
BALOO'S BUGLE



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elcome to the beginning of another fun and exciting year of Cub Scouting. You will find ideas covering September's Theme for Cub Scouts and Webelos (Our Town and Communicator and Scientist). This year I will also be adding a section for our Tiger Cub Leaders.

The following is a reprint of an article I did last year, and I think it defines Roundtable very well. I would like to thank the Detroit Area Council staffers for putting this in their Pow Wow book.

What Is A Roundtable?

Don't let the name fool you.
It isn't necessarily round, and you don't need a table.
It's a training know-how show.
It's the single most important function of the district.
It's the Cub Scout program in action.
It's your most effective medium for getting the program to your unit.
It's an information source for your leaders.
It's a meeting where leaders can discuss and share what works in their dens and packs – success stories.
It's Cub Scout leaders having fun while learning.

Roundtables are a form of commissioner service and supplemental training for volunteers at the pack level to give them an example for pack and den meetings. Information on policy, events and training opportunities to share experiences and enjoy fun and fellowship so they will be able to provide a stronger program for Cub Scouts. My name is Chris, and I have been a volunteer for the BSA for 7 1/2 years. I have been doing the Bugle in its present format since 1993. The Bugle is a newsletter I do to supplement what it put on at your monthly Roundtable. I just recently started putting the 'Bugle' on-line and would like to talk about additions my on-line readers might want to consider. In my former district, (we've move to Alabama in July), the Greater St. Louis Area Council, my District Commissioner would add Council/District events that were of interest to Unit Leaders, i.e., training, camps, FOS, or other activities, and added a two month calendar with events on it. He also wrote a District Commissioner column on many different topics. Jerry printed out 130 - 140 copies a month and these were handed out at our RT. If a unit was unable to attend RT, those copies were given to the UC or ADC who got them to their units. My former D.E., Mike, handed the 'Bugle' out to newly formed

or reorganized units. . Any opinions or advice in here does not come from National or a Council Office, except for training tips. They are my own or other Scouters I have received information from.

'Baloo's' Bugle is just one of many resources that can be used. If you haven't been to a Roundtable yet, I would encourage that you go. Also, try to get as many of your unit leaders trained as possible. A publication that I found extremely helpful for whatever my job was with the Pack, is "The Cub Scout Leader Book". You can get it at your Council shop.

I am always looking for ideas/suggestions from Scouters who read this. If you have any questions or suggestions about the Bugle, e-mail me at CMR1954@aol.com

Training Tip

During the summer packs work on their programming for the upcoming year. Below you will find information on an Annual Program Planning Conference taken from the "Cub Scout Leader Book." More information about this important responsibility can be found in the "Cub Scout Leader Book."

Annual Program Planning Conference

One of the most important responsibilities of the pack committee is to keep the pack operating with a first rate year-round program. The quality of the program will depend largely on the pack committee giving the Cubmaster, the Webelos den leaders, and Cub Scout den leaders the help they need.

Cub Scout program planning includes four steps, dependent upon one another, which usually guarantees a strong pack program. The steps are:

1. Annual pack program planning conference.
2. Monthly pack leaders' meetings.
3. Monthly den leader/den leader coach meetings.
4. Monthly meetings of Cub Scout den leaders and Webelos den leaders with their den chiefs.

What is it? An annual meeting of all pack leaders designed to establish the year's program based on 12 monthly themes and Webelos activity badges, along with special activities, all tailored to the pack's needs.

Why is it held? A program planned 12 months in advance allows leaders to look ahead. Advance preparation ensures a well-rounded program of fun, variety, action, and purpose.

Who attends? The pack committee chairman and Cubmaster are jointly responsible for seeing that this meeting occurs. The pack committee chairman conducts the meeting. All den and pack leaders, den chiefs, and

interested parents attend. The unit commissioner also should be invited.

When is it held? Each year, in July or August.

**If you want to touch the past,
Touch a stone.
If you want to touch the present,
Touch a flower,
If you want to touch the future,
Touch the life of a boy.**

TIGER CUBS

The following information should be of help if you are a Tiger Cub Coach or parent. There are 17 Big Ideas.

They are:

- 1) Getting to Know You (August's Big Idea)
- 2) Family Entertainment
- 3) Discover Nature and Energy
- 4) Prepare for Emergencies
- 5) Know your Family
- 6) Know your Community
- 7) Helping Others
- 8) Go See It
- 9) Getting There
- 10) Something Special, All Your Own
- 11) Making your Family Special
- 12) Make Your Own
- 13) Caring for Your Home & Household
- 14) Family, Games, Tricks, & Puzzles
- 15) Fitness & Sports
- 16) Tell It Like It Is.
- 17) Cub Scouting, Here We Come (June's Big Idea)

Only #1 and #17 must be done in order, the other Big Ideas can be in any order the TC Coach and parents wish.

Advice: All TC Coaches should get, keep & read the TC Family Activity Book, the TC Guidebook, and the TC Resource Book. Also another important tip: Do not use fabric softener of any type on the orange TC SHIRTS!!! Sometimes it will make the iron-on paws fall or peel off. This will upset your Tiger Cubs, parents, and the TC Coach and make everyone unhappy.

My thanks goes to Larry Faust, Cub Scout Pack 303, Gulf Ridge Council for all the Tiger Cub information. He says to visit his pack at:

<http://rio.atlantic.net/~faust/pack303/index.html>

TIGER CUB

What is Tiger Cubs?

T - Time spent building a stronger relationship with a boy and his family

I - Introducing a boy and his family to Scouting.

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G - Getting to know others and ones self better.

E - Entering into a group; being part of something special.

R - Reaching out to one another and getting hands on experiences.

S - Sharing and discovering new things and ideas.

This is what Tiger Cubs is all about - Searching, Discovering, Sharing.

Will _____ please come forward. (At this point either the Cubmaster or each leader presents the Tiger Cub Coordinator with scrolls of paper like diplomas. Each scroll has one word on it, Enthusiasm, Knowledge, Responsibility, and Tiger Cub Coach Promise.

I present you with enthusiasm --ENTHUSIASM to Search out new and exciting things to do with your Tiger Cub Group.

I present you with Knowledge -- to be able to DISCOVER new adventures and new activities to do with your Tiger Cub Group.

I present you with Responsibility -- to be to SHARE all the great things you have discovered and grown in knowledge with your Tiger Cub Group.

I present you with the Tiger Cub Promise;
Tiger Cub Coordinator (opens scroll and reads):

I promise to love God, my family, and my country and to learn about the world.

Living up to this will be a challenge for you and your Tiger Cub Group. Welcome to the wonderful world of Tiger Cubs.

The following is an excerpt I have taken from the Internet. After you read this, I hope you can use some of the tips found in this article and present them to your Cub Scouts and their parents. I have included the web address at the end of the article. There are many more topics covered there.

Make your neighborhood a safe refuge for kids

Put out the welcome mat to parents and children. Our transient, mobile society causes children to frequently change schools, neighborhoods, and friends. Neighbors can help ease the strains of change by introducing themselves to the new kids on the block and their parents.

Set up an active Neighborhood Watch program.

This is one of the best ways of forming instant community. But it isn't enough to simply have Neighborhood Watch stickers in your windows.

Children, especially those, who are new to the neighborhood, may not realize what the stickers mean. Hold regular meetings with local police officers, and explain how adults and kids can help keep the neighborhood safe.

Take turns serving as the neighborhood "Safe House."

Licensed day-care providers in San Marcos place a smiling sunflower poster in a front window, designating themselves as safe havens where kids can go if they're scared or alone. Neighbors in any community could do likewise, by taking turns each month displaying a sign familiar to all the children

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and keeping an eye on activity on the street, particularly after school.

Make streets safe for kids.

Children as young as two or three years of age need to explore beyond the boundaries of their front yard. They start learning about independence and safety by riding their Big Wheel to a neighbor's house, or pulling their wagon down the block. Here are some ways to make the neighborhood safer for kids:

Post CHILDREN AT PLAY signs at frequent intervals throughout the neighborhood. Stop and talk with drivers who speed through the neighborhood. Write down license numbers and report violators to the police. Lobby city hall for traffic lights and/or stop signs where needed. Mark off bike lanes.

Establish a check-in service for after-school care. A neighbor, such as an elderly person who is home during the day, can serve as the check-in person. Kids come home from school, call the neighbor, grab a snack, then go to the neighbor's house until parents get home. Others check in before going to friends' houses, or before attending after-school activities, such as soccer practice or piano lessons. Check-in caregivers can be paid a minimal amount, say \$1 per child per day.

Sponsor neighborhood or park cleanups.

Children are bound to explore alleys, empty lots, abandoned houses and other potentially dangerous places. Hold periodic Saturday patrols to clean up such areas, removing trash, broken glass and other dangers.

<http://www.kidscampaigns.org/new.html>

PRE-OPENING

★Let's Get Acquainted

Have everyone shake hands with the person on his right, then his left. Then tell everyone on the word "Go" to turn around and shake hands with the person behind him. At this point, if everyone has followed directions, there will be no one behind to greet, for he too, will have turned.

❖Our Town Display

Put up on display using foam core or poster board displaying things unique to your area or state.

A city map

Tape recording of your state song

City/County, State Flag

Local Postcards

Pictures of famous people from your area

Display pictures of state bird, state tree, and state flower

Do a timeline showing events that have happened in your town.

OPENING CEREMONY

★Explore Your Neighborhood

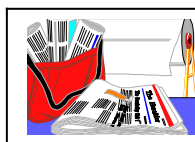
(Five Cub Scouts come on stage in turn and recite one verse)

Newspaper Boy:

I am your paperboy

I deliver the news

Freedom of press



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Has different views.

Postman

I am the postman
I deliver with dash
That Boy's Life issue
That's really a smash.



School Crossing Guard

Safety is my job
I am the school guard
You cross the street safely
To the other yard.

Speed Limit Sign

I am the sign-
That saves a lot of lives
Everyone obeys me
Without any jive.

Trash:

I am the litter
That makes everyone bitter
Let's clean it up
So life will be better.

Cubmaster:

Our neighborhood is an important part of the country in which we live. Let us all now stand and pledge allegiance to our country.

❖A Cub Scout Greeting

This is a good opening for a month when you have lots of New Cub Scouts.

Come one, come all, come join our pack.

It's so much fun, we keep coming back.

We play some games and get together,

No matter what kind of weather.

We wear the colors blue and gold,

Faith and love in our hearts we hold.

We love our country and our liberty.

On this all Cub Scouts will agree.

We're true Cub Scouts in every way.

We "Do Our Best" and we obey.

We know the Promise, Salute, and the Law,

But the Pledge of Allegiance we know above all

Come – Father, mother, sister and brother –

Come join the fun, it's like no other,

So on this year of celebration

We pledge our love and dedication

To ourselves, our family, and our nation.

PRAYER

©A Cub Scout Parents Prayer

Look down upon my son, dear lord,

This smiling Cub of Mine.

Please take his hand along the way

So he may never stray.
 Bless my son tonight, dear lord,
 And help him walk with thee.
 Give him comfort, warmth, and love,
 He's all the world to me.
 Bless his daily efforts,
 And make him strong and true,
 For life's a heavy burden,
 And we're all in need of You.
 Amen

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

★ Family Induction Ceremony

Equipment: A target with a drawing of a boy on it, toy dart and a table. The dart rests on the table about ten feet from the target.

Cubmaster: (Calls the parents and boys' forward where they stand behind the table facing the audience). You have indicated your desire to be a part of our Cub Scout pack. You see before you a target. It represents your son and all the fine things you wish for him. On the table is a dart. This represents the Cub Scout program, the activities of each den and pack, as well as the numerous boy-appealing projects in his advancement program. However, they will not reach your son until the dart is thrown and that is where you, his parents come in.

This is your program to use for your son. Go ahead, mom/dad, and throw at the target. Wait! What's this maneuvering you're going through? Are you trying to aim the dart at the target?

Parent: (Probable answer) Why sure, how else do you think I can hit it?

Cubmaster: Now you've got the idea. In Cub Scouting we've got to have parents helping and guiding their sons if they are to get what they should from Cub Scouting. Mr. and Mrs. _____, will you help your son by attending pack meetings regularly, working with him on his achievement program, helping with den and pack activities, and serving as leaders if called upon?

Parents: We will.

Cubmaster: Congratulations, we knew you would, and all of us in Pack _____ welcome you to the fun of Cub Scouting. Please accept this membership certificate for your son and present him with his Bobcat badge.

The entire audience joins in singing "Hi there!" sung to the tune of "Hail, hail the gangs all here!"

Hi, Hi, Hi, there Cubs
 We are glad to meet you!
 We are glad to greet you!

Hi, Hi, Hi, there Cubs!

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You are welcomed to our Pack!

★Parents are magical creatures. They can have the most beautiful house on the block, drive the newest car manufactured, or have the best job at the office; but when you want to see pride at it's fullest, watch their eyes when they say "That's my Boy!"

Den Meeting Ideas

Ever run out of ideas for your den meetings? Or are you afraid that actually could happen? Here are some ideas to help you before the year starts.

1. Boys put on sample den meeting for parents.
2. Go to a fire station.
3. Visit a police station of highway patrol.
4. Go to an archery range.
5. Safety inspection of everyone's bike.
6. Indoor Track meet (feather toss, straw throw, balloon heave, foot race, standing broad jump, etc.)
7. Visit a newspaper office
8. Visit a factory in your area.
9. Visit the zoo.
10. Visit a farm.

SKITS

★ The Big Party

Characters: Governor, Mayor, Commissioner, Clerk, and Narrator

Costumes: 4 large mittens, faces and hats placed on mittens

(A table is used with a cloth reaching the floor in the front. Boys with mittens on their hands kneel behind the table so only the mitten show. They mover their puppet mouths as the narrator mentions their names.)

Narrator: "I'm governor and I have gathered you here to help plan a party for Our Town, U.S.A."

Narrator: "I'm the Mayor and I say the idea sounds great to me. I think we could follow a theme to honor our good old U.S.A."

Narrator: "I'm the clerk and it sounds like a lot of work to me."

Narrator: " (Governor) "Let's see Mayor, you can find us some patriotic decorations, I'm sure!"

Narrator: "I'm the commissioner! I know everyone likes music. I would like to have a band playing John Phillip Sousa's music. Say, do you know he has U.S.A. in his last name."

Narrator: (Clerk) "I have a feeling my assignment is the refreshments."

Narrator: ((Governor) "You're right, Mr. Clerk. Now, how shall we pay for this."

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Narrator: (Mayor) "We could ask for donations at the door."

Narrator: (Commissioner) "We could sell candy bars or cookies."

Narrator: (Clerk) "There must be a better way. Let's put out heads together and think a little harder." (All get closer together and mumble.)

Narrator: So, the governor, the Mayor, the Commissioner, and the Clerk thought and thought. Then they lifted their heads and said . . ."What could be more American, we'll charge it."

★J.C. Penney

Man enters wearing a bright shirt. Another man asks, "Where did you get that shirt?" First man answers, "From J. C. Penney and walks off.

Other cubs enter one at a time and are asked where they got their boots, hat, pants, etc. Each answers, "From J. C. Penney and walks off.

Finally a man enters in boxer shorts with a towel around his waist. He is asked who he is, and answers "I'm J.C. Penney!" Both run off.

RUN-ONS

What do you get when you cross a Labrador Retriever and a hyena?

A dog that will point at you and laugh.

Why was the baby ant confused?

Because all his uncles were ants.

What do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back?

A stick.

There's two birds sitting on a perch and one says to the other, "Do you smell fish?"

A psychiatrist tells a patient, "No question, Fred, you're crazy."

"Can I get a second opinion?" Fred asks.

"Sure, you're ugly, too."

What do you get when you cross a pit bull with Lassie?

A dog who will bite your leg off then run for help.

What lies on the bottom of the ocean and shakes?

A nervous wreck.

What do you call an owl with a sore throat?

A bird that doesn't give a hoot.

A neon atom and a sodium atom are walking down the street. The sodium atom says, "I lost an electron!" Are you sure?" the neon atom replies. The sodium atom answers, "Yep, I'm positive."

What did the tie say to the hat?

You just go on a head, and I'll hang around here.

A dentist married a manicurist. Things went very well for awhile, then they started fighting tooth and nail.

Why did the chicken cross the road?

Because that's where the vegetarians lived!

What do blacksmiths take for a headache?

Anvil.

If you take some DNA from Ben and some DNA from Jerry, would you get ice cream clones??

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Why do seagulls fly by the sea?

'Cause if they flew by the bay, they'd be baygulls. (bagels -- get it??)

A man was walking a blue jay...

The cops arrested him for jaywalking!

A man walked into the Vet's office carrying a dog. He says,

"Doc something's wrong with my dog -- he just lies there and doesn't move!"

"The Vet goes into the back room and

comes out with a cat in a cage and the dog twice. "Yep,"

says the Vet, "your dog's dead that'll be \$225." "What,"

says the man, "my dog's dead and you didn't do anything, what the heck is the \$225 for??"

The Vet replied, "That's \$25 for the office visit, and \$200 for the catscan."

What did the baby corn say to the mom corn?

"Where's pop corn?"

Why didn't the hotdog star in the movies?

The rolls weren't good enough!

How do you turn a fruit into a vegetable?

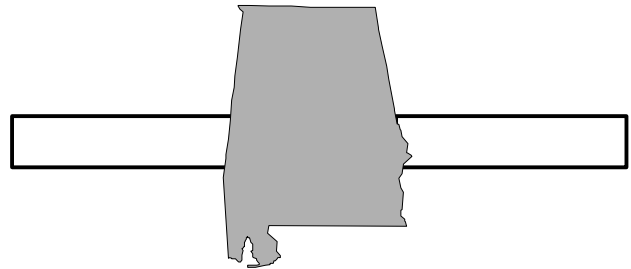
You throw it up in the air and when it comes down, it's a squash!

CRAFTS

★Your State Neckerchief Slide

Make a slide with not only your state, but mark where your hometown is. I made a few changes from Michigan's PowWow book. The state below is Alabama, my state, with the Huntsville/Madison area marked. If you don't have a picture of your state, your local library should have one just about the right size. This drawing is not done to scale, but is just an illustration of what you can do.

1. Cut out a piece of plastic from detergent or bleach bottle, approximately 6" by 3 1/2".
2. Trace the outline on the plastic, being sure to leave the long tabs as shown. Punch holes approximately where shown on drawing.
3. Draw in your city, with magic marker, paint, nail polish or crayon.
4. Bend back tabs, and lap over each other, matching holes.
5. Fasten together, with string, thread, piece of pipe cleaner, paper fastener, or anything else handy.
6. If slide is too loose on neckerchief, shorten tab ends a slight bit to tighten the loop in back.



Memory Book

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Supplies: Posterboard, yarn or brad fasteners, crayons, and hole punch

Cut posterboard slightly larger (1/2 inch) than notebook paper, or construction paper. Give each boy a front cover and back. Let your scouts decorate the front of their Memory Books. Now your scouts have their own scrapbooks for their Cub Scouting memories. Anything your Cubs do that will fit it here can now be kept and given to them when they graduate from the Pack or even passed on the Troop for when your Cubs become Eagles.

SONGS

❖ Home In Our Pack

(Tune: Home On The Range)

Oh, here is our home
Where the Webelos roam,
And the Tigers and Bobcats all play.
The Bears on the prowl
Make the Wolves give a howl,
And our leaders all work for no pay.

Home, home in our Pack
We are earning the ranks that we lack.
Akela, we hear,
Has planned a great year
And we're happy to welcome you back.

□ Around Us

(There's a Tavern in the Town)

There are some Cub Scouts in the town, in the town.
And they are looking all around, all around
To make our town a better place to be,
Each hopes to plant and raise a tree.

You Might Be Taking Your Scouting Too Serious If:

You buy that '89 Chevy Caprice because you really like that fleur di lis hood ornament.
Your favorite color is "olive drab".
You decide to lash together the new deck on the back of your house.
You plan to serve foil meals at your next dinner party.
You walk the streets in broad daylight with a coffee cup and flashlight hanging from your belt.
You raise your hand in the scout sign at a heated business meeting.
You were arrested by airport security because you wouldn't give up your official BSA pocketknife until the cop said "thank you".
You didn't mind losing power to your house for three days.
Your son hides his copy of Boy's life from you.
Your plans for remodeling the bathroom include digging the hole deeper.
You trade your 25 foot center console fishing boat in on that great little '15 foot canoe.

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Your favorite movie is "Follow Me Boys" starring Fred MacMurry, and you spent months trying to convince Disney to release it on home video.
You managed to find that 8th day in the week.
Your patron saint is Ward Cleaver.
You disconnect the automatic dishwasher in favor of the "3 pot method."
You sneak a cup of "bug juice" after the troop turns in for the night.
You can start a fire by rubbing two sticks together.
Latrines at camp start becoming comfortable.
You felt you won a moral victory when BSA brought back knee socks
You think campaign hats are cool.
You gave your wife a mummy bag rated for -15 deg F for Christmas.
You name one of your kids Baden.
Your favorite tune is "Camp Granada" (hello mudda...hello fadda) by Allen Sherman.
You can recite the 12 points of the Scout Law backwards, in order, in 3 seconds flat.
You bought 10,000 shares of Coleman stock on an inside tip they were about to release a microwave accessory for their camp stove line.
You can't eat eggs anymore unless they are cooked in a zip-locked bag.
You plan to get rich by writing a best selling Dutch Oven cookbook.
You took a chemistry course at the local college to help you develop a better fire starter.
You actually own a left-handed smoke shifter.
The height of your social season is the district recognition dinner.
A trip to Philmont is a pilgrimage.
You are convinced the center of the universe is Irving, Texas.
The sales operators at the BSA distribution Center's 800 number recognize your voice.
Singing "Scout Vespers" makes you cry uncontrollably.
You were disappointed when Scouting magazine didn't win the Pulitzer Prize last year.
The Scouts in your troop chipped in to have you abducted by a professional cult de-programmer.
Received: from
Cindy King, Kingsport, Tennessee, USA
Sequoyah Council

GAMES

© Pass the Hat

Some people in your community wear distinctive hats while they work -- construction people wear hard hats, some restaurants have special caps, nurses, firemen, baseball players, etc. Collect enough such hats for each player to wear one. Form a circle with all but one Cub Scout wearing a hat. On signal, each player reaches to his right, removes the hat from that person, and places it on his own head. Speed up the signals and then suddenly have everyone stop. Speed up the signals and then suddenly have everyone stop. The Cub Scout without a hat drops

out. Start again (with one less hat) and continue until only two players are left. Change the directions from time to time during the game.

FUN FACTS

If NASA sent birds into space they would soon die; they need gravity to swallow.

Did you know the month of September is NATIONAL WATER QUALITY MONTH?

Announcing

The New Built-In Orderly Organized Knowledge Device (BOOK)

>>It's a revolutionary breakthrough in technology: no wires, no electric circuits, no batteries, nothing to be connected or switched on. It's so easy to use even a child can operate it. Just lift its cover.

Compact and portable, it can be used anywhere --even sitting in an armchair by the fire-- yet it is powerful enough to hold as much information as a CD-ROM disk.

However, after attempting to use one of the devices I've detected several bugs that seem to severely hamper its usefulness in practical application.

Construction: Upon opening the cover as instructed the promised informational content was not apparent. Upon closed inspection the first few "pages" appeared defective as they were totally blank. These were forcibly removed from the "binding". Now when opened the book is ready to view.

Orientation: After exposing the first encoded page the second problem with this data format was that everything on the "page" was totally incomprehensible. As the book has no set orientation I was able to rotate it 90 degrees, twice, to bring the characters on the page into an orientation where they were all recognizable.

Format: Though the characters were now readable the text was gibberish.

After some searching I was able to find a friendly, but rather dull, drudge at a nearby University who was kind enough to help me. He worked in a large building filled with books where people seemed to freely borrow books at no charge to themselves.

I reasoned that anybody who spent 8 hours daily around that many books must know something. He informed me that the book I possessed was written in a "language" called GERMAN. He further explained that books are available in many different formats (languages) and that there was no ongoing project he knew of to fix that problem. There was no file conversion software included with the book I had, nor, I was informed is there any such software available. In short the book I possessed was of no use to me without extensive training. First FORTRAN, then BASIC and COBOL, now German--NO

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WAY. He did exchange my book for one written in the language he suggested (English). There was a modest exchange fee and he made pointed comments about the condition of my old book, but I was really too excited to pay much attention.

After again overcoming the construction and orientation problems described above I was able to start reading my book. It seemed to be a fascinating tale that started with the revelation that the Butler was a murderer. Despite my best efforts I could not follow the story line from page to page. I consulted my helpful friend again and he pointed out the cover with embossed lettering was the "front". Who would know? These things should really come with users' manual. Once again I opened the book, edited out the blank pages and oriented the text (I wonder if that "binder" thing is always supposed to go on the left?) After wading through a few useless pages that seemed to add little to the story I was now able follow the plot, and the Butler seemed to be the only logical suspect. The inability of the story's characters to grasp this made the book much less enjoyable. Though this was not an in depth test of books I feel that the medium has several major flaws as detailed above. These will keep it from becoming a major information resource in the future. In my humble opinion the Book will never replace the CD-ROM.

Sincerely,

Dan O'Canna Lexington, Kentucky

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Auto-matic Laughs

Blue—All those with blue eyes pat the top of their head
Brown--All those with brown eyes pat the top of their head
Left--All those that are left handed clap their hands
Right--All those that are right handed clap their hands
New—All those under 20 years of age stomp your feet
Old—All those over 20 years of age stomp your feet
Man—All males stand up
Woman—All females stand up

One day a MAN and a WOMAN went to the store looking for a NEW car. Their OLD one, which was muddy BROWN, was not running well. It LEFT much to be desired in the way of speed and safety, and they wanted another one RIGHT away. They wanted a bright blue one. As they walked in the dealership, the WOMAN noticed a BLUE sports car on the showroom floor. "Darling," said the WOMAN. "Look at the lovely NEW car RIGHT over there. Wouldn't it be perfect for us. You may be RIGHT, it's a lot better than our OLD, BROWN buggy. Unfortunately, there's one problem. I've LEFT all my money at home," said the MAN. You've LEFT it at home?" asked the WOMAN. "Yes, it's RIGHT in the pocket of my NEW BROWN suit", said the MAN. "Your NEW BROWN suit? Why I took that suit to the cleaners just this morning, and I didn't notice any money in any of the pockets," said the WOMAN.

"But I'm certain I LEFT my money in the side RIGHT pocket of my NEW BROWN suit," the MAN said as he scratched his head in wonder. "Now wait a minute! Are you saying I'm not RIGHT? Are you saying I'm wrong about this? MAN oh, MAN oh, MAN! You have a lot of nerve!" shrieked the WOMAN.

"Let's not argue. We're here to look at cars, and that BLUE one in the corner is a RIGHT nice model. And just think. If we buy the NEW BLUE car, we'll never have to worry about our OLD BROWN one again."

After looking at the price of the NEW BLUE car, and figuring out what they could get as a trade in on their OLD BROWN one, the MAN and the WOMAN decided buying a NEW car would be the RIGHT move for them. But before they LEFT the store, they started questioning their decision. Would they be better off with the OLD BROWN car if the NEW BLUE one didn't run RIGHT? Or what about a NEW BROWN one? How long before they thought of the NEW car as the OLD car? And would they ever feel BLUE about trading in their BROWN auto? BLUE or BROWN, OLD or NEW, what was RIGHT and which car did they want to be LEFT with? The MAN and the WOMAN were so confused that they decided to sell their car and buy themselves bicycles. And that's just what they did. And they knew it was a RIGHT, LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT.

CLOSING CEREMONY

★ **Cubmaster:** In those times of gas shortages and economic problems, our neighborhood has become more important to us than ever before. We've all heard stories from our grandparents about the good old days when people sat in their yards and visited and got to know each other better. There are some of us here tonight who really don't know each other even though our sons share a common experience. Let's take about five minutes right now to introduce ourselves to each other. _____
Den ____ will retire the colors for us.

Success

Success means doing the best we can with what we have.

Success in doing, not the getting - -

In the trying - - not the triumph.

Success is a personal standard - -

reaching for the highest that is in us - -
becoming all that we can be.

If we do our best, we are a success.

WEBELOS COMMUNICATOR

BALOO'S BUGLE

☺ Communication is perhaps the most important skill for getting along with people. Every day the Webelos will be among people. Most of them will just pass by, but some may stop to talk; say a greeting, tell directions, ask a question or just visit. The better the boys can express themselves, the clearer the information they will give and receive.

☺ CAREERS/SPEAKERS

Public Relations agent, sales, retail jobs, lawyer, teacher, travel agent, telephone operator, television reporter, writer, 911 operator, radio disk jockey, preacher, newspaper reporter editor, Scoutmaster or den leader.

☺ ACTIVITIES

Ham Radio

Arrange to visit a Ham Radio Club. Learn the requirements to be licensed. In October every year, the Boy Scouts hold a Jamboree on the Air (JOTA). Many local Ham Radio clubs accommodate Scouts sending messages to other Scouts around the world.

☺ CREE ALPHABET

In 1841 James Evans visited the Cree Indians in Canada. He learned their language and customs, and wanted to help them learn to read. At that point, the Cree language did not have an alphabet, so James Evans made one up.

Find out more about this fascinating story by researching at the library. Find a sample of his alphabet, if you can. Show it to the den. If you had to make up a new alphabet for a language, how would you organize it?

☺ KDEN 5

Make up your own radio station and write the scripts for a sampling of the day. The boys might include disc jockey announcing records, interview with the governor, a fake news report, weatherman, etc.

☺ TIE SLIDE

Headphones

Materials needed: 20 gauge stem wire, small pieces of scrap wood about 1" x 1 1/4", two black pom-poms, paint, 3/4" wood staple for the loop.

Instructions: Sand wood smooth. Paint the radio a solid color and use contrasting colors to make the details such as the knobs, dial, speaker, etc. Curve the wire over the top corners of the radio and glue the pom-poms over the wire ends along side to form the headphones. Attach the wood staple firmly to the back.

☺ DIRECTIONS

Have boys work in pairs. One looks at a simple drawing or geometric figure and gives instructions to the other boy on how to draw it. He cannot say the name of the picture or shape to draw, but must describe what direction the pencil should move, where to start, etc.

Compare the two pictures at the end and see how well the directions were communicated."

SCIENTIST

☺ We live in an exciting age of science that continues to bring new discoveries every day. The scientist tries to learn the laws of nature that govern the hows and whys of the world around him. He does this so these laws can be put to work to improve the environment.

The scientist activity badge offers the Webelos opportunities for lots of fun, learning, and a touch of magic.

☺ CAREERS/SPEAKERS

Doctor, dentist, lab technician, nurse, zoologist, nuclear physicist, weather forecaster, X-ray technician, science teacher, zoo docent, researcher.

☺ ACTIVITIES**Bicycles**

Bring bicycles to the den meeting and talk about inertia, center of gravity and other scientific principles which are used to ride a bike. Have a slow-motion contest - how long can you take to ride to the finish line?

Immunizations

Ask each boy to research his immunization record and bring the dates to the next den meeting. Common childhood immunizations include: DPT (Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis), MMR, (Measles, mumps, rubella), HiB, Conjugate, tetanus, TB tine.

Ask a nurse or doctor to visit with your den and tell some of the history of the diseases that these vaccinations protect against, and how the immunization is made. Find out how much the shots cost.

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- ★ West Mich. Shores Council BSA PowWow Book
- ❖ Istrouma Area Council PowWow Book
- ☺ Viking Council PowWow Book
- ☐ Greater St. Louis Area Council PowWow Book

