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Online I belong to an Electronic RT. I typically am a spectator and read the questions, answers or opinions of over 675 people who also subscribe to this service. But on rare occasion a topic comes up that I respond to. The topic was Scouts and Alcohol. A scouter wrote that although she is totally against alcohol, she has told her son that if and when he smoked pot (and she knew he would), she wanted him to do it in her home so she could supervise. I was appalled at this and responded how upsetting her idea was to me. Of course, she was speaking of what she would allow in her own home with her own kids. But then I started thinking about how we set the example. Setting the example is very important in Scouting. To me this equation has always fit "Good Scouter = Good Role Models. In our homes we influence our children, and outside our homes we influence those we come in contact with. If we don't encourage good behavior in our families, and deny we lessen the ability for our young people to be the best they can. I believe our thoughts and actions in our homes and public impact all those we come in contact with. My viewpoints are my own as a volunteer. If you are interested in getting onto Scouts-L, I have put directions in the back of the Bugle. There is no charge to subscribe to Scouts-L.

If you have any submissions, questions or feedback, e-mail me at [CMR1954@aol.com](mailto:CMR1954@aol.com)

## Training Tip You and the Boys

Your responsibilities to boys are to:

- Respect their rights as individuals and to treat them as such.
- See that they find in Cub Scouting the stimulation, fun, and adventure they expected when they joined.
- Develop among them a feeling of togetherness and of team spirit that gives them security and pride.
- "Do Your Best" as a leader.

You will find the boys full of anticipation and enthusiasm. Their viewpoint is fresh and sparkling. Any adult who works with such raw materials cannot help but catch some of those qualities.

In working with the boys keep your sense of humor. Don't wear your feelings too close to the surface. Many things that at first glance seem very serious are actually funny. Keep your leadership on a light and free level,

and chances are, boys will respond in the same way. Then everybody gets more out of Cub Scouting.

Of course there will be challenges along the way. But you will find more than enough satisfaction to balance them. And as you help to strengthen the families and build your community, your faith in other people will increase as you see them working together on behalf of boys. That's a good feeling to have.

This information was taken directly from the Cub Scout Leader Book, which is available at your Scout Shop.

Example is not the main thing in influencing others.  
It is the only thing.

## TIGER CUBS

★ **Opening:** Recite the Tiger Cub promise

**Search:** Plan to take a hike or walk around a nature trail or park. Collect leaves from different trees. Learn the names of the trees.

**Discover:** Make a leaf rubbing - place a piece of white paper over a leaf. Using a crayon, rub over the leaf.

**Share:** Share some experiences of you and your family about camping, fishing and hiking.

**Closing:** Recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

★ **Opening:** Recite the Tiger Cub promise

**Search:** Plan a trip to a sewage plant, water plant, or electric plant.

**Discover:** Make placemats. You need: wax paper, leaf, crayons, iron, wax paper and place several leaves on it. Scrape shavings of crayon using the potato peeler over the wax paper. Place a second piece of wax paper over this. Have adult partner iron over the two sheets of wax paper making the placemat.

**Share:** Discuss some ways to conserve energy at home.

**Closing:** Recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Activities

## ★Explore a Tree

Blindfold boys, one at a time, and ask them to explore a tree. Ask them to think about how it smells, feels, etc., is the bark rough or smooth? Are the leaves damp or dry? What does it smell like? While one boy is doing this, the others observe by sight, things about the tree such as color, height, etc. After all have explored, let them compare the results. Help them identify the tree.

## ★Family Tree

Use a piece of barnwood, weathered strip of lumber or slab cut from log for backing. Have boys pick up sticks and choose one for each member of their family. Supply each boy with one walnut, glue and enough pairs of 4mm wiggly eyes for all his family. Knot holes, branch stubs and bark patterns all add interest and make each boy's family tree unique. Glue eyes to sticks and to nut -- towards bottom -- this should be an extra family member -- because 'there's at least one nut in every family'. Spray with clear acrylic to seal.

**Rocks, Shells and Fossil Prints**

Mix: 1/2 cup cornstarch  
1/2 cup salt  
3/4 cup flour

Add: warm water to make into a dough ball

The dough can be rolled, formed or used to press shells, rocks or other natural found objects into. Let the dough air dry, turning each day until dry or microwave one minute on each side. It may be necessary to adjust the microwave time according to the thickness of the dough and microwave temperature. Dry dough can be painted with tempera paint.

**OPENING CEREMONY**

★The Pack Meeting is set up and run like a world class circus. The Cubmaster is attired as Ringmaster, all Cub Scouts are in costumes

**Ringmaster:** Ladies and Gentlemen, boys and girls, welcome to our show "Under the Big Top!" Let's greet our circus performers as they make their grand entry by standing and singing the *Star Spangled Banner*.

Play snappy recording of the National Anthem as flags and color guard lead the parade. All Cub Scouts are in their den-made costumes as clowns, side show members, aerial artists, trained and wild animals. Use brilliant colors, fantastic costumes and masks with a lot of imagination. Have trilling circus music, capricious clowns (den leaders) fill in slack time between the den circus acts of your show.

**BALOO'S BUGLE****The ABC's of Friendship**

A friend:

Accepts you as you are

Believes in "you"

Calls you just to say "hi"

Doesn't give up on you

Envisions the whole of you

(even the unfinished parts )

Forgives your mistakes

Gives unconditionally

Helps you

Invites you over

Just because

Keeps you close at heart

Loves you for who you are

Makes a difference in your life

Never judges you

Offers support

Picks you up

Quiets your fears

Raises your spirits

Says nice things about you

Tells you the truth when you need to hear it

Understands you

Values you

Walks beside you

Xxxxxooooxxxxxxxxx

Yells when you wont listen and

Zaps you back to reality

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Thanks Dave for this wonderful verse

**SCROUNGING**

Here are scrounging tips I have received from Scouters on-line.

I found one of my pride and joys at a thrift shop. I was looking for an old tux jacket with tails to use as a ringmaster costume for the circus theme pack meeting. As I was looking this jacket leaped off the rack into my arms. Someone had donated an old smoking jacket. It was Red with black satin trim. I paid the \$2, added eppalets(sp?), and that jacket has been more places than I have. I ALWAYS get asked where I got it and I love to tell the story.

Chuck Dobbs

Puppets - recycle old wooden spoons, popsicle sticks, small pieces of fabric, for marionettes, small pringles cans for bodies

2. Leatherwork - I recycled a suede leather jacket into an Indian Brave's vest which was decorated by my son with fabric crayons and used the cutaway pieces for small

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leather projects such as leather head ties for the finished feather (Wolf), comb cases, pocket change holders (Cub How-TO Book), there are free patterns at Tandy's also. The jacket came into the local clothing closet and was too soiled to keep (they cost a fortune to clean). It cost nothing, but you might get a bargain at the local thrift store. I just turned the soil over or sometimes inside the sleeve is pristine. Old purses and wallets can also be recycled.

3. Wood scraps come into our green box site (recycling, garbage center). We ask the attendant to save things for us.
4. We scarf up old wheels at the "dump" for Cubmobiles.
5. End rolls of newsprint - either gotten free or very cheap from the Newspaper or Recycler. The newsprint makes great B&G placemats, scenery.

The internal cardboard tube can be sawed into about 7 miniature Tom Toms.

We recycle our busted sledding or "tubing" inner tubes for the Tom Tom tops.

6. Busted bike inner tubes (gotten free out of the garbage at the Bike shop). After the kids practice patching a tire on them, they can be used for the inner tube gym, which is in the Webelos Resource Book (I think).
7. The two liter bottle rockets are real popular. Let me know if you need more on that. We've discussed this before.
8. The "Chlorox" pig (other critter, your creation). I buy liquid detergent and wondered what to do with the "heavy" plastic bottle. I've also cut it up with heavy shears (broke the sewing shears) and used it for fin materials for the bottle rockets, pattern material for projects.

Anybody got any other ideas for this wasted resource?  
YIS,

Jan, Webelos Den Leader, Nederland, CO - Long's Peak Council

My big thing is to constantly tell retailers that I am a Scout Leader and ask them for a discount when purchasing for the Pack or Troop. More times than you'd think you will get a positive answer, and when you don't just smile and suggest that they consider it next time.

Bob Costello

In Toledo, we tried asking Kroger's for a discount for weekend camping groceries. With no advance notice, they gave us a hefty discount on bread (great, because we were having french toast, sandwiches and bread with other meals) and said if we contacted the manager 2 weeks ahead of other campouts something better could be arranged.

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Mary Lee Foley

Troop 71 Advancement Chairman

Pack 71 Committee Member

### CHEERS

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#### COOKIE CHEER

Crummy, crummy, crummy...

#### CHEESE APPLAUSE

Grate, grate, grate...

#### POLITICIAN APPLAUSE

Pat your self on the back.

### ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

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#### ➡ Family Circle (Bobcat Induction)

Personnel: Cubmaster, Bobcat Candidate and Parents, all Cub Scouts and Parents.

Equipment: Imitation council fire, Bobcat pins, certificates.

Arrangement: Bobcat candidates and Parents to be inducted are placed within circle of Cub Scouts and parents. The Cubmaster. Standing at side faces them over the fire.

Cubmaster: You have come tonight seeking admission to the friendship and fun of Cub Scouting. You have attended a meeting of the den you expect to join. You have learned, along with your parents who are here with you, those things necessary to become a Bobcat. Will you give the Cub Scout sign and repeat with me the Cub Scout Promise. (They do so.)

Parents, we welcome you. Cub Scouting is for the whole family. Fun and friendship within this circle come because we have all joined hands, Cub Scouts and Parents. As parents you have certain responsibilities in Cub Scouting. We expect that you will attend the monthly pack meeting and work with your son on his achievements, approving them for him when satisfactorily completed. When called upon we will expect you to assist, along with the rest of the parents, in various leadership capacities. Will you accept this responsibility?

Parents: We will.

Cubmaster: Parents will you pin this Bobcat pin on your son making him an official Cub Scout. (Parents place pins on sons.) This privilege will be yours for each badge

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he earns. We expect that you will work as hard as he on some of the projects (Cubmaster presents membership cards.) Your boy is now starting up the Cub Scout trail. May you all be happy with us in this pack. Cub Scouts, what is our motto?

Cub Scouts (yell back) Do your best!

Cubmaster gives each family the Cub Scout handshake and congratulations.



☛Cubmaster: (Dressed as Ringmaster)

Ladies and Gentlemen, you are about to see Circus like you have never seen before!

For our first act tonight we have trained Bobcats and their trainers (parents). They will be in the center ring and will perform for us showing what feats they have mastered. (Bobcats and parents come forward and go through Bobcat requirements with Cubmaster. Badges are presented.) Notice how these Bobcats have been trained well by their trainers. Let's have a fine round of applause for this fine act we have just seen performed before our very eyes!

And now we have for our second colossal circus act of achievement this evening, a fine trained Wolf act. The Wolves in this act are: (read boys' names receiving Wolf badge or arrow points under Wolf badge.) Here come those Wolf Cubs and their trainers into our center ring! (Boys and parents come forward)

(Handle Bear badges and arrow points in same manner as Wolf.)

And now ladies and gentlemen, we have a stupendous act which takes much skill and requires work and patience as these young men climb to great heights . . . in fact, to the very top in the Cub Scout Circus of Achievements. Let's all watch breathlessly as we give special honors in a ceremony, which will demonstrate to you, what heights these boys have climbed with the help of their trainers along the way. It is a privilege to introduce you to the participants in this outstanding feat. (Call boys, Webelos

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Leader and parents forward.) (Present activity badges with appropriate language pertaining to badge, such as:)

These are our skilled athletes . . . who have shown their dexterity in physical fitness feats (or) These are the aquanauts whose remarkable agility in the water is unequaled... etc.

And now for the stars of our show... the young men who have completed the requirements for the Arrow of Light... the highest award in Cub Scouting. In order to qualify for this award, these young men have shown superior knowledge about Scouting, citizenship and emergency first aid. As these stars step into our center ring let's give them a roaring round of applause. (Read names...)

We have presented for you one of the most exciting, most stupendous show in the history of Cub Scouting. The young men you have seen before you have attained the heights of achievement . . . an amazing array of ability and stupendous skill. . . an extravaganza extraordinary!

## Den Meeting Ideas

### PRAYER

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#### ★ A PRAYER FOR A DEN LEADER

Dear Father,

Be with us today as the little boys burst in for their important meeting. Be with each Cub - the one who jostles, the one who disappears with a book, the one who works so carefully, the one whose face is always smudged. I love them all and thank Thee for the privilege of knowing them in these years when each is so completely his honest self. Help me engage their wonderful imagination, for then all trouble ceases and we move ahead like a canoe in swift waters. I ask Thy blessing on their rumpled heads and pray that in some measure these meetings may help them grow to be their own best selves.

Amen.

By Josephine Robertson

### SNACKS

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#### ❖Circus Snack

Place a dab of peanut butter in the middle of a graham cracker. Place an animal cracker on top of this dab. "Glue" (using peanut butter) two Lifesavers at the bottom of the graham cracker as wheels for the circus wagon. Using tubed icing, squeeze vertical lines of icing on the graham cracker -- over the animal cracker too -- to create the bars on the cage.

## ❖ Cinnamon Sippin' Cider

In a saucepan combine 3 cups apple juice, 1-cup cranberry juice cocktail, and 8 inches of stick cinnamon. Bring to a boil and simmer uncovered for 5 minutes. Remove cinnamon. Serve warm or chilled. Makes four 8-oz. servings.

**CHEERS**

❖ **Magician's Cheer:** Stand and pretend to reach up your sleeve... pull hand out and say, "SHA-ZAM!"

❖ **Lion Tamer's Cheer:** Simulate having a chair and big whip. Hold chair out, crack whip, and say "Back, back."

**GAMES**

## ★ Tightrope Walk

Test your tightrope skills in this fun-packed game.

For the "rope", set a long 2 x 4 up on edge, supported at either end with a pair of sandbags. Mark off distances on the rope. Record distance walked by each player.

## ★ Balloon Douse

Douse one of the gang with water-filled balloons.

The victim (volunteer) sits or stands against a wall. An umbrella or raincoat may be provided. Above him (on the wall) is a large nail.

Players aim water-filled balloons at the nail in an attempt to douse the fellow below. (No fair hitting the volunteer directly!)

**Lion Taming**

Try to tame the lions by knocking them off their pedestals.

For pedestals, use inverted gallon ice cream cartons. Set them up in several rows.

For animals, round up stuffed animals (they needn't be all lions), or make the animals out of cardboard, at least a foot tall. Glue a cardboard support strip to back of animals.

Give player a ball or bean bag and see just how many lions he can tame.

**BALOO'S BUGLE****CRAFTS**

## ★ Circus Animal Masks

Lions, tigers, monkeys, elephants and bears can be a part of acts for Under the Big Top. These animal masks are made with brown construction paper and glurfs on.

To prepare the bag, slit up about 4" at the four corners of the bag's open end. Slip bag on the boy's head. The clipped portions will fit down his back, on his shoulders and onto his chest. Cut off the front flap but leave the other three. Mark positions for the eyeholes and nose. Cut out the eyes, leave the nose uncut.

To assemble the elephant, glue ears in position on side of bag. Draw face features. Glue trunk and tusks in place.

For the lion, glue mane to the front. Glue ears at top corners, center topknot between them leaving jagged edge free to curl away from face.

For the monkey, glue ears to side of bag, staple top edges of bag to shape head. Add face features.

## ★ Popcorn Neckerchief Slide

Materials: Film canister, pipe cleaners, red or white adhesive vinyl, marker, cotton balls, plaster, popped corn, clear acrylic spray.

1. Cover the film canister with red or white adhesive vinyl.
2. Make two small cuts in the back to insert a pipe cleaner ring.
3. Make a sign "POPCORN" and tape to front of can.
4. Put one or two cotton balls in can and pour a small amount of plaster over them for weight. Let dry.
5. When dry, glue popped corn in the top part of the can. (Use enough to make sure popcorn will stick.)
6. When dry, spray with clear acrylic spray.

**SONGS****CLOSING CEREMONY**

☛ **Closing Thought:** This Thanksgiving as you bow your head to express your gratitude for your personal blessings, remember to give thanks for the one you share with over 160 million people - the blessing of living in America. No where else in the world are your personal rights so well guarded and your work so well rewarded. Let us pause... to express our thanks for the gift of American citizenship and the inalienable right this gift bestows... to determine to protect this way of life for ourselves and our children...against any odds!

**WEBELOS**

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Webelos who have spent a year or two in a Cub Scout Den before coming into the Webelos Den will have had some craft experience. This year is a good opportunity for boys to gain knowledge of some new skills such as clay, leathercraft and tin craft.

Many of the projects will not be completed at the meeting and will involve parents' help at home.

### ☺Career/Speakers

Furniture repair, watchmaker, carpenter, homebuilder, automobile mechanic, sheets metal worker, TV repair, glazier, contractor, and furniture refinisher.

### ☺Activities

#### ☺Field Trips

Furniture factory, sawmill, cabinetmaker, lumberyard, tannery, leather goods manufacturer, or hardware store. Ask to see the job-related tools, machines, clothing and various safety precautions in the workplace.

Tandy Leather Company will work with Scout groups to teach them leatherworking. (Fee for materials.)

### ★Game

#### Name the Tools

Cut different silhouettes of tools from construction paper, such as a hammer, plane, brace, bit, wrench, screw driver, etc. Glue these on lightweight cardboard, and use as flashcards.

### ☺Citizen

The Citizen activity badge relates directly to developing responsible citizens, one of the prime purposes of the BSA. The appeal of this badge will be determined in a large part by the method used by the Webelos Leader in presenting it. It can be fun and exciting, or it can just be some more reports to write. Do *your* best in planning the program.

### ☺Speakers/Career

Police officer, fireman, mayor, mail carrier, social worker, building inspector, government employee, community services, census taker, history teacher, bus driver, garbage haulers, volunteer for the historical society.

### Activities

#### ☺Good Turns

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Plan a special Good Turn to do at the next pack meeting. Perhaps setting up chairs, cleaning up, bringing for or drinks...

Offer to help the school or church with the overflowing Lost and Found. If items have not been recovered at the end of the school year, sort and wash them and take them to Goodwill or another organization.

Arrange for a tour while you're there, to see how their organization helps other people. Get ideas for what else you can do...

Go around your neighborhood and remind people to fly their flags on the next holiday...

Ask at city hall what a den of Webelos could do to help the city with a job...

### ☺Scavenger Hunt

Arrange a tour of a local government building. Make up a scavenger hunt based on the example below. Contact the public relations department if you need help, or visit the building yourself to make up the game.

Upon arrival at the building, divide the Webelos into teams. Set a time limit and place to meet to compare answers.

What is the town mayor's name?

1. Draw a fast picture of the state flag.
2. What is the name of the room where the city council meets?
3. What are the office hours of the Water Department?
4. What is the phone number of the building?
5. Find out what job one person does in the building?

### ☺Tell It Like It Is

Send a den letter to the President of the USA!

The President and Mrs. Clinton  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

### ☺Flag Ceremony

Volunteer as a den to do the flag ceremony for a local organization's meeting: VFW, Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters, Council of Churches, etc.

Ask to sit in on the first part of the meeting to find out what items are on their agenda. How are they being good citizens?

### ☺Jokes

Why is it useless to send a letter to Washington today?

Because he died in 1799

Why does the Statue of Liberty stand in New York Harbor?

Because it can't sit down.

### Web Sites

<http://www.scouter.com>

<http://garnet1.acns.fsu.edu/~jas8093/joke/circus.html>

<http://www.baraboo.com/cwm/cwm.htm>

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