
BALOO'S BUGLE



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My last Roundtable in St. Louis I was

unable to make due some surgery I had. For those of you in St. Louis I wanted you to know that I am just fine now. I would also like to thank those who have e-mailed me since I have moved to encourage me to keep on doing the Bugle. Yes, you know who you are ☺, and thank you so much.

How many times have I said, "I can't? How many times have you said that? Right now something we might hear is "I can't find the time to help the Pack." With School Night for Scouting happening around the country, this is a good time to consider answers to that sentence. You could respond with, "Mr. Can't died twenty years ago and is buried in a cornfield" (got that from my daughter many years ago), or you can Be Prepared with persuasive reasoning to counter that remark. I read an article many years ago that said we spend approximately 15 minutes a day talking with our children. And a lot of that is corrective in nature. Then your child is 16 years old, and well, they simply aren't around that much. Scouting is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with your child. As a former committee member and den leader it also gave me an opportunity to know my son's friends and their parents. Find the time to work with your son's pack in some capacity, it will give you memories that will last a lifetime.

I will now be uploading *Baloo's Bugle* in the AOL Scouting Library under it's title instead of Aug RT N/L or whatever. So, next time you look for it there that is the title it will be under.

If you have any submissions, questions or feedback , e-mail me at CMR1954@aol.com

**EVERY ADULT NEEDS A CHILD
TO TEACH;
IT'S THE WAY ADULTS LEARN**

**Training Tip
Why Training**

Every Cub Scout deserves qualified, trained leaders who will provide him with the best program

possible, the way it is intended. Trained leaders ensure that the goals of Cub Scouting are met.

All Cub Scout leaders need training to help them understand the aims and purposes of the Scouting program, to improve their ability to work with boys and other leaders, to learn Cub Scout skills, and to learn how to plan an effective Cub Scout program. The leadership-training program of the Boy Scouts of America provides this information and helps leaders become confident in carrying out their responsibilities. Each Cub Scout leader's job is different. This is the main reason why training leaders is so vital to the success of the program. Not only must they know how important their jobs are, but they must be acquainted with the methods used to attract and hold boys in Cub Scouting.

In packs with trained leaders, these results are evident:

1. Quality den and pack program with enthusiastic and interested boys and families.
2. Boys stay in the program longer.
3. Trained leaders stay in the program longer.
4. Relationships between the pack and chartered organization are stronger when pack leaders fully understand their jobs.
5. There is a better chance that the purposes of Scouting will be met.

This is just a portion under Leadership Training in the Cub Scout Leader Book. You can find this book at your Council office.

TIGER CUBS

Big Idea #2 Family Entertainment

Opening: Recite the Tiger Cub Promise

Search: Plan to go bowling for the group activity of the month. Decide where, the time and cost.

Discover: Explain the rules of bowling to the boys. Make a bowling game. Have each team bring an empty 2-liter pop bottle. At the meeting cover the main part of the bottle with a strip of paper and number the pins accordingly 1 through 10. Set them up. Roll a ball towards the pins. Score as in regular bowling or make up your own points.

Share: Share some family activities from the past month or discuss your favorite sport.

Closing: Recite the Tiger Cub Motto.

Opening: Recite the Tiger Cub Promise.

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Search: Plan to visit the library for the group activity of the month. Find out who has library cards. Make the necessary arrangements. Discuss different kinds of books - fiction, autobiographies, science fiction, etc.

Discover: Have each Tiger Cub and adult partner act out a book title. Remind them to use a book that everyone should know about.

Share: Share your favorite book.

Closing: Recite the Tiger Cub Motto.

PRE-OPENING

This is a fun pack meeting get-acquainted game. Gather one signature for each line. Make up more questions based on the location you hold your meeting.

1. Had poison ivy this summer.
2. Went to day camp.
3. Can lay a log cabin fire.
4. Knows the name of the Cubmaster.
5. Was a Cub Scout when young.
6. Can tell the recipe for s'mores.
7. Knows the words to Tap,
8. Can identify a tree nearby.

🔥Fire Fire

Give everyone a sheet of paper with the letters FIRE SAFETY written down the left side and ask them to get the signatures of persons whose first or last names start with those letters.

OPENING CEREMONY



★With the room lights turned out, the Cubmaster lights a candle and says:

"Cub Scouts, this candlelight represents the Spirit of Cub Scouting, lighting our way through life."

"This flame also represents danger. You have learned about the danger of fire and how to prevent it. Let's remember what we have learned so we will always use fire wisely and safely, not only as boys, but later on as men."

"This light of Cub Scouting gives us warmth and good cheer. Make sure it is never allowed to run wild and destroy lives and property. Let's always be fire detectives."

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Lights on. Have a Webelos den post the U.S. Flag and pack flag and lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Song

★ (tune: Auld Lang Syne)

Welcome to our Pack Meeting
We hope you have some fun.
We are ready for awards
Now that our work is done.

Wolves and Bears and Webelos
Are ready to perform.
We've been learning fire safety
To keep us safe and warm.

★BECAUSE OF MY SON

Because of my son - I found a job to do,
I became a Scouter, tried and true.

I understand boys better because of my son.
It happened through Scouting - Gee, what fun.

Because of my son - I can be worthwhile.
Oh what a reward, to see a boy's smile!

Tis endless, the pleasures gained from Scouting.
Because of my son - I've gained friends beyond measure.
Tis indeed blessed to hold such a wonderful treasure!

Hours that were idle, are now filled to the brim,
Because of my son - I enjoy life with him!

Because of my son - I've a new way of life.
I recommend Scouting for each husband and wife!

Don't spend your spare time, doing nothing at all.
Because of your son - heed the Scouting call!

Author Unknown

★Cub Scout Fire Detectives

Cub #1: Our Den Leader made us detectives,
Although we don't wear gold shields.

Cub #2: We snoop for things that start fires
In houses and forests and fields.

Cub #3: So watch where you store those old rags,
And be careful with gasoline.

Cub #4: Don't put wires under carpets,
And keep the furnace clean.

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Cub #5: All Cub Scout detectives know that You should never with matches play.

Cub #6: They even have family fire drills, So everyone know the safe way.

Cub#7: Please be fire safe were you work, Where you play and in your home.

Cub #8: Join us Cub Scout detectives-- Be alert wherever you roam.

If you are feeling low, don't despair. The sun has a sinking spell every night, but it comes back up every morning.

BRAIN TEASER

☞Rearrange the following letters to form only one word
Y E L O N O N W D O R

Answer: Only one word

☞Farmer Higgs own 3 pink pigs, 4 brown pigs and 2 black pigs. How many of Higgs' pigs can say that they are the same color as another pig on Higgs' pig farm?

Answer: None, pigs can't talk)

RUN-ONS

☞**Cub 1:** The doctor told me to drink some lemon juice after a hot bath.

Cub 2: Well, did you drink the lemon juice?

Cub 1: No, I haven't finished drinking the hot bath yet.

☞**Cub 1:** What did you learn in school today?

Cub 2: Not enough, I have to go back tomorrow.

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

Bobcat Ceremony

Equipment: 4 candles

You Bobcats who knock at the gates of Cub Scouting are you ready to follow the scouting trail through three years of Cub Scouting? Future Bobcats repeat with me the Cub Scout Promise.

□ (Light 1st Candle) The Cub Scout follows Akela. Who is Akela? In Cub Scouting Akela means "Good Leader." Your Mother and Father, your teacher, your cubmaster, and other people who have shown that they are the kind of people who are able and willing to help you. Follow Akela.

□ (Light the 2nd candle) The Cub Scout helps the pack go.

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When you become a Cub Scout, you are no longer just a boy. Now you are a member of a den and a pack. You can't think only of yourself, but you must think of your fellow Cub Scouts. Help the pack go by coming to all meeting, following the leaders, and in every way making the pack better because you are in it.

□ (Light the 3rd candle) The pack helps the Cub Scout grow. You will have more fun when you join the pack. You will learn things from other people. And you will learn to do things with them. That's the real fun of Cub Scouting. You help the pack go and the pack helps you grow.

□ (Light 4th candle) The Cub Scout gives good will. You will find that if you smile at your friends, they will smile back. Look for things to do for others. Smile and help - these are two fine Cub Scout words.

Now so that your boys may know their parents are supporting them in the Cub Scout program, will you repeat this parent promise after me.

We the Parents of a Cub Scout

Promise to help our boy

To become a better citizen

By helping him live up to the scouting ideals
And by helping him with his cubbing achievements.
(Present Bobcat pin) Wear it with pride!

Den Meeting Ideas

1. Ice or roller-skating.
2. Go to the library
3. A dad with interesting occupation experience talks about it.
4. Trip to a fire station.
5. Dad with special hobby tells boys about it.
6. Visit to police station or highway patrol.
7. Backyard breakfast cookout.
8. Science teacher presents a project.
9. Treasure hunt.
10. Night meeting to study stars.

SKITS

★ Fire Safety Stunt

Characters: Mr. James- wear a suit or shirt and tie

Narrator-wears suit or shirt and tie

Hoseman-carries a garden hose

Ladderman-carries a chair

Chief-wears a fireman's hat and raincoat

Prop: Candle and off-stage siren

Narrator: Now these evening, folks, we have Mr. James to talk to us on fire safety. Let's welcome Mr. James. (Narrator begins applause.)

Mr. James: Hello ladies and gentlemen. This evening I would like to discuss the hazards of an unwatched flame. I shall light this candle now as the first part of my demonstration. (He lights candle. Just as he is about to open mouth and begin to talk, a siren goes off.)

Hoseman: (Enters, shouting) FIRE, FIRE, FIRE!

Ladderman: (enters and sets up chair next to Mr. James. Other firemen may enter, adding to the excitement.)

All: (Yelling) CHIEF, CHIEF, CHIEF, CHIEF!!!

Chief: (Enters and climbs on chair. He ceremoniously blows out the candle. All the firemen run off stage.)

Narrator: That concludes our fire safety demonstration. Thank you, Mr. James. (Shakes Mr. James hand.) I'm sure we'll all remember that an unwanted open flame can cause a lot of trouble.

Why Are Fire Engines Red

Characters: 7 Cub Scouts each with a picture of a fire engine to hold

Cub 1: Why are fire engines red: Well, roses are red too.

Cub 2: And two and two are four. Four and eight are twelve.

Cub 3: There are twelve inches in a ruler. Now Queen Mary was a ruler.

Cub 4: Queen Mary was also a ship. Ships sail on the sea.

Cub 5: Fish swim in the sea. Fish have fins.

Cub 6: The Finns fought the Russians. The Russians are red.

Cub 7: Fire engines are always rushin', and that's why fire engines are red!

Fire Safety

Characters: 2 Cub Scouts

Props: Matched Props

1st boy is pretending to strike and throws it down and repeats it a couple of times. **2nd boy** walks up to him.

2nd boy: Hey, stop that!

1st boy: Why?

2nd boy: Don't you know you can start a fire that way?

1st boy: Yeah, ain't it neat.

2nd boy: No, it's not. Fire kills and destroys. People could die, and you would be the cause.

1st boy: Aw, come on, just one match?

2nd boy: That's all it takes. (both exit)

DOING NOTHING IS THE MOST TIRESOME JOB IN THE WORLD BECAUSE YOU CANNOT QUIT AND REST

SNACKS

☺Jell-O Apples

Ingredients: 3-oz. package of Jell-O (any flavor), five apples.

Directions: Pour the dry Jell-O into a medium size plastic bowl. Slice the apples in a food processor, then dump into the bowl. Cover with a tight lid, and shake until

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apples are even coated. Yummy! Try different flavors of Jell-O and see what you like best.

☺Bundt Worm

Ingredients: bundt cake (any flavor), string licorice, white icing, and green food color.

Bake the cake and cool. Cut the cake across the middle and rearrange the two pieces to form an "S" shaped worm. Work on large cardboard covered with foil, or on a large platter.

Frost with green tinted icing. Lay pieces of licorice across the top curve of the cake to form the sections. Cut smaller pieces of licorice and stick into the front end for the feelers.

☺Cookie Cups

Bake slices of refrigerated cookie dough press into muffin cups. To serve fill with ice cream, pudding, fruit, etc.

GAMES

☺Football Game

One team gets on each side of a table. Each side tries to blow a ping-pong ball off the opponent's side of the table.

☺Feather Blow Relay

Blow a feather 25 feet and return touching off the next Cub Scout. The more the merrier for this event.

☺Fluff

Carry feathers on a plate. Cub Scout must pick up any that drop.

☺Relay of Beans

Carry beans, one at a time on a knife.

TONGUE TWISTERS

1. How much dew would a dewdrop drop if a dewdrop could drop dew.
2. Jasper the genius genially jogged and jumped joyously.
3. Four flat flounders fought five ferocious flukes.
4. Bluebirds bring bright berries.
5. She sheared six shabby sick sheep.
6. Bluebirds bathe in the blue birdbath.
7. French fried fresh fish.
8. Slimey slippery sycamore saplings.

CRAFTS

❖Ghost Lollipops

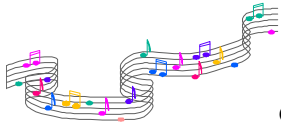
Cover tootsie roll pop with a tissue or napkin. Tie up with black and orange yarn. Make eyes and mouth with fine tipped marker or wiggly eyes and a drop of glue

❖Halloween Slide

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Mold wire or bread twist tie into a horseshoe shape. Mix water and plaster until soupy. Pour into a Halloween candy mold and insert wire. Leaving enough loop for neckerchief to fit. Let dry and pop out. You can oil the molds beforehand to ease the removal. Paint with acrylic paints.

❖ Fireman's Neckerchief Slide



Get a small stick 5/16"sq., by 4 1/2" long. Build up head with 2 layers of plastic wood. Form it with your fingers. When dry, file or sand it carefully to look like the head of a match. Dip the match head end into red paint let it dry. Then dip in the very tip of the match head into white paint. Add a leather loop to the back of the stick. The Cubs can personalize the front of the stick with their pack number, den number or name.

SONGS

Akela's Pack

(Tune: I've been working on the Railroad)

We're a pack of happy Cub Scouts
Tribe of Webelos
We'll eventually be Boy Scouts
As everybody knows.
Don't you want to come and join us
Be with all the rest?
Don't you want to be a Cub Scout
Come and Do your Best.

The Nothing Song

(Tune: Reuben, Reuben)

Nothing, nothing, we sing nothing,
We sing nothing all day long.
We sing absolutely nothing.
How do you like our nothing song?

* Fire Safety

(Tune: Auld Lang Sye)

Be careful where you throw a match,
An awful fire could start.
Break every match at least in two.
It pays to do your part.

* I Wish I Were A Volunteer Fireman

(Tune: I Wish I Were an Oscar Meyer Weiner)

Oh, I wish I were a volunteer fireman,
That is what I'd really like to be.
'Cuz if I were a volunteer fireman,

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Everyone would look up to me.

I'd climb up ladders high to save babies.
I'd battle fire, smoke and burning steam
I'd wear my big, red fireman's cap proudly,
And polish my badge until it gleamed.

I'd rescue cats from limbs in very tall trees,
And do inspections very carefully.
I'd teach the kids to all be fire detectives,
'Cuz then my job would be so easy.

ACTIVITIES

★ Home Fire Hazards Hunt

Create some fire hazards around your den meeting place. Some suggestions include:

- ◇ Matches left out on a table, within reach of children,
- ◇ An outside door blocked by a chair,
- ◇ Oily rags piled in the corner of the garage or room,
- ◇ Grease spilled near a stove burner,
- ◇ Screen fallen away from a fireplace, and
- ◇ An electric cord on floor in walkway or under rug.

Give the boys 10 minutes to catalogue the hazards. Ask them to explain all hazards. Ask the Cubs to inspect their own homes, correct any problems with their parents' assistance, and report back next week.

❖ Fire Safety Activities

1. Ask Cubs to collect some newspaper clippings about local fires. Mount on a piece of posterboard to display at the Pack Meeting. Discuss ways the fires could have been prevented.
2. Ask Cubs if they have ever had a bad experience with fire. Have their family members or friends had one?
3. Ask Scouts about special fire prevention rules that pertain to special holidays, such as Christmas, New Year's Eve, or the Fourth of July.
4. Talk about fire exit routes for your den meeting place.
5. Play Roll in a Blanket from this section.
6. Invite a firefighter to visit your den meeting/pack meeting. Or visit a fire station.
7. Role-play an emergency in which your neighbor's house catches on fire. Include telephoning 911 or the appropriate emergency number for your area.
8. Create an emergency number sticker for the telephone. Photocopy, have Cubs write their numbers on the form, and cover with some contact paper--extending the paper 1/2 inch so that it will adhere to the phone or phone book.

CLOSING CEREMONY

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Arrangement: Room lights are extinguished. The Cubmaster lights a single candle at the front of the room and says:

Cub Scouts, this candle represent the spirit of Cub Scouting, lighting your way through life. But the flame also represents danger. This month we have learned about the danger of fire and how prevent fires. Let's remember what we have learned so that we will always use fire wisely and safely.

FIRE PLEDGE SAFETY CLOSING

Have all stand and give the Cub Scout Sign and repeat:

Because I love American and all she offers me, I will do my best to protect my home and that of my friends and neighbors from fire.

WEBELOS

SCIENTIST

☺Food Science

Invite a dietician to your den meeting to talk about how and why foods cook. Why do you add yeast, salt or soda to recipes? What happens if you forget part of the ingredients? How does a microwave oven cook foods? What other ways are there to prepare food?

Do some cooking in your kitchen and then sample the foods. (Microwave cupcakes, hot-air popped popcorn, cookies baked in the oven, grated cheese broiled on bread, steamed pudding...Yum!!)

GAMES

☺True or False

Make copies of this quiz for all the Webelos to try.

1. Electric current was discovered in 1781, in Italy? (True, by Luigi Galvani)
2. Vulcanized rubber was an accidental discovery by Charles Goodyear. (True, in 1839)
3. Madame Curie was the second woman to win the Nobel Prize for Chemistry for the discovery of radium. (False, she was the first woman, in 1911)
4. Mark Twain was the first author to submit a typewritten manuscript to a publisher. (True *Life on the Mississippi* in about 1875)
5. "Disks for the eyes" was the original name for contact lenses.

(False, the name for eyeglasses that were made in Italy in 1280.)

☺SPECIAL AWARDS

Honor your pack leaders by making up some of these "scientific awards." Cut them out of poster board.

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- Astronomers are far-sighted. (Glasses with big eyeballs)
- Chemists really stir things up (Beaker with bubbling mix)
- Gravity is a heavy subject (Shape of the Earth)
- Stars are night lights that don't run up bills. (Stars)

☺SCIENCE FAIR

Set up tables and hold a science fair during your pack meeting. Show some of the simple experiments you have been doing in your den meetings. Display items that you have made.

Make a display of items and write the date of invention or discovery on an index card and tuck it under the edge. If it is a large object, use a child's toy or model. It would be really interesting to line the items up in chronological order. You can find a longer list in The World Almanac.

Audio cassette: 1963	Electric Razor: 1917
Pendulum clock: 1657	Stethoscope: 1819
Polaroid camera: 1948	Submarine: 1891
Aerosol spray: 1926	Telescope: 1608
Video disk: 1972	Thermometer: 1593
Frozen Food: 1924	Tupperware: 1945
Gyroscope: 1852	Typewriter: 1867
Kaleidoscope: 1817	Velcro: 1948
Bifocals: 1817	VHS: 1975
Ballpoint pen: 1838	Barbed wire: 1874
Piano: 1709	Zipper: 1891

☺AWARD CEREMONY

Webelos den Leader is dressed as a mad scientist in lab coat and wild hair and glasses, and walks in hoding a beaker of bubbly mixture. (vinegar, soda or dry ice, etc.)

Leader explains some of the fun activities, and then announces the newest scientist of Pack X. They come forward to receive their badges. (Dressed in lab coats, if possible.)

☺SHOWMAN

The Showman activity badge has something for every Webelos. There is drama for the "ham" actor, puppetry for the shy boy, and music for all. Have fun!

☺CAREERS/SPEAKERS

Radio disc jockey, TV anchorman, sound technician, music teacher, theater manger, actor, symphony director, puppet ministry, dinner theater performer, dancer.

ACTIVITIES

☺Field Trips

Arrange a visit to your high school auditorium and meet with the drama teacher. Find out about the plays that the school presents. How are they chosen? Do they need permission to present them? How many hours

do they practice before the shows? Ask the teacher what qualities are noticed during auditioning for parts.

Look at the back stage area, sets and curtains.
Tour the lighting booth.

Visit a Costume Shop to see the variety of apparel available. Look at the wigs and accessories they have. What is the most unique costume they rent. What is the most popular rental style? Who rents from them? (College troupes, theaters, individuals, etc.)

Web Sites

<http://www.smokeybear.com/>
http://web.idirect.com/~wemac/fire_safety.html
<http://www.dayton.oh.redcross.org/pr3.htm>
<http://www.childsecure.com/safety.htm>
<http://www.scouter.com>
<http://www.cocacola.com/digitalworkout/keygame.html>

I'm not a Cub Scout Leader for the easy hours, high pay, parent's gratitude, power or prestige.

I am a leader because I want the world for your son and mine. I want it to be a world of love and laughter, where he can show compassion.

I want him to be able to look at the stars, a sunrise, a sunset, the work and the world of man and God--and feel the beauty inside himself.

I want to help him learn to finish anything he starts and do it well. I want to guide him to know his worth, a deeper understanding of himself.

I want the young Cub Scouts to be the best they can be. I want to help shape men who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others.

I'm giving of myself and my time. For this, I reap rewards far beyond what I give. I receive for my children and future generations, a better world.

I am a Cub Scout Leader because I care.

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