November Theme:

CITIZENSHIP

Contributing service and showing responsibility to local, state, and national communities. Cub Scouts will demonstrate good citizenship as they participate in pack flag ceremonies, show respect for people in authority, and strive to be good neighbors.

SUB THEME: YOUR VOTE COUNTS

"Fifty Great States" reminds us that we are to contribute our service and show responsibility to local, state, and national communities. Cub Scouts develop good citizenship skills when they learn about respecting the flag and providing service to the community.

EDGE (explain, demonstrate, guide, enable)

Managing Boy Behavior. Using the Cub Scout Leader Book as a resource, discuss managing Cub Scout behavior in a den setting. Talk about having clear expectations set forth in a code of conduct developed by the boys. Explore the ideas of positive recognition and reinforcement. Include in the discussion the use of the Cub Scout sign and den doodle. Point out that prevention of unacceptable behavior is much easier than correction of such behavior. Emphasize having a well-planned program to keep the boys engaged and behaved. Encourage using the handshake and motto, as these remind boys that they belong to a group. Have participants practice the Cub Scout handshake.

Activity. Kim's Game—Patriotic: Try a variation of the classic Kim's Game. Using the instructions on page 3-24 of the Cub Scout Leader How-To Book, set up a game composed

only of items that have a patriotic theme or that reflect community service.

GOOD BEHAVIOR MARBLE JAR

Materials:

Empty glass or plastic jar acrylic glass paints fine-tipped marker paintbrush newspaper to use as a drop cloth.

Preparation:

Start by cleaning and thoroughly drying a jar (select a size appropriate to the size of your den). Paint the jar as you like, leaving at least a one-inch column of the glass clear. Draw three horizontal lines at even intervals up the side of the jar. Label each line with an increasingly valuable reward. Examples of labels could be "candy bar," "ice cream cone "and" pizza party"

How to use the marble jar:

Use the jar as a positive reinforcement tool. Give the boys a marble at the start of each meeting. If he has been well-behaved during the meeting, he gets to put his marble in the jar at the end of the meeting. As the jar fills, rewards are given. Alternately, the whole den might decide how many marbles to put in the jar depending on the behavior of the den as a group. Make sure to choose a jar so that the boys have a reasonable chance of occasionally filling it with marbles.

TIGER ACHIEVEMENTS

Ach. #1G – Go see a historical building in your community such as City Hall, or some other government building. Or visit a museum and find examples of how people in the past showed they were good citizens.

Ach. #2F – Look at a map with your adult partner, and find places where people can learn about or practice being good citizens – like schools and government buildings. Look for places where you could practice good citizenship – by picking up trash or doing a good turn.

Ach. #2D – Character Connection for Citizenship – Practice the Pledge of Allegiance and participate in a flag ceremony.

Ach. #2G – Visit a police or fire station – find out how citizens can help community helpers do their job, and how those helpers keep our community safe

Ach. #4G – Visit a television or radio station or a newspaper office – find out how they help people practice good citizenship.

TIGER ELECTIVES

Elect. #9, 10 & 11 – Talk with your adult partner about how good citizens have a responsibility to help others in need – then help someone who is new in your school or an elderly person who needs help. If you get together with your den or pack, or a community organization, you can see how people working together as citizens can improve their communities.

Elect. #14 – Choose a short story or article about being a good citizen or about the history of our country and how citizens help to protect our freedoms

Elect. #20 – Make a PSA (Public Service Announcement) skit to tell people about Tiger Cubs or about the privileges and duties of citizens in our country

Elect. #21 – Make a puppet and use it to help tell a story about citizenship.

Elect. #25 – Make a snack like the Patriotic Surprise cake in your Tiger book to share with your family or den

Elect. #33, 34 - Practice your duty as a citizen by clean up or conservation of our resources

Elect. #35 – Play one of the games from this packet outdoors with your family or den.

Elect. #47 – Learn about recycling in your community, how you can recycle at home, and what to do with hazardous materials – how does this improve your community and show good citizenship?

Elect. #49 – Visit a government office – in Salt Lake City, we can visit the State Capitol and grounds and learn about our system of government

WOLF ACHIEVEMENTS

Ach. #2 – Each requirement will help you understand and appreciate how to show your patriotism

Ach. #4d – Help make your house more secure – prevent crime in your community, by practicing good habits

Ach. #4f – Visit a government location in your community and explain why it's important. Ach. #9d, e – Practice good citizenship and stay safe by learning and using good rules of street and bike safety – think about how rules and laws help keep everyone safe

WOLF ELECTIVES

Elect. #2 - Help to plan and put on a skit using any of these requirements.

Elect. #4f - Play a wide area or large group game with your den or pack

Elect. #6a – Visit the library; get a card if you don't have one; find out how having free public libraries helps protect our freedom – the librarian can help you find a book about government or citizenship.

Elect. #6c – show that you know how to take care of books – talk about why books and libraries are important.

Elect. #11a, b, c, f – Learn and sing a patriotic song; learn and sing three Cub Scout songs; Sing a song with your den at a pack meeting.

Elect. #12a, d, f – Make a freehand sketch of something patriotic; Make some scenery for a skit, play or puppet show about citizenship; Make a poster about ways to be a good citizen, or encouraging people to vote

Elect. #16 – Do any or all of these requirements – people and families who are prepared for emergencies make it easier for first responders and people in the community during emergencies.

Elect. #21b – Use a computer to write a report about being a good citizen, or some patriotic subject or person

Elect. #22d, e – Tell how to get to a nearby fire or police station – a good citizen scout is ready for emergencies; Invite a boy to scouts or help a boy through Bobcat – a good citizen is helpful.

Elect. #23b, c – Be prepared to take good care of yourself.

BEAR ACHIEVEMENTS

Bear Achievements

Ach. #3a – Write and tell what makes America special to you.

Ach. #3j – Character Connection for Citizenship. Know how people have served our country; Commit to doing one thing to be a good citizen and understand what would happen if you were not a responsible citizen; Tell three things you did in one week to practice good citizenship.

Ach. #3b-i - Do any or all to demonstrate patriotism and citizenship.

Ach. #6g – Take part in a den or pack neighborhood clean-up project.

Ach. #7b-f – Discuss crime prevention with a local law enforcement officer; help prevent crime prevention in your home; know where to get help in your area; Learn and post emergency phone numbers; know what YOU can do to help law enforcement.

Ach. #8a – At a library or newspaper office, look for examples of good citizenship in your community;

Ach. #8b – Talk to an older person about their experiences as a Cub Scout, and how they learned about good citizenship – ask how they demonstrated their good citizenship. Did they participate in a parade, special ceremonies on Veteran's Day?

Ach. #10a – Go on a day trip with your family to visit a local government building, to celebrate Veteran's Day, or to participate in some event honoring our history and/or demonstrating good citizenship.

Ach. #14a, e, f – Know rules for bike safety, and if required in your community, get a bike license; help prevent bike theft by always using a bike lock and putting your bike away; Obey all traffic rules on a one mile bike ride.

Ach. #17a – With an adult, watch a TV show about some patriotic subject or example of good citizenship;

Ach. #17d – Using a computer, write a report about an example of good citizenship.

Ach. #24a – Help a boy join scouting and/or complete his Bobcat – you will help another boy learn about good citizenship as you demonstrate service and leadership.

Ach. #24b – Serve as a Denner or Asst. Denner – do your best to demonstrate good citizenship and to encourage other boys to practice qualities of good citizenship

BEAR ELECTIVES

Elect. #8 b, d – Learn to play two patriotic songs on any instrument or on a recognized band or orchestral instrument.

Elect. #9a, b, c – do an original art project with patriotism or citizenship as the subject; Visit an art exhibit in honor of veterans, a local who demonstrates good citizenship, or shows scenes of what makes America great; find a favorite outdoor location and draw or paint it – display it at the pack meeting and explain how this location represents what makes your area or America great

Elect. #11- Learn to use a camera to "Shoot Citizenship in action; while doing each requirement, photograph and display examples of good citizenship or patriotic subjects.

Elect. #14c – With family, den or pack, take part in a project to beautify your community **Elect. #22a, b** – Start a stamp collection – look for subjects that are patriotic or honor people who display good citizenship; mount and display your collection and share what you have learned.

Elect. #25h – Earn the Leave No Trace award and demonstrate your commitment to help protect and preserve our nation's natural beauty

QUOTES

"Man is at the bottom an animal, midway, a citizen, and at the top, divine. But the climate of this world is such that few ripen at the top."

-- Henry Ward Beecher

"The only title in our democracy superior to that of President is the title of citizen."

Justice Louis D. Brandeis

"Good government is no substitute for self-government."

-- Mohandas K. Gandhi

CITIZENSHIP ACTIVITY IDEAS

Honor our veterans. As Veterans Day approaches, it's a great time to remember those who have given so much to ensure our freedoms and those of others around the world. The den can choose from many opportunities.

Here are a few ideas:

- Participate in a local Veterans Day parade.
- Post flags at a local cemetery for veterans who have been interred there.
- Conduct a Veterans Day flag ceremony at school or other public venue.
- Visit with elderly veterans.
- Take a tour of a local military museum or installation.
- Host a breakfast at the local VFW.
- Thank a Veteran ~ Have each boy bring a large plate of goodies to Den Meeting. Provide paper, pens, pencils, stickers, and markers. Have each boy write a letter to a veteran. It is a good idea to have a chalkboard or poster listing some ideas of what they could say.. After the letters are written, place them in envelopes. Prepare small plates of goodies for each veteran and deliver the goodies and letters as a Den
- Invite a member of the military to come speak to your Den about flag etiquette, citizenship, or freedom.

 Hold a discussion on what citizenship means -- including rights and responsibilities of citizens.

PRE-OPENERS

Good Ole U.S.A.

All of the towns and cities listed below are right here in the U.S. Some of them sound foreign but they're not. Troy, for example, could be an ancient city in Asia Minor, but it's an American city. In fact, there's a Troy, Michigan, a Troy, New York and a Troy, Ohio.

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Abilene	Fresno	Akron	Gary
Anchorage	Miami	Annapolis	Mobile
Arlington	Omaha	Berkeley	Oxnard
Biloxi	Peoria	Boise	Phoenix
Boston	Reno	Butte	Troy
Dallas	Tucson	Dayton	Tulsa
Denver	Waco	Duluth	Wichita
Flint	Ypsilanti		

WHERE AM I?

Directions: Match the place with its state.

- 1. Pearl Harbor A. Washington
- 2. Mt. Rushmore B. California
- 3. Cape Canaveral C. Montana
- 4. Zion National Park D. South Dakota
- 5. Yellowstone National Park E. Texas
- 6. Redwoods F. New York

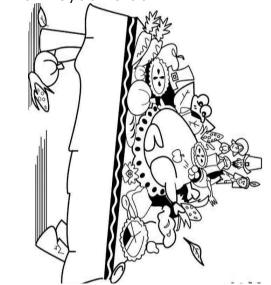
- 7. Niagara Falls G. Hawaii
- 8. The Alamo H. Florida
- 9. The Space Needle I. Utah

10. St. Louis Arch J. Missouri

Answers: 1-G, 2-D, 3-H, 4-I, 5-C, 6-B, 7-F, 8-E, 9-A, 10-J

THANKSGIVING OBJECTS

Find each of the objects listed below in this very FULL Thanksgiving Table - You can enlarge the picture to make it easier - or maybe harder!



One fork Three Pumpkins One Milk Carton
Three Corn CobsTwo Apples One Spoon
Two Pilgrim Hats Three Turkeys Two loaves of Bread

OPENING/CLOSING & FLAG CEREMONIES

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ACCORDING TO RED SKELTON

Mr Skelton is speaking: I had this one teacher, he was the principal of the Harrison school, in Vincennes Indiana. To me, this was the greatest teacher, a real sage of.. of my time, anyhow. He had such wisdom. And we were all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance one day, and he walked over. This little old teacher ... Mr. Lasswell was his name. ...

Mr Lasswell speaking: "I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge of Allegiance .. all semester ... and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you. If I may, may I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word.

- *|* -- me, an individual, a committee of one.
- *Pledge*--dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.
- *Allegiance*--my love and my devotion.
- *To the Flag*--our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there is respect, because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job.
- *United*--that means that we have all come together.
- *States*--individual communities that have united into 48 great states. 48 individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose, all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.

- *And to the Republic*--Republic, a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.
- *For Which It Stands*
- *One Nation* -- One nation, meaning, so blessed by God.
- *Indivisible* -- incapable of being divided.
- *With Liberty* -- which is freedom, the right of power to live one's own life without threats or fear or some sort of retaliation.
- *And Justice* -- the principle or qualities of dealing fairly with others.
- *For All*--For all... which means boys and girls, it's as much your country, as it is mine." Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance "under God".

And now lets all stand and recite, the Pledge of Allegiance and as we do so think of it's meaning.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM

Props:

Balloons for Scouts to pop during the song to emphasize the "bombs bursting in the air" I would tell Scouts **a word** in the song that they are to pop their balloon to avoid them popping them all at once.

- Cub # 1: In 1812 Mr. Key wrote a poem that was later set to music.
- Cub # 2: He was on a ship watching a battle between the British and Americans at Ft. McHenry, Maryland.
- Cub # 3: The Battle lasted all night. He was scared that the Americans would not last and looked for the flag to see if it was still there.
- Cub # 4: Bombs burst near the flag so he could see it a little during the night.
- Cub # 5: He was really happy when morning arrived and saw it still there.
- Cub # 6: (or Cubmaster) Please join us in the words from his poem which is now our National Anthem. All Scouts in uniform salute. All others place your hand over your heart.

SKIT

ALL AMERICAN TRIBUTE

Den Leader: America is my country. How glad I am that this is my land. Prairie and forest, Snow-capped peaks and mighty canyons. Cities of steel and farms with red barns. How glad I am that this is my land. My country is young, but it has a wonderful history.

Cub #1: It is Columbus, Plymouth Rock and Davy Crockett.

Cub #2: It is the Boston Tea Party and "Give me Liberty or Give me death"

Cub #3: And General MacArthur returning to the Philippines.

Cub #4: It is Washington and Lincoln and all the Presidents who carried the burden of leadership.

Cub #5: It is all the men and women who have died, so we may be free.

Cub #6: And all the men, women, and children who are working today to keep it free.

Cub #7: It is you and I and all its people who love America's goodness and work each day to make it better.

Den Leader: In all the world are many lands. But in my land is more hope and promise and strength and joy than anywhere else on earth. America is my country. How thankful I am that this is my land!

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

SERVICE TO COUNTRY

Divide audience into five parts. Assign each part a word and a response. Instruct them they are to say the response whenever they hear the word. Practice as you make assignments. Then read the story. After each of the words is read, pause for the group to make the appropriate response.

ARMY - Be all you can be!
AIR FORCE - No one comes close!
NAVY - Can do!
MARINES - Semper Fi!
COAST GUARD - Always ready!

CUB SCOUTS (Everyone) - Do Your Best!

In the United States of America, we have several different branches of the military, all prepared to defend our freedom. There is the **ARMY**, the **NAVY**, the **AIR FORCE**, the **MARINES**, and the **COAST GUARD**.

All these different groups have mottos and slogans, just like **CUB SCOUTS**. Part of the **CUB SCOUTS** Promise includes duty to God and country, and certainly, all the men and women who serve in the **ARMY**, the **NAVY**, the **AIR FORCE**, the **MARINES**, and the **COAST GUARD** demonstrate their duty to God and country in a big way.



As **CUB SCOUTS**, we take pride in being good citizens, in honoring our flag, and in helping others. One day, some of you may choose to join the **ARMY**, the

NAVY, the **AIR FORCE**, the **MARINES**, or the **COAST GUARD**. But, for now, we give thanks and appreciation for those who help protect and defend our country, while we learn to be the best we can be as **CUB SCOUTS**.

SONG

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Francis Scott Key

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.

O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep, Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes, What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep, As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?

Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam, In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream:

Tis the star-spangled banner: O, long may it wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a country should leave us no more?
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand,
Between their loved home and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Irving Berlin, Original: 1918; Revised: 1938

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.
God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above
From the mountains To the prairies,
To the ocean white with foam
God bless America, My home sweet home
God bless America, My home sweet home

The unofficial national anthem of the United States was composed by an immigrant who left his home in Siberia for the USA when he was only five years old. The original version of "God

Bless America" was written by Irving Berlin (1888-1989) during the summer of 1918 at Camp Upton, located in Yaphank, Long Island, for his Ziegfeld-style revue, Yip, Yip, Yaphank. "Make her victorious on land and foam, God Bless America..." ran the original lyrics. However, Irving decided that the solemn tone of "God Bless America" was somewhat out of keeping with the more comedic elements of the show, so the song was laid aside.

In the fall of 1938, as war was again threatening Europe, he decided to write a "peace" song. He recalled his lyrics of "God Bless America" from twenty years earlier, then made some alterations to reflect the different state of the world. Singer Kate Smith introduced the revised "God Bless America" during her radio broadcast on Armistice Day, 1938. The song was an immediate sensation; the sheet music was in great demand.

Berlin's file of manuscripts & lyric sheets for this quintessentially American song includes manuscripts in the hand of his longtime musical secretary, Helmy Kresa (he himself did not read and write music), as well as lyric sheets, and corrected proof copies for the sheet music.

These materials document not only the speed with which this song was revised, but also its author's attention to detail. The first proof copy is dated October 31, 1938; the earliest "final" version of the song is a manuscript dated November 2; and Kate Smith's historic broadcast took place on November 11. So, documents show the song's step-by-step evolution from the original version of 1918 to the tune we now know.

The manuscripts mentioned above are part of the Irving Berlin Collection, a remarkable collection that includes his personal papers as well as the records of the Irving Berlin Music Corp. It was presented to the Library of Congress in 1992, by his three daughters, Mary Ellin Barrett, Linda Louise Emmet, and Elizabeth Irving Peters.

What an amazing song! Isn't it wonderful that we have been so lucky to be connected with people who are able to put to words our deepest thoughts and emotions? Irving Berlin was truly inspired. Close your eyes and listen to his message. Does it not touch your soul? Can't you just see crashing waves- the majesty of the mountains? All of the beautiful people working every day, alive and free because of the dream of our beloved Founding Fathers? As this song is being broadcasted throughout the world on various occasions, there is this incredible overwhelming desire to jump up and sing with all the energy of the soul, knowing that if we did, the choirs of Heaven would be singing right along with us! Our people love our country, our Lord loves our country, and as long as we continue to fight for our gift of love and freedom, we will continue to enjoy the blessings of this, our sacred nation.

In 1940 Irving Berlin established the God Bless America Foundation, with all royalties from its performance earned by either Berlin or Miss Smith going to the **Boy and Girl Scouts of America**. That arrangement exists to this day. These organizations were chosen, to quote the contract, because "the completely nonsectarian work of the **Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts** is calculated to best promote unity of mind and patriotism, two sentiments that are inherent in the song itself."

An interesting chapter was added to the Kate Smith- God Bless America story in the twilight of her 50-year career. Officials noted that when the national anthem was played at the opening of Philadelphia Flyers' hockey games, the fans were not properly respectful, while they listened more quietly to Kate's record of God Bless America. Furthermore, a statistician noted that they won most games when the latter was played. Fans were given a surprise on October 11, 197 3, at the season opener, when Kate Smith walked across the red carpet on the ice to sing her anthem in person. They beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 2-0. Announcer Gene Hart commented that Kate "brought chills and a standing ovation of three minutes. It

fully met the ultimate definition of the word triumph." At critical games Kate was driven down from New York to repeat the favor. When the Flyers clinched the championship and won the Stanley Cup by defeating the Boston Bruins 1-0, even the Bruins skated over to shake Kate's hand. She was called their talisman and good luck charm; she loved the free publicity! She repeated the role the next season, and the Flyers defeated the Buffalo Sabres to retain the Stanley Cup. (Thanks to Steve for the correction to the name of the defeated team!) In 1987 they erected a bronze statue in memory of their "rabbit's foot" or "secret ice weapon," who had died the previous year.

GRAND OLD FLAG

Music and lyrics by George M. Cohan You're a grand old flag, You're a high flying flag
And forever in peace may you wave You're the emblem of The land I love, The home of the free and the brave.
Every heart beats true
Under the red white and blue,
Where there's never a boast or a brag But should auld acquaintance be forgot, Keep your eye on the grand old flag!

THIS IS MY COUNTRY

This is my country!
Land of my birth.
This is my country!
Grandest on earth.
I pledge thee my allegiance,
America the bold
For this is my country
To have and to hold.

THANKSGIVING SONG

MY TURKEY

(tune: My Bonnie)

My turkey went walking one morning The November weather to see. A man with a hatchet approached her Oh, bring back my turkey to me.

Chorus:

Bring back, bring back
Oh bring back my turkey to me, to me
Bring back, bring back
Oh bring back my turkey to me.

I went down the sidewalk a shoppin' The sights in show windows to see. And everywhere hung great fat gobblers. Oh, bring back my turkey to me.

Chorus

I went out to dinner and ordered The best things they had I could see. They brought it all roasted and sizzling; They brought back my turkey to me.

New Chorus

Brought back, brought back, They brought back my turkey to me, to me Brought back, brought back, They brought back my turkey to me, to me

CHEERS & APPLAUSES

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

Constitution - "We the People Approve"

George Washington - I cannot tell a lie. That was great!

Abe Lincoln: "That was great--honestly!"

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

Politician Applause: Pat yourself on the back.

Mount Rushmore: Shout "Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Roosevelt!"

Old Glory Applause: Do the regular "wave" where one group at a time starting from one side and going to other, creates a wave by waving both arms as you say "Old Glory, Long May She Wave!"

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

Salute the New Citizen! To recognize the hard work of learning in order to pass the test to become a new citizen, have everyone stand, make a salute, and say "We salute you!"

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

Good Turn (for service projects): Spin in place while clapping.

Two Sides of Citizenship Applause Divide audience into two groups. One side shouts: "Rights, I have Rights!" The other side shouts "Duties, I have Duties! As you point to each side, they shout their phrase. Then Signal to both groups to stop and say "That's the Two Sides of Citizenship!" as you hold up two fingers.

RUN-ONS

ONLY IN AMERICA RUN-ONS

- Only in America.....can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.
- Only in America.....are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink.
- Only in America.....do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.
- Only in America.....do people order double cheese burgers, large fries, and a DIET coke.

- Only in America.....do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.
- Only in America.....do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.
- Only in America.....do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.
- Only in America.....do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.
- © Only in America.....do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

JOKES & RIDDLES

RED, WHITE & BLUE...WITH STARS!

A Dutchman was explaining the red, white, and blue Netherlands flag to an American. "Our flag is symbolic of our taxes. We get red when we talk about them, white when we get our tax bills, and blue after we pay them."

The American nodded. "It's the same in the USA only we see stars, too!"

PATRIOTIC JOKES

Q: Where is the only United States flag that will never be lowered, raised or saluted and will never age?

A: On the moon!

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

A: Whoa!.

Q: Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

A: At the bottom.

Q: Why does the Statue of Liberty stand in New York harbor?

A: Because she can't sit or lie down.

Q: Why is it impossible to send mail to Washington now?

A: Because he is dead.

Q: Can you send mail to Lincoln?

A: Yes, he left us his Gettysburg address.

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DEN CRAFTS/ACTIVITIES

STARS & STRIPES SPINNER

MATERIALS:

- Glue
- 12 Crepe Paper Streamers 18" Long
- 3' String
- Scissors
- Hole Punch

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Enlarge to 8 1/4" and make 5 copies of star pattern circle. Each circle is divided into quarters by 3 dotted lines and one solid line. On four of the circles, cut on the solid line to the center of the circle.
- 2. Crease on the dotted lines, folding printed pattern to the inside. First one way, then the other way.
- 3. Form a pocket to catch the wind by folding as shown, overlapping one quarter of the circle onto the next quarter.
- 4. Glue overlap into place. Repeat for the three other slit circles.
- 5. Glue the four pockets together to create a half ball.
- 6. Cut streamers to 18". Glue ends around perimeter of the bottom. Glue the 5th circle to the bottom over the streamer ends.
- 7. Use punch to make 2 holes in the top of the ball about 1/2" from the edge. Feed string through. Tie ends.
- 8. Hang from tree and watch it spin.

Star-Spangled Luminarias

Total Time Needed: 1 Hour

Can't get to the fireworks? These festive luminaries let you light up the night right in your own front yard.

Materials

Cardboard
Tissue paper, red and blue
Brown-paper lunch bags
Star-shaped stickers and star punch
Sand
Tea light or votive candles



Instructions

- 1. Cut a star from cardboard (ours was 2 1/2 inches from point to point) and use it as a template to cut other stars from red and blue tissue paper.
- 2. Glue the stars to the insides of lunch bags with a dab or two from a glue stick. For a bit more pop, add other small star-shaped stickers on the inside and perforate the sides with a star paper punch.



3. Fill each bag with 2 to 3 inches of sand and sink a tea light or votive candle into the sand. Place the luminaries in a spot outside where you can keep an eye on them, and light the candles. (Tip for parents: To avoid scorching your forearm, light a piece of uncooked spaghetti and use it to light the candles.)
From inside the bags, the tissue paper stars will cast a red and blue glow guaranteed to shine on long after the twilight's last gleaming.

BEADED NECKERCHIEF SLIDE

Match the colors to the holiday

You need:

• 24 Ivory Pony Beads

- 24 Brown Pony Beads
- 12 Orange Pony Beads
- 2 Yards Rat-tail Satin Cord
- White Glue

Instructions

Stiffen cord ends with white glue. String one ivory, 1 brown, 1 <u>orange</u>, 1 brown, and 1 ivory pony bead to the center of your cord.

String one ivory, 1 brown, 1 orange, 1 brown, and 1 ivory pony bead on one end of your cord. Take the other end and push it through the last five beads in reverse order. Pull snug.

Continue strin YOUR VOTE COUNTS ging one ivory, 1 brown, 1 orange, 1 brown, and 1 ivory pony bead on one end of your cord and push the other end through those five beads in reverse order.

After you have twelve rows, push the cord ends through the first row, forming a ring and pulling snug. Tie off each end. Put a dab of white glue on the knots. Let dry and trim close to knot.

GAMES

FIFTY STATES ELIMINATION GAME

Directions: Mark the names of all fifty states on paper plates. Spread out the paper plates on the floor. At the signal, everyone scrambles to stand on a different plate. A state is called and that plate is removed. If someone is standing on that plate they are removed, too. The last person left on the last plate is the winner. For a shorter version, use fewer states but keep track of the ones used.

THE FIFTY STARS RELAY GAME

Directions: Divide the group into equal teams lined up a few feet away from a table. Place a bowl on the table for each team. Lay 50 cutout paper stars (approximately 2 inches in diameter) 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 by using the original 13 stars for a smaller group of boys. **Hint:** If you use tissue paper, it is easier to pick up the stars.

CITIZENSHIP PICTIONARY

Challenge the boys to think of as many things as possible that represent Citizenship.(Liberty Bell, Declaration of Independence, Flag, Voting, litter Collection) Collect the words – then divide into two teams and play Pictionary with the words. As you play the game, refer to how important it is that everyone be dependable – that we can depend on each other!

CUB GRUB

PUMPKIN PIE ICE CREAM BARS

Serves 15

Ingredients:

Crust

- Approximately 12 graham crackers (1 ½ packages)
- 6 Tablespoons butter, softened

Filling

- 2 cups plain canned pumpkin
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ginger
- 2 quarts vanilla ice cream

Directions:

- To make the crust, crush the graham crackers, mash in the butter, and press into glass 9x13 pan.
- In a medium bowl, mix pumpkin, sugar, and spices.
- Soften ice cream in a large bowl.
- Add the pumpkin mixture to the ice cream and stir until well blended. Use an electric mixer, if desired.
- Spoon the mixture into the pie crust and smooth the top. Place in a freezer for several hours, until firm.
- Allow to thaw for a few minutes before serving. Add whipped cream to the top, if desired.

CRAN-APPLE CIDER

Ingredients:



- 1 pint cranberry-juice cocktail
- 1 quart apple juice
- 1 cup water
- 6 whole cloves
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 1 lemon, sliced thinly

Directions:

- Mix cranberry-juice cocktail, apple juice, water, cloves, cinnamon, and lemon together in large saucepan.
- Heat and strain.
- Serve warm in mugs to cold guests.

GOBBLE ME UP

Need a snack to tide the kids over until the big Thanksgiving feast? Here's a healthy option they can have fun making themselves.

Ingredients

- Apple
- Clementine or navel orange
- Pear

- Dried apricot
- Peanut butter or cream cheese
- Mini chocolate chips
- Nut (we used a cashew)
- Dried cranberry

Instructions

- 1. Arrange apple and Clementine or navel orange slices on a plate as shown, and lay a cored pear half on top.
- 2. Use scissors to halve a dried apricot, then snip small triangles from each half and tuck them under the pear to form the feet.
- 3. Finally, use peanut butter or softened cream cheese to attach mini chocolate chip eyes, a nut beak, and a dried cranberry snood.

CRISPY CHEESE STARS

Heat the oven to 350°.

Use a large cookie cutter to cut out stars from flour tortillas (about 5 per 10-inch tortilla). It's easy for kids to do if you use a rolling pin to roll back and forth over the cutter.

Bake the stars on a foil-covered cookie sheet for 5 minutes.

Use a small cookie cutter to cut out an equal number of cheese stars from the sliced cheese and place them atop the tortilla ones.

Bake the stars for 2 more minutes or so until the cheese melts.

Sprinkle the stars with chili powder or paprika and let them cool before serving.

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HOLIDAYS AND OTHER SPECIAL DAYS FOR NOVEMBER

November - A Month for Citizenship

November 6- John Philip Sousa's Birthday

Sousa was a great patriot – and he used music to stir patriotism in others! He was known as "The March King" and wrote many famous marches. Among his best known marches are "The Washington Post", "Semper Fidelis" (Official March of the United States Marine Corps), and "The Stars and Stripes Forever" (National March of the United States of America), and marches for several universities. When he was only 13, he became an apprentice in the United States Marine Corp band, and later became the leader of that band for several years. He also directed the Navy Band during the first world war. He donated his entire salary, less \$1 a year, to the Sailors' and Marines' Relief Fund Sousa also helped create a new instrument, called the Sousaphone – he wanted a tuba that could be used even while marching, and that could be heard over the band. But he had some other talents as well – he wrote three novels and his own autobiography, *Marching Along*. But he was also an all-time great trapshooter, and he's in the Trapshooting Hall of Fame. He even organized the first national trapshooting organization, and some call him the father of trapshooting in America. Sousa also wrote many articles about trapshooting.

November 11 - Veteran's Day

Participate in a Veterans Day Parade or other community event. Some scouts help put out flags for veterans at local cemeteries – see details under Den & Pack Activities. There is also an opportunity for ongoing service at National Cemeteries.

November 17 – Take a Hike Day

This is the perfect time to take a hike with the den or your family – and it counts toward advancement for every level – plus it's FUN!

November 18 - Mickey Mouse's Birthday, 1928

Mickey Mouse is recognized the world over as an icon of America. He is also a symbol of the freedom of citizenship in America. Because people are free to choose their occupation and their religion and can feel secure in their homes, they have time for fun and creativity.

November 22 - Thanksgiving

Traditionally celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States. It is usually associated with the Pilgrims and their first Thanksgiving feast in America, when they celebrated with the help of local Native Americans – but check out the amazing true story of Squanto, or Tisquantum, a Patuxet Indian who had already learned English before he met the Pilgrims.

November 27 – Bill Nye's Birthday

Better known as Bill Nye, the Science Guy, he has made science FUN -

November 30 – Mark Twain's Birthday

His real name was Samuel Clemons, known for writing *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. He was also a riverboat pilot, journalist, lecturer, entrepreneur and inventor.

WEB SITES AND OTHER RESOURCES

BOOKS

- ⋆ Den & Pack Meeting Resource Guide;
- ★ Cub Scout How To Book:
- ★ Boys' Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos Hand books;
- ★ Cub Scout Leader Book:
- ★ Cub Scout Ceremonies Book;
- * Family Fun Magazine.

RESPONSIBILITY & FIRE SAFETY WEBSITES

www.usflag.org Special links to the Constitution, Congress, the text of every Inaugural Address; how to get a flag that has flown over the Capitol; a special flag folding ceremony used at the Air Force Academy

<u>http://www.allcrafts.net/patriotic.htm</u>
Check out Free Patriotic Craft Projects and Free Kids
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www.weatherwizkids.com/ - fun and safe website for kids about weather

<u>www.theweatherchannelkids.com/</u> - interactive weather games, maps, and teaching materials

<u>http://www.enchantedlearning.com</u>
American flags to print out in color of black and white; flags and facts about each state; symbols of the USA, such as the Great Seal, with historical info; information on symbolism of color and more.

CODES AND MORE CODES

This link to the Scouts of South Africa site has well over a dozen different codes. Boys love solving codes and writing secret messages.

www.scouting.org.za/codes/

<u>www.Scouting.org</u> - The BSA's main website. (By the way - BSA.ORG is actually the Business Software Alliance, a trade group that campaigns against computer software piracy.)

www.ScoutStuff.org - The BSA National Supply Division

www.snjscouting.org - Southern New Jersey Council

<u>www.USScouts.org</u> - An independent treasure trove of Scouting information, including *Baloo's Bugle*.

http://balboaoaks.bsa-la.org/download/blog/Cub%20Grub%20Cookbook.pdf - Source for the *Cub Grub Cookbook*. You can save a copy on your PC by selecting **File, Save As...** in your web browser's menu bar.

JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE:

http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx

GAMES, GAMES, GAMES

If you search the web for group games, you can get hundreds of listings. Here are a few that I have found:

www.Boyscouttrail.com

They have a section for group games. You can search based on the age of the boys, the type of game, or by game name. They also have a listing of all the belt loops to help you play those games as well.

www.Funandgames.org

These games are geared toward kids. They have some of everything and are listed by categories. This site can help with group games as well as pre-openers. It is a database of games compiled by many people, so as you read the rules you can see different people's style of writing.

www.Gameskidsplay.net

This site lists lots and lots of games. They have some in categories and others are just listed. They have a search engine as well. They are not listed by age so you will have to read the rules of the games to decide if they are right for your group. They do give variations for how to play many games.

www.Funattic.com

This site offers free game ideas as well as sells things for games. It seems to focus on products for disabled children. I haven't purchased anything from them, but the game listing is organized and easy to understand. They have a newsletter you can subscribe to as well as a monthly game to play.

www.Macscouter.com

This site has what it calls two volumes of games in a PDF format. The first volume is for younger scouts and the second for older scouts. It is easy to navigate and find the type of game you

are looking for. They even have a listing of games called Scouting Games by Baden-Powell; great fun all year long. This site has other information for basic cub scouting, as well.

DEN & PACK MEETING HELP:

Baloo's Bugle: http://usscouts.org/bbugle.asp

Links to theme related publications:

http://www.scoutingthenet.com/Training/Roundtable/Handouts/11/

CRAFTS, GAMES, & ACTIVITIES:

http://familyfun.go.com/

http://www.dltk-kids.com/scouts/index.htm

Crafts: www.makingfriends.com

Sports & Games: http://www.scoutingweb.com/scoutingweb/program/Games.htm

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THE REAL STORY OF THE 50 STAR FLAG

The current version of the US flag was designed by 17year old Robert G. Heft, who only received a "B-" for his efforts. He challenged his teacher that he should receive an "A" if his design was accepted by Congress.

Heft was one of thousands to submit a flag design with alternating rows of five and six stars. But apparently he was the only person who actually stitched together a flag and shipped it to D.C. – he took his family 48-star flag, and replaced the original blue section. He used \$2.87 worth of blue cloth and cut 100 stars out of white iron-on material (He put 50 stars on each side of the flag).

Heft was 17 in 1958 when he received an unusual phone call - When the caller asked for Robert G. Heft, the teenager said, "Yes, but you can call me Bob." He didn't realize he was speaking with President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Heft's high school project had been selected by the president to represent the United States of America and the 50-star U.S. flag was born. It has flown over every state capitol building and over 88 U.S. embassies. An uneven patch at a lower corner is evidence of an attack on the embassy in Saigon in 1967. It's the only flag in America's history to have flown over the White House under five administrations. Heft visited the White House 14 times under nine presidents and toured with Bob Hope. He loved to visit with veterans, children and scouts, and made his last appearance just a week before his death in December, 2009.

He taught children to follow their dreams. "...Make every minute count in school and in life. You just never know how life will turn out. If you believe in what you are doing (and it's proper), never let anybody discourage you. Follow your dreams."

Heft was once asked why he decided to make a flag for his school project. His answer – "I selected the flag project because I was fascinated by the use of flags while in Boy Scouts and also by the Betsy Ross story. Remember, then we didn't have the internet, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Pokemon Trading cards etc