

Courage Cubmaster Section



COURAGE

Doing what's right regardless of how hard it is or what the consequences are.

Cub Scouts will learn that courage means to be brave and so what is right, no matter what their friends are doing.

Make a Character Connection With Any Activity Cub Scout Leader Book

Values can easily be connected to Scouting activities using a three-step method: plan it, do it, review it.

Plan it.

Before the activity, gather the group and have a short discussion. Planning the Character Connection takes only a couple of minutes. Highlight one or two values the boys can learn by doing this activity.

- · How will they need to cooperate?
- · How will the need to show a positive attitude?

Do it.

During the activity, highlight both positive and negative experiences as teachable moments. Some teachable moments must be captured as they happen because the impact is lost if discussed at a later time. Others can be emphasized effectively during the review at the end of the activity. Be sure to make notes of these opportunities.

Review it.

After the activity, gather the group together and have a discussion involving all members. Celebrate positive examples of where the values were demonstrated in the activity and highlight areas for improvement.

- · What part of the value does the group need to practice?
- · What did the group learn about using the value?
- · Discuss the experience and determine ways the value could be used at home, at school, etc.

TRAINING

Safety in the Outdoors

With summer coming on, and more activities going outside, it is time to remind our Cub Scouts about outdoor safety. Beyond the buddy system and sunscreen there's another program you might want to talk about with your boys: *Hug-A-Tree and Survive.*

The **HUG-A-TREE** and **SURVIVE Program** was started in San Diego, California after a search for a nine-year old boy in the local mountains ended tragically. A group of those searchers put together an assembly program for children on how not to get lost, how to stay comfortable if they do get lost, and how to be spotted and found. We hope your children never need this knowledge, but if you discuss this with your children, it may help them to remember one or more facts that will make the search short and successful.

- 1. **Hug a Tree once you know you are lost.** One of the greatest fears anyone can have is of being alone. Hugging a tree or other stationary object and even talking to it calms the child down, and prevents panic. By staying in one place, the child is found by searchers far more quickly, and can't be injured in a fall or other accident.
- 2. Always carry a trash bag and whistle on a picnic, hike, or camping trip. By making a hole in the side of the bag for the face (always teach the child to make this hole as without it, there is a danger of suffocation), and putting it over the head so the face is showing out of the bag, it will keep the child warm and dry which will help prevent hypothermia. The whistle can be heard further away than the child's voice, and takes less energy to use.
- 3. **My parents won't be angry at me.** Time and again, children have avoided searchers because they were ashamed of getting lost, and afraid of punishment. Anyone can get lost, adult or child. If they know a happy reunion, filled with love is waiting, they will be less frightened, less prone to panic, and work hard to be found by hugging a tree as they have learned.

- 4. Make Yourself Big. From helicopters, people are hard to see when they are standing up, when they are in a group of trees, or wearing dark and drab clothing. Find your tree to hug near a small clearing if possible. Wear a red or orange jacket or vest when you go near the woods or desert. Lie down when the helicopter flies over. If it is cold and you are rested, make crosses or "SOS" using broken shrubbery, rocks or by dragging your foot in the dirt.
- 5. There are no animals out there that can hurt you in this country. If you hear a noise at night, yell at it. If it is an animal it will run away to protect itself. If it is a searcher, you will be found. Fears of the dark and of "lions and tigers and bears" are a big factor in panicking children into running. They need strong reassurance to stay put and be safe
- 6. You have hundreds of friends looking for you. We have had children in the local area of a search tell us, "My parents would never spend the money to search for me with all these people." Search personnel are mainly volunteers who work with other professionals and charge nothing and do it because they care. Many children who are lost don't realize that if they sit down and stay put, one of the many searchers will find them. Some are afraid of strangers and may not respond to yells and, have actually hidden from searchers they knew were looking for them.
- 7. Footprint your child Footprinting your child is a five minute exercise that cuts down the time of a search by several hours. Have the child walk across a piece of aluminum foil on a soft surface, such as carpeting or a folded towel. Mark the foil with the child's name. With this print, trackers can separate your child's track from the hundreds of others in the area, and quickly determine the direction of travel.

The National Association for Search and Rescue is the program sponsor and their web site contains all the official information. http://www.nasar.org/nasar/hug a tree program.php

Leave no Trace

Leave No Trace is a plan that helps people to be more concerned about their environment and to help them protect it for future generations. Leave No Trace applies in a backyard or local park (frontcountry) as much as it does in the wilderness (backcountry). We should practice Leave No Trace in our attitude and actions--wherever we go. Understanding nature strengthens our respect toward the environment. One person with thoughtless behavior or one shortcut on a trail can spoil the outdoor experience for others. Help protect the environment by remembering that while you are there, you are a visitor. When you visit the outdoors, take special care of the area. Leave everything just as you find it. Hiking and camping without a trace are signs of a considerate outdoorsman who cares for the environment. Travel lightly on the land. Below are the six frontcountry guidelines for Cub scouts.



PLAN AHEAD

Watch for hazards and follow all the rules of the park or outdoor facility. Remember proper clothing, sunscreen, hats, first aid kits, and plenty of drinking water. Use the buddy system. Make sure you carry your family's name, phone number, and address.



STICK TO TRAILS

Stay on marked trails whenever possible. Short-cutting trails causes the soil to wear away or to be packed, which eventually kills trees and other vegetation. Trampled wildflowers and vegetation take years to recover. Stick to trails!



MANAGE YOUR PET

Managing your pet will keep people, dogs, livestock, and wildlife from feeling threatened. Make sure your pet is on a leash or controlled at all times. Do not let your pet approach or chase wildlife. When animals are chased or disturbed, they change eating patterns and use more energy that may result in poor health or death. Take care of your pet's waste. Take a small shovel or scoop and a pick-up bag to pick up your pet's waste— wherever it's left. Place the waste bags in a trash can for disposal.



LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND

When visiting any outdoor area, try to leave it the same as you find it. The less impact we each make, the longer we will enjoy what we have. Even picking flowers denies others the opportunity to see them and reduces seeds,

which means fewer plants next year. Use established restrooms. Graffiti and vandalism have no place anywhere, and they spoil the experience for others. Leave your mark by doing an approved conservation project.



RESPECT OTHER VISITORS

Expect to meet other visitors. Be courteous and make room for others. Control your speed when biking or running. Pass with care and let others know before you pass. Avoid disturbing others by making noise or playing loud music. Respect "No Trespassing" signs. If property boundaries are unclear, do not enter the area.



TRASH YOUR TRASH

Make sure all trash is put in a bag or trash receptacle. Trash is unsightly and ruins everyone's outdoor experience. Your trash can kill wildlife. Even materials, such as orange peels, apple cores and food scraps, take years to break down and may attract unwanted pests that could become a problem.

GENERAL PACK MEETING IDEAS

- © Summer BBQ
- Air or water rocket launches
- Service project
- Hiking

- Strain Flag Folding/Raising
- © Flag retirement ceremony
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- Neighborhood clean-up
- March as a pack in community parade

GATHERINGS & PRE-OPENERS

Who am I?

Tape the names of famous Americans on peoples backs. They ask yes or no questions to discover who they are. Examples include: George Washington, Johnny Appleseed, Paul Revere, Benjamin Franklin, Paul Bunyan, etc.

Patriotic Crossword or Word Search

Use the puzzle maker software at www.puzzle-maker.com to make a puzzle with names of states, presidents, patriots, patriotic terms, etc.

State Facts Simon Kenton Council

Copy the map of the United States so that you have one for each Cub Scout or one for each person at the pack meeting. People should write the name of each state & it's capital in the space for the state (or as close as possible to small states, with an arrow pointing to the appropriate state). After the meeting opens, reveal a large U.S. map for everyone to check answers. Give a prize to all who correctly identified the states & capitals. **Variations**: Could have them match state nicknames.

State Shapes

Cut out large state shapes and hang around room. Number them. Give each participant a numbered sheet of paper and have them identify the state by it's shape. www.50states.com/maps is a good resource for basic map outlines.

Heroes in Our Community Golden Empire Council

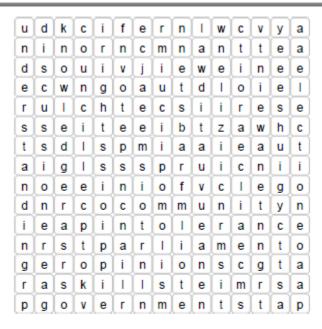
Have each boy, den or family bring in a display of a favorite hero – it could be someone from the community or even a family member. Have families talk about their picture with others as they gather.

Hometown Hero Matching Game York Adams Council

Hang up pictures of famous "hometown Americans" with their names below their pictures. (These can be US heroes, locals, etc.) Have their heroic deeds listed out on a sheet that is handed out to everyone and have folks match the people with the actions.

Citizenship Word Search Catalina Council

Citizenship



Words to find:

citizen, community, council, discussion, election, government, injustice, intolerance, knowledge, law, media, opinions, parliament, participation, racism, respect, responsibility, rights, skills, understanding, views, vote.

Where In the USA have you Been?

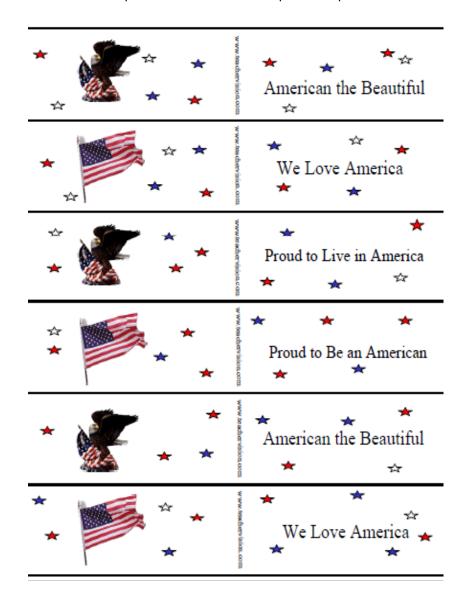
Display a map of the USA. Let each person place stickers on the states/major cities they have been to.

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Patriotic Pencil Topper Catalina Council

Cut out each strip. Then fold in half and tape onto a pencil.



Veteran's activities

www1.va.gov/opa/vetsday/docs/schoolkit.pdf

OPENING/CLOSING & FLAG CEREMONIES

I am an American St. Louis Area Council

- **# 1:** My country gives us the opportunities to advance according to our ambitions and abilities. Education is for all. I am an American.
- #2: My country means love of freedom, faith in democracy, justice, and equality. I am an American.
- #3: My country believes in the worth of every person. I am an American.
- # 4: My country gives us the privilege of expressing beliefs or opinions without fear of prosecution. I am an American.
- # 5: My country is a democracy; it is our duty to keep it that way. I am an American.
- # 6: My country promises life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I am an American.
- #7: My country is one that we should protect and defend. I am an American.
- #8: My country is and will always remain the land of the free and the home of the brave. I am an American.
- # 9: My country needs informed, intelligent and active citizens. I am an American.
- # 10: My country tries to meet its people's needs with abiding love and loyalty. I am an American.
- # 11: My countries government is the servant not the master of the people. I am an American.
- **# 12:** My country has a statue of liberty whose torch will burn brightly a long as we tend the flame of freedom. I am an American.

Our American Heritage Alapaha Area Council

A Cub Scout stands blindfolded, gagged, and wrists tied before the audience.

Cubmaster: This is an American boy. The American Revolution won him freedom. (*untie him.*) The Constitution guarantees him free speech. (*remove gag.*) A free education gives him the ability to see and to understand. (*remove blindfold.*) Let us help Cub Scouting teach him to preserve and enjoy his heritage and to become a good citizen.

Stars Opening Ceremony Catalina Council

- #1: When I look at the flag of red, white & blue,
- #2: I think of the stars above me & you.
- #3: I'll Do My Best in all that I try,
- #4: As I reach for the stars way up in the sky.
- #5: I'll do my duty to God & country too,
- #6: and help other people in all that I do.
- #7: Obey the laws of my family & pack,
- #8: I'll keep reaching up & I'll never look back.

America

- A is for Amber waves of grain.
- **M** is for Mountains majestic.
- **E** is for Everyone's freedom.
- R is for Rich, fruited plains.
- I is for "I love my country."
- **C** is for Country of the free.
- A is for America the Beautiful. Please join me in singing "America, the Beautiful."

I Will Use...

- Cub 1: This is my country I will use my eyes to see the beauty of this land.
- Cub 2: I will use my ears to hear its sounds.
- Cub 3: I will use my mind to think of what I can do to make it more beautiful.
- Cub 4: I will use my hands to serve it and care for it.
- Cub 5: And with my heart, I will honor it.

"America is Special to Me"

- A: Abounding wildlife running free
- M: Majestic mountains from sea to sea
- E: Eagles soaring through evergreen forests
- R: Raging rivers and nature's own chorus
- I: Immeasurable love God has for us
- C: Courageous people who love this land
- A: Adventures in Scouting, lessons firsthand

America. Today, Yesterday and Tomorrow:

America today is an America we can be proud about!

Proud of her beauty for all the world to see.

Proud of all she does for others in their time of need.

Proud of the way she defends her own shores.

America of yesterday is an America we can all shout about!

Shout of the brave men and women who settled her frontiers.

Shout of those who gave their lives that we might have our freedoms!

America of tomorrow is an America we can all share in and care about!

I Am Old Glory

I am Old Glory. For more than two centuries, I have been the banner of hope and freedom for Americans. Born amid the first flames of America's fight for freedom, I am a symbol of a country that has grown from a little group of thirteen colonies to a united nation of fifty states. My folds have proved inspiration to untold millions. Men have followed me into battle. Many pray that Americans can continue to enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. As long as the principle of truth, justice and charity remain deeply rooted in the American people's hearts, I shall continue to be the enduring banner of the United States of America...our true hero. Will you all stand and repeat the pledge with me.

Saluting Heroes Pack Resource Sheet

Cub Scout 1: Tonight we salute our heroes.

Cub Scout 2: A hero may be a police officer or a firefighter.

Cub Scout 3: Solders currently serving or those who served years ago are heroes, too.

Cub Scout 4: Heroes could be doctors, nurses, or search-and rescue people.

Cub Scout 5: Heroes could be ordinary people who did something out of the ordinary

Cub Scout 6: Like the Scout heroes in Boys' Life you read about each month.

Cub Scout 7: Look around you. There are heroes in this room, too

Cub Scout 8: The parents, leaders, and kids who do their best to help others.

Cub Scout 9: Please join us in saluting all the heroes and the flag of our country.

SONGS

I'm A Citizen In Cub Scouts

Tune: I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy
I'm a citizen in Cub Scouts, A good one I will try to be.
I'll keep Akela for my constant guide, He will be watching out for me.
Yes, I'm a citizen in Cub Scouts, And I will always "Do My Best"
I'll earn my Wolf, and Bear, and Webelos, Akela I will follow.
I'll wear badges proudly on my chest!

- ♦ America the Beautiful
- ♦ Battle Hymn of the Republic
- ♦ God Bless America
- ♦ God Bless The U.S.A.

- ♦ My Country 'Tis of Thee
- ♦ Star-Spangled Banner
- ♦ Stars & Stripes Forever
- ♦ Taps

America, My Homeland SHAC

Tune – You are my Sunshine
You are my homeland, you are a great land.
You make me happy, you make me free.
Your flag I'll honor, I'll pledge allegiance.
The USA is good to me.

- ♦ This Land is Your Land
- ♦ Yankee Doodle
- ♦ Yankee Doodle Dandy
- ♦ You're a Grand Old Flag

SKITS

Washington's Farewell

It is announced that a member of the troop has memorized Washington's Farewell Address and is about to do a dramatic portrayal of it. A boy emerges dressed as Washington and delivers his farewell address, "Bye Mom!"

The Infantry is Coming!

Boys (one at a time) run onto the stage frantic and yelling "the infantry is coming! The infantry is coming!" The last one to come out walks peacefully up to the stage carrying a small plant or branch and says "The infantry had arrived."

A Bad Turn

Akela: "Now, (Cubs name), you know you should always do Good Turns."

1st Cub: I tried, honest!

Akela: OK

Each Cub enters and says similar things to Akela

Last Cub: (carrying a small frying pan with a "pancake" in it) I did a good turn! (flips pancake over and catches it in pan).

But you should see the mess in the kitchen!

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Cub Scout Heroes Sam Houston Area Council
Follow: A Cub Scout Follows Akela (Give sign)
Help: The Pack Helps the Cub Scout Grow (Give sign)
Give/Gave: A Cub Scout Gives Goodwill (Give sign)
Pack: A Cub Scout Helps the Pack Go (Give sign)

Cub Scout: ALL give the Cub Scout signs and say, "Do Your Best."

Hero/Heroes: All adults cheer "Hip, hip hooray!"

This is the story of Gary, a CUB SCOUT who wanted to do something to HELP his elderly neighbor, Mrs. Green. This CUB SCOUT wanted to FOLLOW the advice of his PACK leaders, who asked every CUB SCOUT to find some way they could GIVE HELP to someone else. Gary thought that his neighborhood would be the best place to start. One way Gary could think of to HELP his neighbor was to rake up the leaves in her yard for her. It was such a big yard, though, and he was such a little CUB SCOUT. Gary needed some HELP. So he thought some more and decided to talk to his PACK leaders and see if they could GIVE him some suggestions. The PACK leaders said they would ask if any other CUB SCOUTS would like to FOLLOW Gary's example and HELP rake the leaves for Mrs. Green. What started with only one CUB SCOUT helping Mrs. Green soon grew to two CUB SCOUTS, then three CUB SCOUTS, then four CUB SCOUTS, then five CUB SCOUTS... (Continue adding CUB SCOUTS while the audience gives the Cub Scout sign each time and says "Do Your Best!" until everyone starts to laugh. Then finish reading the story.) Mrs. Green told everyone about Gary and his CUB SCOUT PACK. She called the CUB SCOUTS her HEROES because of all the help they GAVE her. The moral of this story is: If you FOLLOW the advice of your PACK leaders, and GIVE HELP to those around you, you will be a great CUB SCOUT, and maybe someone's HERO, too.

A Funky Fourth Mad Lib

HOME: "Home, Home on the Range"

A Funky Fourth Mad	LID		
Fill in the blanks to the ma	dlib using audience suggestions.		
1. Last Name	Famous Person	9. "ing verb"	13. Favorite Poem
2. Noun	6. "ing" verb	10. book	
3. Food	7. National Monument	11. Famous Person	
4. "ing" verb	8. Famous Person	12. "ing" verb	
Every year, (1)	berg has a huge Fourth of July pic	nic. In addition to the usual bo	ooths that sell fried
	on a stick, and the face (4)_		
reenacting famous historic	al scenes. This year, things beca	me confused because some s	cripts got mixed up at the copy
shop. Last year, residents	saw George Washington crossing	the Delaware River, while this	s year, residents saw
	across (7)A few yea	•	•
` ,	nce. This year, they saw (8)	•	
	recite the Gettysburg Address, re		
	w if they should be laughing or cry		
remembered for a long tim	, , ,	J ,	, ,
Home on the Range			
Sing your parts			

Be it ever so humble, there's no place like **HOME**. No matter where in the **UNITED STATES** you may roam. You may travel all over the **UNITED STATES**. But your own **HOME** state with you always rates. Some choose to roam while others stay, Always in their **HOME** state till their dying day. No matter in what part of the **UNITED STATES** your **HOME** state may be, There's one thing everyone says you see, And everybody I'm sure will remember that. **HOME** is where you hang your hat!

UNITED STATES: "This Land is your Land, this land is my land"

The Litter Bug PAPER Crackle, crackle CANS Clatter, clatter

TRASH Dump, dump LITTER BUG Toss and Throw

God put bugs in this world for many reasons, He made them to live in every kind of season. But the pesky LITTER BUG, with his PAPER and CANS was made through neglected TRASH by the foolish man. To keep our land beautiful, get rid of that LITTER BUG, So beach goers can again lounge on a clean, sand rug. Because of this pest, we must walk around in PAPER and CANS and TRASH on the ground. Just who are the LITTER BUGS who mess up our land? Do you really ever see them toss that PAPER or CAN? And in dumping his TRASH he is very sly. So most of the time it just appears there, As if it had dropped right out of thin air. Could it be we are so used to throwing things there, that we dump PAPER and CANS without being aware? Without even thinking when we toss TRASH and waste, We could be a LITTER BUG in all of our haste. So when you unwrap that gum or candy, Don't throw down the PAPER just because it is handy. Next time stop and think when it's pop CANS you toss, 'Cause if you're a LITTER BUG it's also your loss If every single person would take note of his habit That pesky LITTER BUG we could certainly nab it. Then that terrible bug we could surely stamp it out, With no more PAPER or CANS or TRASH about TO KEEP OUR LAND BEAUTIFUL WE MUST ALL DO OUR PART, By taking care of our TRASH properly from the start.

JOKES, RIDDLES & RUN-ONS

More patriotic jokes: http://www.kidactivities.net/post/Patriotic-Red-White-and-Blue-Jokes.aspx

Can you send mail to Lincoln? Yes, he left us his Gettysburg address. Why does the Statue of Liberty stand in New York harbor? Because she can't sit or lie down.

Where did General Washington keep his armies?

Why is it impossible to send mail to Washington now? Because he

In his sleeves!

is dead.

What did Paul Revere say at the end of his ride?

Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

Whoa!

At the bottom.

What American has the largest family? Washington: he is the Father of the Country.

If Washington wore white wool socks in Washintgon and while his wife waited in Wilmington, how many W's are there in all?

There are no W's in the word ALL.

CHEERS & APPLAUSES

Abe Lincoln Cheer: That was great! HONEST! **Constitution Cheer:** We the people, APPROVE!

George Washington Cheer: I cannot tell a lie. That was great.

Superhero Applause - Hold arms out in front and upwards and yell – "Fly Into Action, Superhero!"

Hero Definition Applause - Group yells several times - "Brave and Loyal, Strong and True!"

Firefighter Cheer: "Water! Water! Water!"

Well Done: Stand at attention and say, "Saaluuuuuuute!" Everyone salutes and shouts, "Well Done!" **Firecracker Cheer:** Strike a match on your leg and light the fuse...SSSSSSS...then yell a loud BANG!

Liberty Bell Cheer: Divide audience in two groups...when you point to each group they say...BONG like a bell.

Good Turn: Stand up and turn around.

Ben Franklin - act out flying a kite, working the string up into the air, and then scream when you get zapped

Eagle: Lock thumbs, flutter fingers like wings, shout "Cree, cree!"

Soldier: Stand at attention and salute. Yell "Well done!"

Congressional Stamp of Approval: Stamp feet, or pound left fist onto your right palm.

Flag Wave Applause: In honor of Uncle Sam and his search for good citizens, we will do the Old Glory Wave Applause. Then do the regular "wave".

GAMES & ACTIVITIES

Flag Relay

To set up the race, divide the group into 2 teams. For each team, place a bucket of sand filled with small American flags (1 per teammate) on the far side of the yard. On cue, the first kid from each team races to the appropriate bucket, plucks a flag, and marches back to his team as quickly as possible (no running allowed!) to tag the next person. The game continues in this way until all the members of one team have returned to the starting line with a flag in hand.

Crossing the Delaware Simon Kenton Council

Give each player a balloon and have them blow it up and tie it. When the contestants are ready, have them stand against the wall. At the given signal, they are to cross the room, keeping the balloons in the air by hitting them only with their heads. No hands are allowed. The one who succeeds in crossing the room first with his balloon untouched except by his head, wins the game.

Hello Neighbor Simon Kenton Council

Have boys form a circle, pick some one to be "it". "It" walks counterclockwise around the circle. "It" tags someone on the back and starts running. The tagged person also starts running but clockwise. When the two of them meet while running around the circle, they must stop, shake hands and say "hello neighbor". Then they must race to the open spot in the circle that was left open by the player that was tagged. The first one to get in the open spot stays in the circle, and the one left out starts to walk counter clockwise and continues the game by tagging another player.

Hero Charade

Materials: Slips of paper with heroes' job titles written on them (suggestions: police officer, firefighter, teacher, Cub Scout leader, astronaut, librarian, doctor, search and rescue, ski patrol, lifeguard); a container for the paper slips. Divide the group into two teams. A player from a team draws a slip of paper and acts out the part in front of both teams. The first team to guess correctly scores a point. When the correct answer is given, the player who acted stands straight and the rest of the group salutes him. Teams take turns acting. Make sure all players have a chance to act.

Guess Who I Am National Capital Area Council

The leader starts by saying, "I will answer 'yes' or 'no' to twenty questions while you try to find out who I am." This is a good den game that will also keep boys busy and quiet at the pack meeting. With the help of one leader for each den, leaders can decided who they will be, and the game can be conducted as a contest to see which den can guess who they are. Rotate leaders each time.

We Fought Hard for Those Fifty Stars

Divide the group into equal teams lined up a few feet away from the table. Place a bowl on the table for each team. Lay 50 cutout paper stars (approximately 2 inches in diameter) out on the table beside each bowl. Give each player his own straw. On a signal, the first player in each team runs forward and picks up one star, or as many as he can with one breath, by sucking on the straw, thus holding the star to the end of the straw. No hands! He releases the stars into the bowl, and then runs to tag the next player and gets at the end of the line. (He may need to run again.) The first team to have all 50 stars in the bowl is the winner. (The game could be varied with the original 13 stars for a smaller group of boys.)

Flag Tag Baltimore Area Council

Give each player two "flags" – 1 x 16-inch strips of leather or vinyl cloth. Players loop their flags over their belts along the trouser seams, with only one inch behind the belt. On signal, each player tries to grab the others' flags while protecting his own. Winner is the last player in possession of at least one of his own flags and the one who captured the most flags.

Steal the Flag Baltimore Area Council

Divide into two teams. The two teams line up about 20 feet apart facing toward the center and number off beginning at opposite ends. One person stands in the center of the playing field with his arms outstretched and loosely holding, in each hand, a corner of a flag (use piece of old fabric for the flag). The leader calls out a number and the person from each team, who is that number, runs to the center and circles the person holding the flag. At any time, they try to grab the flag and run back to their spot in the line without getting tagged. If they are tagged before they get back, they must trade places with the person in the middle. Keep score by counting the number of times each team gets the flag safely back to their side.

Price of a Postage Stamp

You will need: (for each team) 2 tables or chairs, Coins adding up to 50 cents.

The boys stand in their teams, in straight lines across the middle of the hall. In front of each team is a table or chair, this is the Post Office. Behind the team is another table, this is the Bank. On this table at the beginning of the game is an assortment of coins. We use coins that add up to 50 cents. The leader calls out a sum of money (the value of the stamp), say 20 cents. The front man in each team then runs to the bank and takes 20 cents from the bank and runs to put it in the post office. On finishing his move the player runs back and joins the back of his team. The first man back gets a point for his team. The money is left where it was at the end of the first person's race and a new sum is called out. The new runner must put the correct amount of change in the post office with the remaining amount in the bank. Great fun can be had by calling out 49 cents, a lot of them will start counting the coins out, but the smart ones soon realize that they only have to leave one cent at the Bank to get 49 cents at the post office. Calling out the value that is already at the post office also causes a laugh.

Stars and Stripes (Like Duck, Duck, Goose) Santa Clara

Boys sit in a circle with one boy standing. The standing boy walks around the outside of the circle and taps each sitting cub on the floor and calls each one of them either a star or a stripe. If the boy is a stripe, he must get up run around the circle being chased by the 1st boy and sit back in his spot in the floor without being tagged by the 1st boy. If he gets tagged, he now walks around the circle naming everyone and play begins again.

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

Heroes Pack Resource Sheet

Materials: Large signs with the letters to spell HEROES painted on them

Setup: As the narrator reads, an assistant posts each letter. (If your pack does not have one of the dens, read only the applicable part for that letter.) The Cubmaster gives out awards and has parents pin the badges on their sons' shirts.

H is for honor. We do this during advancement ceremonies for Cub Scouts by recognizing their achievements. Will our new Bobcats and their families please come forward? (Call the boys and their families forward.)

E is for excellence. Our Cub Scouts strive for excellence in the hard work they do to earn badges, belt loops, and pins. Here is a list of the excellent work the Tiger Cubs have done over the past month. (Invite them and their families to come forward.)

R is for recognition. We recognize the time and effort our parents and den leaders have given us. We also recognize the hard work of the Wolf den in the past month. (Call the boys and have them come forward with their parents.)

O is for opening the door to life. We understand that we have much to learn and that knowledge opens many doors along our way Cub Scouts in the Bear den worked hard and opened some doors. (Call the boys and have them come forward with their parents.)

E is for example. We strive to be a good example for our friends at school and our fellow Cub Scouts. Our Webelos Scouts have done a great job being the example for our pack. (Call the names of the boys of the fourth-grade Webelos den and have them come forward with their parents.)

S is for spirit. The Scouting spirit is alive and well, and we show it every day Our fifth-grade Webelos Scouts are the oldest and should have the most spirit in our pack. They surely lead the way for the younger Cub Scouts. (Call the names of the boys of the fifth-grade Webelos den and have them come forward with their parents.)

And the Heroes Are Santa Clara

Props: Make award cards cut out of card stock or poster board in the shape of trophies or medals for each boy. Write each boy's name on a hero medal and attach his awards.

During the ceremony, talk about how the boys have helped other people during the month. How their helpfulness has touched the lives of many people and to those people they are heroes. Heroes are people who touch the life or lives of those around them just because it is who they are and what they do. Heroes aren't usually famous people. In fact, most heroes are people we know and love, people who influence our lives everyday in every way. As each boy advances along the Trail to the Arrow, he performs acts of service and kindness. As each boy and his parents come forward, present his award with heartfelt thanks for his heroic deeds that have touched so many people.

Great American Melting Pot *Tori DiDonato*

In a large pot, put each boy's awards attached to a card with information about his family history (which countries his ancestors came from, a special family tradition/ food that his family continues, things the scout is good at-what he contributes to the greatness of America). Pull out a card. Have the boy come forward. Read the information on the card. Explain how that scout & his family are an important part of our country. Give him his awards. Do a cheer. After repeating for each scout in the pack, remind them how different cultures have contributed good things to American culture (foods-pizza, rice, etc; sports: soccer, karate; holidays: St. Patrick's day, etc., cultural festivals, music: jazz, native American flute, etc.). We are grateful for these contributions & the contributions each scout adds to the great American melting pot & our pack.

Salute to our Heroes Advancement Ceremony Sam Houston Area Council

Materials – "Medals of Honor" made from construction paper and attached to loops of crepe streamer to be hung around the Cub Scouts' necks. Label the medals "HERO."

Cubmaster: Often we hear of professional athletes being called "sports heroes." That's a colorful description, but all they are really doing is playing a game to entertain us. Some of these people really are heroes, but that comes from things they do off the playing field to help their communities.

We salute those heroes that are people who are not afraid to do what they believe is right. They are people who want to make things better for others. They are usually prepared and trained to do the job. And they will do their best even if they are afraid because it is important to them to do what is right.

The following Scouts are the heroes that we salute today. They have chosen to work hard and prepare themselves in life by learning Cub Scouting ideals. They are learning to be independent and successful and happen to have a lot of fun along the way. Please join me in congratulating the heroes who have earned their Bobcat rank (call out names of Scouts and their parents, present rank awards, and place medals around the Scouts' necks. Continue in a similar manner for each additional rank.)

Where in the USA are Our Awards? sccc

Props: Large Outline map of USA on an old sheet, large sheets of paper, or made outside with sidewalk chalk; Map of USA for reference; boxes or containers to hold awards; List of questions about places in USA.

Cubmaster: How lucky we are to be able to celebrate our country's greatness and enjoy the freedom this land gives us. Have you noticed that this land is a very big place and before we can present our Cub Scouts with their awards, we need to find where their awards are hiding..."Where in the USA are our Cub Scout awards?" (You could even say that the awards were stolen by Carmen Sandiego & now we need to find where she hid them to make it more exciting. Ask questions in a game show way and let Cub Scouts retrieve boxes when they answer the questions correctly. Present awards when all the boxes are retrieved. You may want to put down a few empty boxes to keep it interesting.) Sample questions:

- A lady stands tall in this state, holding up a light to the world. (New York)
- This state is made up of several islands, has active volcanoes and has lots of sunshine. (Hawaii)
- This city is at the "end" of the muddy Mississippi River and is famous for its Mardi gras celebration. (New Orleans)

Other Advancement Ideas Santa Clara

Hang pictures of hometown heroes around the meeting area, one for each den. Pictures may be those of actual people or drawings of particular occupations such as firefighter, policemen, teacher, etc. Around each picture, hang photos of Cub Scouts and leaders. If photos are not available, use drawings or decorated cards with their names on them. Attach awards to each photo. If the boy did not earn an award that month, attach a card to the photo that tells something good he has done in the last month (check with den leaders and parents for information). When presenting awards, mention the boys' hard work and their willingness to give goodwill—the same characteristics of those heroes.

Cornucopia

Tape awards to various vegetables inside a cornucopia, it could be a basket or even cut from paper.

Hats

Tape awards to various hats representing different professions in the community...

American Flag

Tape awards to stars and stripes of a flag to assemble as you present the awards.

CUBMASTER'S MINUTE

Freedom Trapper Trails Council

We shouldn't take our freedom for granted. Our right of free speech, to worship as we choose, and to enjoy the freedom we have as Americans. Our freedom is often taken for granted. There was a time in our history when man could only hope for these freedoms. And now they have become reality. Our freedom is a result of courage and sacrifice of thousands of our forefathers. Let us remember what is cost these men to provide our freedoms today and help our land free for those citizens of tomorrow.

Do Your Best Great Sauk Trail Council

When you give the Cub Scout Promise, the words Do Your Best often are lost among all the other very important words. Let's stop for a minute and carefully consider those words. "Best" describes effort and action above our usual performance. "You" are the only person who can possibly know whether or not you have done your best. Every time you repeat the Promise, YOU agree to do your best to do certain things. "Your Best" is just that, the very best. Think about the meaning of the promise and decide that you will always do your very best, no matter what the job facing you might be.

Meaning of Our Flag Catalina Council

Today, as we leave, let's all keep in mind our flag and the meaning therein we can find. The red is for blood of Americans true, who gladly would give up their lives for you. The white is for purity, in both thought and deed, a rule of conduct we all might well heed. The blue is for justice, for all, not one, a tenet we fought for and so dearly won. The Star is a symbol of God's guiding hand, over the union and this mighty land. There isn't a one our flag won't protect; don't you think we could show it greater respect?

America The Beautiful Baltimore Area Council

This evening we have shared our respect for our great country. We have seen some of the glory that is the United States. The most fitting end to our meeting is to sing "America the Beautiful". In this great song we sing of the glory of our great land, but the last two lines of every verse have an acknowledgement of God who guides us all. Just to recall the last two lines of the first verse. "America, America, God shed his grace on thee. And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea." Everyone please stand and join me in singing "America the Beautiful."

"Feeling of Goodwill"

A friend of mine once told me of being on a long business trip. His car broke down in the middle of nowhere and he was going to be late for a very important meeting. Just then a farmer came around the corner on a hay wagon, and pulled over to see what was wrong. The farmer and his son often fixed their own machinery and they were quickly able to get my friend's car running again. My friend offered to pay the farmer and his son for their help, but they refused. He insisted that they must take something because they had saved him so much by letting him get to his meeting on time. The farmer replied that he and his son now had something far more valuable than the businessman could give them. They had helped someone when they did not have to. That gave them a warm feeling about themselves. If they took the money for an act of kindness, then it would simply be a job, and take the feeling of goodwill away. Keep your feelings of goodwill by helping others. It will be the most valuable reward you will ever receive.

Fireworks Great Salt Lake Council

BOOM!! SIZZLE!! Oooh! Aaah! Don't you just love a good fireworks display on the Fourth of July? The colors are so beautiful, lighting up the night sky. But did you ever stop to think how boring it would be if all the fireworks were exactly the same? You'd have to sit there in your lawn chair for 20 minutes watching one after the other, every single one being red or yellow or green. You'd be ready to go home in just a little while. What really makes a fireworks show interesting is its variety, when you never know what's coming next. That's true for our wonderful United States, too. Americans come in all sizes and shapes and colors. We have different religious beliefs, different family customs, and different ideas about everything. But our differences are good, because they make it possible for us to learn new things from one another. Our differences make us a better people. If everyone were just like us, life would be boring. But when people are different, and when they respect each other's differences, then life is rich and exciting, just like a good fireworks display.

Tracks of Citizens

Robert Baden-Powell knew that "No one can pass through life, any more than he can pass through a bit of country, without leaving tracks behind, and those tracks may often be helpful to those coming after him in finding their way." Let's each make sure that OUR tracks lead other in the right pathway – towards being a good citizen!