

Golden Eagle District #15 January 2009 Theme for February: American ABCs



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IDEAS FOR THE PACK MEETING

Let's tour the United States by the letters: Austin, Baton Rouge, and Cambridge to Xenia, New York, and Zion. This month, Cub Scouts will explore scenic and historic landmarks in this wonderful country. What a great theme for the blue and gold banquet! A den or pack may choose a city or a state, and the boys can learn all about it. Or you might decide on a theme such as national parks, zoos, or museums. Then the boys can use their choice in their decorations, skit, and song for the banquet.

PRE-OPENING ACTIVITY: Display a map of the USA and have families mark where they came from or would most like to visit.

PRAYER:

FLAG CEREMONY: Use the Flag Folding Ceremony on page 4 to celebrate the symbol of our nation.

SONG:

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

APPLAUSES:

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY:

ACTIVITIES: Make a travel activity kit; Have the audience try to name the states in alphabetical order; Make a map picture frame or an ABC block place card holder for the blue and gold banquet.

SONG: Sing our national Anthem; sing patriotic songs; sing

SKITS:

RUN ONS/JOKES:

CLOSING CEREMONY

CUBMASTER MINUTE

REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP

FLAG CEREMONY: FREEDOM

Setting:

With lights low have a large flag held by Cub Scouts.

Have 8 Cub Scouts with flashlights to shine on the flag as an off-stage, hidden narrator reads.

Narrator:

I am your American Flag. I am the flag of this great United States.

I stand for the past, the present and future of this country of yours.

I represent your freedoms - - -

- ★ The freedom of speech (The 1st Cub turns his flashlight on)
- ★ The freedom of religion (2nd Cub Scout lights flashlight)
- ★ The freedom of the press (3rd light)
- ★ The freedom of job (4th light)
- ★ The freedom to vote (5th light)
- ★ The freedom to assemble (6th light)
- ★ The freedom of trial by jury (7th light)
- ★ The freedom of self-government (8th light)

If we allow any of these freedoms to be taken away, our nation would be a dreary place to be. Let's all do our part to be good citizens.

Cubmaster: Lets all stand and make the Pledge of Allegiance and then sing God Bless America (or another patriotic song of your choice).

JOKES: DEN CHIEF RUN ONS

1. Where did you get those pants?
2. Where did you get the coat?
3. Where did you get the vest?
4. Where did you get the collar?
5. I can spell Mississippi with one i. How?
6. Do you know the three American sisters?
7. How does the city pay the dogcatcher?
8. What did Paul Revere say at the end of his famous ride?
9. What the difference between constellations and Hollywood?

APPLAUSES

Fireworks: Way up high it goes ... Boom! Boom! Boom! Ohh! Ahh!
Abe Lincoln: That was great! Honest!
George Washington: That was great. I cannot tell a lie.
Statue of Liberty cheer: Stand and raise imaginary torch and say,
"Welcome to America!"
America Applause: "A-M-E-R-I-C-A! Cub Scouts! Cub Scouts!
U-S-A!"



SONG: THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND

This land is your land,
This land is my land,
From California,
To the New York Island,
From the Redwood Forests,
To the Gulf Stream waters,
This land was made for you and me.

As I was walking, that ribbon of highway,
I saw above me that endless skyway,
I saw below me that Golden Valley,
This land was made for you and me.

I've roamed and rambled and I followed my footsteps.
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts,
And all around me a voice was sounding,
This land was made for you and me.

I followed your low hills and I followed your cliff rims,
Your marble canyons and sunny bright waters,
This voice came calling, as the fog was lifting,
This land was made for you and me.

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ANSWERS TO RUN-ONS:

1. Pants-sylvania!
2. North Da-coat-a!
3. Vest-Virginia!
4. Collar-ado!
5. (Covers one eye and spells.)
6. Mary Land, Louise Anna, Minnie Sota.
7. By the pound!
8. Whoa.
9. Nothing. In both, the stars make the pictures!

SONG:

(Tune: If You're Happy and You Know It)

If your name starts with, **A** turn around.
If your name starts with **B** touch the ground.
If your name starts with **C** then stand up and touch your knee.
Clap your hands if your name starts with **D**.

If your name starts with **E**, wink your eye.
If your name starts with **F**, try to fly.
If your name starts with **G**, blow a kiss up here to me.
If your name starts with **H**, say, "Hee, Hee."

If your name starts with **I**, hop in place.
If your name starts with **J**, pat your face.
If your name starts with **K**, kneel down and stay,
If your name starts with **L**, shout, "Hooray!"

If your name starts with **M**, make me smile.
If your name starts with **N**, shake awhile.
If your name starts with **O**, put your elbow on your toe.
If your name starts with **P**, say, "I know."

If your name starts with **Q**, raise your hand.
If your name starts with **R**, you should stand.
If your name starts with **S**, you should pat your head, I guess.
If your name starts with **T**, say, "Oh, yes!"

If your name starts with **U**, touch your eye.
If your name starts with **V**, pat your thigh.
If your name starts with **W, X, Y or Z**,
Then stand up a take a bow and say, "That's me!"

CLOSING CEREMONY: "THIS IS MY COUNTRY"

BOY 1: This is my country. I will use my eyes to see the beauty of this land.

BOY 2: I will use my ears to hear its sounds.

BOY 3: I will use my mind to think what I can do to make it more beautiful.

BOY 4: I will use my hands to care for it.

BOY 5: I will use my feet to serve it.

BOY 6: With my heart, I will honor it.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Basic Training- DON'T MISS IT!! Jan. 17th 8:00-12:00 p.m. @ the LDS chapel at 2901 West 9000 South.

President's club- Don't forget to turn in you're application for your neckerchief! Check out the council's website for more information. The first 1,700 applicants to submit their applications receive the neckerchief free! **Join the Club!**

Fast Start- Get a jump-start on your new position! Just click on Training on the council website and complete your Fast Start Training for your *current* position. Remember that you need to complete this training for any change in position.

Wood Badge- Take the challenge! Change your life! Please ask a member of the Roundtable staff about how their life has been changed by Wood Badge. or visit the council website for more information.

Basic Training- If you have not attended basic training or haven't taken it within the last few years, you need to come to Basic Training! January 17th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 2901 West 9000 South, West Jordan. We'll see you there!

Den Chief Training- February 7th from 8-12:30 p.m. at University of Utah Institute of Religion. Den leaders are encouraged to attend with their den chief.

Webelos Outdoor Training- March 14th from 8-4 @ U of U Institute of Religion. (1780 East South Campus Drive). See the council website for registration information.

Baloo- April 18th from 8-4 p.m. at U of U Institute of Religion. Register online at the council website under "Training".

CUBMASTER'S MINUTE:

America has many beautiful canyons. At some of them, people have fun yelling into the canyon and listening for echoes coming back.

I am sure all of you have experienced this. Remember your sense of wonder and amazement? In some canyons, more than one echo comes back, as the sounds bounce back and forth between the canyon walls. Scouting is like that. You will get back out of it, what you put in. Sometimes it will come back to you many times over.

We are all on a wonderful adventure together in Scouting.

TRAINING HIGHLIGHT:

Recognizing Leaders. Why do we recognize adult leaders' efforts on the pack's behalf? Setting a good example for the youth and showing appreciation for a job well done are two reasons.

Ideas for recognizing leaders: 1. Leader recognition knots 2. Tokens of appreciation for jobs well done 3. Present Scouting merchandise or homemade items 4. Recognition ceremonies 5. Involve the scouts in creating and presenting recognition items.

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY: **Patriotic**

This ceremony could allow some leaders to portray the characters in costume.

Cubmaster: Ladies and Gentlemen, we have some honored guests here tonight. I would like to introduce Uncle Sam, Lady Liberty, and Yankee Doodle. Each of these individuals is an important symbol to the people of our country. Tonight, they are here to present some other symbols to some deserving young men. These symbols represent hard work, diligence, and jobs well done.

Yankee Doodle: We have some Cub Scouts who have earned some special awards. Would the following Cub Scouts and parents please come forward. (Call the names of those receiving Wolf badge and arrow points.)

Lady Liberty: I would like to call forward those Cub Scouts who have been working for some time and have achieved much. I would like to present them with their awards. (Call the names of those receiving Bear badge and arrow points and their parents.)

Uncle Sam: I would like to recognize some of the older boys in this group. You have given unselfishly of yourselves. For your loyal support over the years, I would like to present you with your awards. (Call the names of those receiving Webelos badges, activity badges, or compass points and their parents.)

Cubmaster: I would like to thank our three guests for coming to help us tonight. And a special thanks to all the boys who have worked so hard to be examples and role models of good American citizens!

SONG: **THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER**

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 through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY

The flag folding ceremony represents the same principles on which our country was originally founded. The portion of the flag denoted honors the canton of blue containing the stars representing the states our veterans served in uniform. The canton field of blue dresses from left to right and is inverted when draped as a pall on a casket of a veteran who has served our country in uniform.

In the Armed Forces of the United States, at the ceremony of retreat the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold, and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning it is brought out and, at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

(Wait for the Honor Guard or Flag Detail to unravel and fold the flag into a quarter fold - resume reading when Honor Guard is standing ready.)

- The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
- The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.
- The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain a peace throughout the world.
- The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.
- The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country. In dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."
- The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we 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.
- The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.
- The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered in to the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.
- The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.
- The tenth fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.
- The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of the national motto, "In God We Trust."

(Wait for the Honor Guard or Flag Detail to inspect the flag; after inspection, resume reading.)

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

This Flag Folding Ceremony is from the US Air Force Academy

