## Golden Eagle District #15 April 2009

# Theme for May Leave Nothing but Footprints



#### IDEAS FOR THE PACK MEETING

May is a perfect time for Den and Pack Hikes and to enjoy the great outdoors. Respect for the outdoors is an important concept for everyone. Cub Scouts can set an example for their parents and friends by learning the principles of Leave No Trace and ways they can minimize their impact on the environment. On their hikes, the boys will have a great time taking photographs of nature and wildlife and leaving it where they found it. This is an ideal time for Cub Scouts to start working on the Wildlife conservation Belt Loop and Pin. So remember, do your Good Turn and leave these areas cleaner then you found them.



### PRE-OPENING ACTIVITY IDEAS:

- 1. Footprint identification: Provide a display of animal footprints and have everyone try to identify which footprint goes to which animal.
- 2. Scavenger Hunt: Have a list of items for the boys to find. You could include blade of grass, twig, live bug (identify and leave where it was), pinecone, etc. Or you could hide specific items for them to find, noting it's location on their paper so they don't disturb it for others.
- 3. Footprint Animal: Trace the outline of your foot onto paper. Use art supplies to turn it into an animal.

#### LOOKING FOR A REWARDING EXPERIENCE?

We need your help! We have need of volunteers to help us on our Roundtable staff. It's a great opportunity and very rewarding! We need help in several areas of Roundtable. Come and enjoy us for this enjoyable and very rewarding experience.

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OPENING/FLAG CEREMONY: The Outdoor Code **Materials** – 4 Cub Scouts, Cubmaster (CM or ACM), the American flag posted on the stage, several potted plants or an artificial tree, a garbage bag filled with trash (rinsed out cans, bottles, crumpled paper, etc.) Cubmaster enters carrying the garbage bag, and stands between the flag and the plants.

**CM:** We are blessed to live in this great land of freedom and beauty. America truly is the home of amber waves of grain and purple mountains majesty. Unfortunately, there are people in this country who abuse their freedom and pollute the land. (He dumps the bag of trash on the ground [Alt. Have the litter already on the ground].) As Cub Scouts, we can learn to be better Americans by living the Outdoor Code.

**Cub #1**: As an American, I will do my best to be clean in my outdoor habits, I will keep my trash and garbage out of America's waters, fields, woods and roadways.

**Cub #2:** Be careful with fire: I will build my fire in a safe place and be sure it is out before I leave.

**Cub #3:** Be considerate of the outdoors: I will remember that the use of the outdoors is a privilege I can lose by abuse.

**Cub #4:** And be conservation minded: I will learn to practice good conservation of soil, waters, forests, minerals, grasslands, and wildlife and I will urge others to do the same.

**CM:** These Cub Scouts have shown they are willing to protect our country's natural beauty and conserve her natural resources.

**ACM:** Please stand and make the proper salute. Please repeat after me the Pleage of Allegiance.

#### DON'T FORGET:

Spring and summer are outside seasons. Be sure to take along the minimum permission slips, Guide to Safe Scouting, first aid kit(s), water bottles, goodies, and cell phone. Make sure that you notify parents of your location and when you expect to return, stay on the trails, and Leave Nothing but Footprints!

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#### APPLAUSES:

Clean Air: Take a big breath in of air, hold it a second and then exhale and say "AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH" Garbage Bag: In a deep voice say, "Hefty! Hefty! Hefty!

Give A Hoot: Divide the audience into two sections. Have one section yell. "Give A Hoot!" and the other section yell, "Don't Pollute!" Alternate pointing at each section, pointing faster and faster.

Noise Pollution: Raise hands and have everyone yell as loudly as they can. Lower hands and volume of yells go down. When hands are on floor, everyone must be extremely quiet. Do several time - raise and lower volume. Then, with hands on floor ask the Pack to listen to absolute quiet.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Divide the audience into three sections. Have the first section yell, "Reduce!", the second section yell, "Reuse!", and the third section yell, "Recycle!" Alternate pointing at each section, pointing faster and faster.

#### **GATHERING TIME ACTIVITY:**

#### Constructing a Terrarium

Keep a bit of summer in your home all year long by making a terrarium. A terrarium is a small, indoor garden held in a glass container. You can purchase a terrarium already planted, or construct your own by buying the container, soil and plants from floral shops and other retail stores. Companies that make glass terrariums offer many sizes and shapes . Or, make your own from old aquariums, glass jars, etc.

To construct your garden, put about 1/2 inch of crushed charcoal and a shallow layer of soil over the bottom of the container. You may mix the charcoal with soil. Soil should be loose, well drained and sterile. Do not use common garden soil because it will soon pack together. For tropical terrariums with foliage plants, use one part soil, one part peat moss, and one part Perlite. Or, use a similar soil mix. If you want to create a cactus garden, use a coarse soil made of one part soil and one part sand. All ingredients are available at floral shops and garden centers.

Place plants in the terrarium, and cover roots with soil. Soil level should be no more than 1/5 of the terrarium height. Use rock, driftwood or other materials to add

Arrange your plants outside the terrarium before you plant them. For terrariums viewed on all sides, put larger plants in the middle and smaller ones around the edge. For those you view from one side, slant the soil and plant tall plants in back, with shorter plants in front.

Select plants that prefer the growing conditions in your terrarium. Use tropical and woodland plants in a closed, or vented terrarium. Plant cacti and succulents only in open containers. Choose slow and low growing plants that will not quickly outgrow the terrarium. Use plants that offer a variety of color, form and texture.

Once you plant the terrarium, water lightly and cover the container. You will not need to water very often after this. Remove the cover if sides of container fog with moisture: recover in 24 hours. Occasionally sprinkle foliage lightly with water, but never soak the soil. Enjoy!

CRAFT: Garbage can neckerchief slide



Paint a film canister silver to represent trashcan. Fill with "trash" (sticks, paper, tin foil). Attach a small piece of PVC with hot glue to back.

#### ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY: Old Shoes

Props - 6 different sizes of shoes - 1 for each rank awards are inside the shoes. Use imagination in selecting shoes that fit the level of the award.

Have ceremony team divide up the parts. Maybe, have Den Leaders read the part for their dens.

**Tiger Cub** – (Hold up shoe) These boys are taking their first steps in Cub Scouting - enjoying new friends and new experiences. (Call boys and parents forward and present awards.) Lead Cheer

Bobcat - (Hold up shoe) Understanding Cub Scouting allows for more growth/ movement toward higher goals. (Call boys and parents forward and present awards.) Lead Cheer

Wolf - (Hold up shoe) These boys are taking steps to understand family, self, respect of others and duty to God. (Call boys and parents forward and present awards.) Lead Cheer

Bear - (Hold up shoe) These boys are a little older and are taking bigger steps to understand family, self, respect of others and duty to God. (Call boys and parents forward and present awards.) Lead Cheer

Webelos - (Hold up shoe) Now, the boys are learning to do things on their own, expanding their knowledge and taking steps to be come Boy Scouts. (Call boys and parents forward and present awards) Lead Cheer

**Arrow of Light -** (Hold up shoe) Soon we will have boys take the biggest/longest steps available in Cub Scouting. They will have achieved the highest award of Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light. They will need to demonstrate continued growth and understanding as they prepare to move forward to Boy Scouting. Lead Cheer

CRAFT ACTIVITY: GROCERY BAG KEEPER Let's try keeping the plastic bags out of the landfill. If you aren't using reusable bags, try making this to store and re-use your store shopping bags for another use!

Supplies:

2-liter soda bottles Knife and scissors Sandpaper Plastic grocery bags

#### Directions:

- 1. Wash and dry bottles thoroughly.
- 2. Cut off about 3 inches off the top of the bottle and about 2 inches off the bottom of the bottle.
- 3. Sand the rough edges.
- 4. Stuff the bottles with plastic grocery bags.

#### NATIONAL DEN AWARD:

Cub Scouting happens in the den. The National Den Award creates an incentive for a year-round, fun, quality program in the den. The National Den Award may be earned only once in any twelve-month period (charter year, calendar year, etc.) which is determined by the pack committee.

# ANSWERS TO RUN-ONS

- 1. For littering!
- 2. Our habit-at!
- 3. It depends on how many people are standing in it!



#### CLOSING CEREMONY:

Personnel: Seven Cubs

**Props**: Lit candles from opening.

Scene: Lower or turn out room lights. Each Cub says his

line then blows out a candle. **Cub #1:** I am part of nature.

**Cub #2:** I have an affect on everything that lives. **Cub #3:** I am bound together with all living things

in the air, in the land, and in the water.

**Cub #4:** My life depends upon nature, upon its balance, upon its resources and upon the continuity of both.

**Cub #5:** To destroy nature is to destroy myself. **Cub #6:** As a member of the human race, I am responsible

for its survival.

**Cub #7:** I am a part of nature, and I will not destroy it, for if I do, my world will be a darker place.

#### **DEN CHIEF RUN ONS**

- 1. Why did the mother cat get a ticket?
- 2. What one habit does every creature on earth share?
- 3. How many feet are in a yard?
- 4. Someone comes running across the stage yelling and screaming "Help! Help! They're after me!"

To which someone responds "Who's after you? And why?" The reply, "The squirrels! They think I'm nuts!"

#### WHAT'S NEW??

You can now submit your tour permits online saving you time. Plus, it will remember your transportation and training information for future permits. What a great help for us busy leaders! To access this new capability. Go to the scouting.org website and select MyScouting. You may need to create a MyScouting account. You will need to log-in as you do for the Online training. Enter all necessary information. Helpful messages advise about any missing details. Simply submit the form when completed. The council will evaluate and approve the permit or request additional information by email. Leaders are notified throughout the approval process.

#### THE OUTDOOR CODE

As an American, I will do my best to Be clean in my outdoor manners, Be careful with fire, Be considerate in the outdoors, and Be conservation-minded.

Print up the outdoor code and glue to a magnet for the boys to remember. The magnets that come in ads are great!

#### **CUBMASTER MINUTE:**

The next time you're outside, pause a moment to look at the old trees. They have sheltered countless generations of wildlife and have withstood years of extreme weather and the abuses of man. They've seen children playing at their roots and climbing in their branches. They've heard the conversations of war and peace of the men gathered in their generous shade.

Listen to the brook as it whispers of its secret travels nurturing the earth along the way. Look into it and see the insects, amphibians, and fish that call it home. Wade into its shallows and feel its refreshing coolness.

Nature persistently calls us to leave the sidewalks and traffic lights and noise and hustle and bustle of the city. The earth is calling us back to enjoy its simplicity and beauty

Good night Scouts. Go in peace and remember to "Do Your Best" to "Leave Nothing But Footprints" so that you, and your children, and your children's children can enjoy earth's beautiful and wondrous bounty.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BALOO- Saturday, April 18, 2009 - 8:00 am - 12:30 p.m. - University of Utah Institute of Religion, 1780 East South Campus Drive. Cost: \$10 before April 11 and \$12 thereafter. Register at https://www.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=470193

Ultimate Frisbee Mini Day Camp - April 25, 2009 - 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. @ the Softball Fields, 1590 E 4600 S, Murray. Bring a Frisbee if you have one. \$5.00 per Cub when paid by April 18; \$8.00 per Cub thereafter. Cost includes belt loop and sports pin for each boy.

Scout-O-Rama Tickets- If you missed the Kick-off, you can still get tickets at the Council Office and sell them until May 2<sup>nd</sup>!

**Basic Training-** May 16<sup>th</sup> 8:00-12:00. Sunset Ridge Zone (About 6200 West 8200 South).

Webelos Outdoor Leader Training- May 29 & 30. More information to come.

Family Camp- 7/1/2009 - 7/4/2009. Family camp is a camp for the whole family with age appropriate activities and quality family time. The camp is held at the East Fork Scout Reservation. Enjoy this 4-day camp in a beautiful mountain setting. Bring a tent or trailer. (No hook-ups available.) Hot showers on-site. We do all the cooking! Register now!

#### TRAINING HIGHLIGHT:

Until now, the two components of Basic Leader Training for Cub Scout leaders have been New Leader Essentials (an overview of the scouting program for all new Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venture leaders) and Cub Scout Leader Specific Training.

New Leader Essentials has now been replaced by "This Is Scouting." This new orientation course is available in the BSA Online Learning Center. Check it out!

#### DID YOU KNOW????

That every boy deserves a trained leader? How can you be the best trained leader possible? Go to Wood Badge!!! The Wood Badge Association is offering a \$50 match when you pay your \$50 registration fee. The next opportunity to receive this match is at Scout-O-Rama! This offer is only available until the match money is gone. You can still ask about a scholarship. Ask one of the members of the staff for more information!

## KNOT OF THE MONTH: Cub Scout Webelos Leader Award

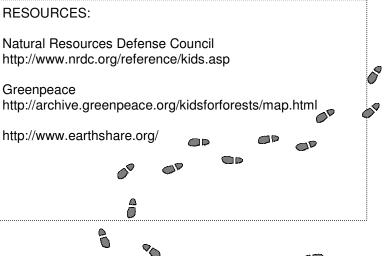




#### RESOURCES:

http://www.nrdc.org/reference/kids.asp

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SONG: Nature Hike Tune - Yankee Doodle

My Cub Scout den went out one day, To take a nature hike. Before the trip was halfway through I wished I'd brought my bike.

#### Chorus:

Walking, walking through the woods To study nature's wonders. Trying hard to be good Scouts. Not making any blunders.

We learned about the trees and things, 'Bout bugs and birds and critters. But when your Mom cleans pockets out. Some things give her the jitters.

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