts' names, awards, badges, and arrow points.

Personnel: Cubmaster, Webelos Den Leaders, advancing Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts and parents.

Cubmaster: "This little tree is a symbol of the natural beauty of our land. The tree also represents Cub Scouting.

It takes a long time for a beautiful tree to grow. In the same wave, a Cub Scout spends a lot of time and effort in advancement from rank to rank. So do his parents who help him.

Today we will see how much prettier this Cub Scouting tree will be when we put some leaves on it. Each of these leaves represents the time and effort put into their advancement work by our Cub Scouts and parents.

(Call forward boys and their parents, who are receiving Wolf badges and arrow points, give them awards and have them put one leave for each award on the tree. Then award the Bear badges and arrow points, putting their leaves on

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the tree. Have the Webelos leader call the boys and the parents for activity badges, Webelos badges, and Arrow of Light, which have been put on leaves. After all awards are presented and leaves added to the tree, the Cubmaster resumes speaking.)

Each of you have helped to nurture this tree. Just as trees endure for many years, so the values gained from working on achievements, electives, and badges will last you a lifetime. May you always stand strong and tall like a tree – and be a beautiful resource for our land.

My Shadow

**I have a little shadow that goes in
 and out with me,
 And what can be the use of him is
 more than I can see.
 He is very very like me from the
 heels up to the head;
 And I see him jump before me,
 when I jump into my bed.
 The funniest thing about him is
 the way he likes to grow,
 Not at all like proper children,
 which is always very slow;
 For he sometimes shoots up taller
 like an Indian Rubber ball,
 And sometimes he gets so little
 that there's none of him at all.**

Robert Louis Stevenson

SNACK

Ants On A Log

Put peanut butter in the middle of a piece of celery and the line raisins up along the length.

Breakfast Orange Surprise

For this breakfast treat you need one orange per person and Angel food cake mix. Angel food is the easiest since it doesn't require eggs.

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Get a good morning fire going. Cut off the top 1/8 of the orange. Eat the pulp of the orange without peeling it. It's okay if you leave a little pulp in the orange. Mix up some Angel Food cake batter. Fill orange peels 1/3 full with batter. Put the top back on the orange. Wrap in foil. Set in coals for 20 minutes. Enjoy!!!

Eclairs

Use a stick about the width of a broomstick cut long enough for the kids to hold it safely over a fire. Grease one end - wrap a crescent biscuit dough around the stick, sealing the end. Toast over the fire until brown. Take dough off the stick. Fill with pudding. Frost the top with frosting. You've made an eclair.

Football Pudding

Follow the recipe on the back of an instant pudding box. Put the ingredients in a ziplock bag, sealing it. Put it in another ziplock bag again seal it. Easily pass it around for about 2-3 minutes to mix it or until pudding forms.

CLOSING CEREMONY



Wildlife Pledge

Cubmaster says a line and the audience repeats after him.

I pledge to use my eyes to learn to see the beauty of all out doors.

I pledge to train my mind to learn the importance of nature.

I pledge to use my hands to help protect our soil, water, woods, and wildlife.

And by my good example, show others how to respect, properly use and enjoy our natural resources.

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WEBELOS ACTIVITY BADGES

TRAVELER

The word "traveler" suggest faraway places and long trips. Some of the Webelos may have already enjoyed such travels in their short lifetime.

The Traveler activity badge will help the boys discover new things about traveling, and they will have a great time "navigating" for mom and dad on the required trips.

Careers/Speakers

Pilot, flight attendant, bus driver, trainman, taxi driver, luggage manufacturer, moving company, air traffic controller, travel agent, corporate transfer agent, travel guide, hotel operator.

ACTIVITIES

Field Trips

Arrange a visit to the main office of the AAA in St. Louis. Find out what service they offer. Ask to see a TripTik being set up. Look at maps, currency information, and how to figure time zones.

Visit a bus or airline terminal and observe the operation. How do people know where to go to get on board? If you were never in this city before, what would you learn by looking around the terminal? What is the view? What if someone had an emergency or needed extra help?

Many boys this age have never ridden on a city bus or the MetroLink. Take the boys on a ride near your home and ride as a group downtown. Count how many people get on and off. Where do you think they are going? How do people occupy their time while riding?

Vacation Fun

Ask boys to bring in some vacation pictures for everyone to look at. Ask them to point out on the map where they went, tell how they traveled, and where they stayed.

Scheduling

Use an airline timetable to answer the following questions.

1. What is the earliest time you can depart from St. Louis to fly to Seattle?
2. What is the flight number?
3. What kind of airplane is being used on that route?
4. When will you arrive in Seattle?
5. How far is it in statute miles?
6. Does the time zone change as you travel?
7. How much time does your flight take?

Movies

Want to travel to faraway land and learn all about the culture. . . for free? Browse around the local library to find travel movies, documentaries, or National Geographic - type shows that your den can watch. The library also has slide sets available with written descriptions or cassettes.

Ask around to see if there are any "Armchair Travelers" clubs in your area that you could visit. Sometimes the library sponsors travel shows, as well as senior citizen clubs or churches.

**Practice makes perfect,
so be careful what you
practice.**

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Smithtown, U.S.A.

Characters: Uncle Joe (dressed as an old man)

Little Joe (dressed as a Cub Scout)

Scene: Uncle Joe is standing at a bus stop in Smithtown, holding an old suitcase at his side. He looks lost. (Put up signs for the names of the buildings in the skit, a bench, and other hometown items for skit props.)

Little Joe: (Rushing in) Uncle Joe, there you are. I'm sorry I missed your bus. Did you have a nice trip?

Uncle Joe: Oh, yes! This was my first bus trip, and I learned so many new things! It's an amazing world out there, Little Joe.

Little Joe: Welcome to Smithtown. (Sweeping arms to show off the street.) It's not much, but it's my home.

Uncle Joe: (Looking around.) So it is!

Little Joe: You can practically see the whole town from right here at the bus stop. This is our Town Hall. (as he point to buildings Uncle Joe nods and smiles.) And down there is the Lairds Grocery Store. (Points the other way.) And way down at the end is the old Smith Manufacturing Company. That's our main business here!

Uncle Joe: (Stops nodding and looks very puzzled.) Where I come from, I know a lot of folks named Smith, but I didn't know they were all manufactured here!

Tie Slide

Road Map

Materials needed: 2" square piece of 1/2" scrap wood, old road map, piece of plastic pipe, glue, small plastic car.

Directions: Sand wood smooth. Cut a piece of the map the same size as your wood, then glue it on. Hot glue the small plastic car on top the map, Hot glue the pipe to the back of the wood to form the slide loop.

Fifty States

Materials needed: Paper and pencil for each boy. Work alone or in pairs.

Instructions: Make a list of as many of the 50 states that you can think of. Score extra points if you also know the correct capital of the state.

Way to Go

Divide den into two teams. In this relay the players are to travel from one end of the room to the other. Each team member must travel in a different way; however, the opposite team may use the same idea.

Suggestion are: front rollovers, cartwheels, skipping, rolling, hopping.

Pack Meeting**Going Nowhere Fast!**

The Den Leader and all the Webelos line up in front of the audience. The boys demonstrate the actions, while the leader read.

The curious traveler stood up.

He looked to the north.

He looked to the south.

He turned and faced east.

Then he decided to look to the west.

He turned all the way around and faced the north.

The curious traveler stood on tiptoe to see over his neighbor's shoulder.

But he couldn't see anything (Palms up)

So (big sigh) he sat down again.

Traveling Pack

Buy a large map of the United States and pin it onto a large foamboard. Set it up on a table or an easel to use for the pack meeting pre-opening activity.

Have boxes of pins with five colors of heads nearby. Post a legend for the colors: red=car, blue=bus, green=plane, brown=train, yellow=a very unusual method like hot air balloon, dog sled, etc.

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As families arrive, ask them to mark two places they traveled, using the colors of pins to represent how they got there.

For part of the opening ceremony comment on how extensive the travel has been. Name a few of the towns and ask who put the pin there. Ask about the yellow ones, for sure! How did they travel?

ARTIST**ACTIVITIES****Color Fun**

If you have access to a computer with the painting software, give the boys a show.

Living Mural

Sketch a scene of large mural-size paper. Plan some spots in the scene where you can use your own arms, legs, or head as part of the picture. Paint the scene, then cut out the holes you planned. Make up a short skit to go along with the picture.

Hang the mural of a frame, or on a 2x4 between two ladders. Stand behind it and put your head, etc., through the holes while the narrator is telling the story.

Settings could include a den leader, standing beside several Scouts, a family portrait with mom and dad sitting on chairs and children standing behind, a wacky looking artist teaching a student, animals in a parade.

Out of Sight

Have Scouts sit up to a table. Give each a piece of construction paper. Blindfold everyone and give them each a crayon. Ask them to draw a picture of a clown. When all are finished, collect the papers before removing the blindfolds. Hang the picture up and ask the boys to guess which is their own picture. (You may want to write initials on the back side when you collect them. It's harder than you think.

Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is the probable reason why so few engage in it."

Henry Ford

WHAT'S WRONG

1. Cut pictures from old magazine ads and catalogs.
2. Arrange the pictures however you like to make a "What's Wrong" picture.
3. Have another person find everything that is wrong in the picture.

MAY ROUNDTABLE

Theme for May: Tomorrow's World
 Webelos Activity Badges: Aquanaut, Geologist

**You Can't Get
 Much Done By
 Starting
 Tomorrow**

District Resources

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