

Get your Cub Scouts into the great outdoors and have fun, fun, fun. Enjoy nature and all it has to offer. Plan a pack outing that may include a pack family campout, a hike, a water party—or just pack up the hotdogs and buns and have a picnic. Teach boys safety precautions for whatever activity you choose. But get outside and enjoy fresh air and the beauty of nature!

PACK PLANNING

How can you have a “Scouting It Out” pack meeting without enjoying the out-of-doors? The pack meeting this month will introduce everyone to the great bounty of our natural environment and will also give boys the chance to explore natural items up close.

Appoint the following committees:

Site Committee. Choose and make arrangements for the pack meeting site.

Program Committee. Supervise the nature contests and provide judges as needed.

Safe Swim Committee. Establish the Safe Swim Defense plan if swimming is planned. See the *Cub Scout Leader Book*.

Picnic Committee. Oversee plans and preparations for a picnic, if that is part of your plans for the month.

Some of the purposes of Cub Scouting developed through this month’s theme include:

- **Fun and Adventure.** The fun and adventure of being outdoors are important parts of growing up strong in mind and body.
- **Family Understanding.** Cub Scouts and parents will work together on safety outdoors.

This theme is designed to promote character development by emphasizing these core values:

- **Responsibility.** Boys learn that they are responsible for their own and their fellow Cub Scouts’ safety outdoors.
- **Respect.** Respect for nature starts at an early age.

Pack Meeting

BEFORE THE MEETING

The program committee should arrive early to prepare for the Nature Lore Contests (2 AUG). Set up starting points for each den on the edge of a woods or other area where the contest will be held. Separate starting points as widely as possible.

Committee members should check woods for such hazards as ravines, cliffs, and streams so that the judges who will accompany the trailblazers in the woods can steer them away from danger.

If the site includes a waterfront or pool for swimming, and there will be a family swim, the safe swim committee sets up the Safe Swim Defense plan.

GATHERING

As families arrive, point out the areas the pack meeting will be using or the park or grounds you are using. Direct Cub Scouts to place their den display objects in a designated area. Have a free swim period or organize informal games for early arrivals. Depending on space and facilities, you might have games of volleyball, softball, or marbles.

MAIN PART OF THE MEETING

Opening

Call out, “Last one to line up with his den gets a hand!” The boys scramble out of the water or leave the game and run to their den’s assembly area. When the last boy arrives, give him a hand-shaped cardboard cutout. In his honor, perform the “Big Hand” applause. (The leader says: “Let’s give him a big hand!” and everyone holds up a hand with palm open.) If this boy is comfortable, have him lead the Pledge of Allegiance, or choose another Cub Scout, or you may use the Hiking and the Flag Opening Ceremony (2 AUG).

Prayer

A Cub Scout comes forward and asks for a quiet moment as he leads the Thanks for Our Outing Prayer (2 AUG).

Icebreaker

The song leader leads an action song from the *Cub Scout Songbook*.

Welcome and Introductions

Be sure to welcome any new boys and families to this month’s pack meeting. Thank all the parents who helped set up.

Recognition

Use the Trailblazers Advancement Ceremony (2 AUG) to award advancement badges to Cub Scouts, or choose another from *Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs*.

Den Demonstrations

Have den demonstrations between the games of the Nature Lore Contest.

Games

Play the Nature Lore Contest (0 AUG).

Announcements

Announce the date, time, and place of the September meeting. Remind den leaders to record attendance for the National Summertime Pack Award.

The contest chair presents the winning den from the Nature Lore Contest with a paperback nature field guide or a special ribbon for the den flag.

Cubmaster’s Minute

The Cubmaster delivers the Set Your Course Cubmaster’s Minute (3 AUG).

Closing

Use the Closing Circle Ceremony (3 AUG), or chose another from *Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs*.

Cubmaster Corner

HUG A TREE

What should boys do when they get lost in the woods? Do they know? Even if they are aware of safety precautions, a review of the information is always valuable. Your local area may have a volunteer presenter representing the Hug-a-Tree and Survive organization (<http://www.gpsar.org/hugatree.html>) who will come to a pack meeting and share the information in a fun and friendly way. The emphasis is to ensure that children know pointers on how not to get lost, how to stay comfortable if they should get lost, and how to be spotted and found.

Ceremonies, Games, Songs, Stunts

RUN-ONS

Watch out. There's poison oak. *Don't touch it. You'll be itchy hiking!*

Where does an 800-pound black bear sleep? *Anywhere it wants.*

What is the only wild animal you are allowed to feed? *The mosquito.*

CUB SCOUT 1 (*running onstage*): They're after me! They're after me!

CUB SCOUT 2: Who's after you?

CUB SCOUT 1: The squirrels. They think I'm nuts.

(*Pointing to the sky*) Is that the sun or the moon up there? I don't know. I'm a stranger here myself.

TONGUE TWISTERS

Nat's knapsack strap snapped.

Sam's sock shop stocks short spotted socks.

Pick up six pick-up sticks quickly.

PRAYER: THANKS FOR OUR OUTING

We give thanks for being together out in nature. We hope our families and homes are blessed and that everyone is safe during our meeting and on the way home. Amen.

NATURE LORE CONTEST

This is inter-den competition in three events: Match It or Know It, Pass and Touch, and Nature Scavenger Hunt.

Match It or Know It. Give each den a paper bag and tell him that his den will have five minutes to collect one of each nature object they find lying on the ground within a specified area on the nature trail. (These may include one blade of grass, one oak leaf, one maple leaf, one stick from a maple tree, one granite rock, etc.) On a signal each den

begins hunting together. At the end of five minutes call all dens in.

A boy from each den then takes one item from the collection and goes to another den. If that den can name the item, they earn 1 point; if they can match it, 2 points. Continue until each den has tried to name and match 10 items. Then add the scores. The den with the highest total wins.

Pass and Touch. Have dens swap their bags of nature items. Boys in each den then form a circle facing in with hands behind the backs. A leader circles around the back of the boys, placing an object from the bag in each boy's hands. Each boy tries to identify the object by feel, but he does not call out his guess. When all items have been shared, the den huddles and writes down a list of items they can identify. The den with the most correct guesses wins.

Nature Scavenger Hunt. This is run like any scavenger hunt with each den given the same list of nature items to find within a time limit of 15 to 20 minutes. A judge (a knowledgeable parent or the den chief) is assigned to assist each den on their hunt as items will not actually be collected, just checked off a list when found. The leader explains the rules and boundaries and gives each judge a sheet listing the things to be found and their point values. Assign more points for items that are harder to find. Examples include: dandelion, pinecone, caterpillar, maple twig with a leaf on it, bird feather, toad, beetle, earthworm, four-leaf clover (worth lots of points!), anthill, ant, flying insect, oak leaf, nestling bird, spider web.

Boys may stick together in their den or scatter over the area. Remember:

Boys point out items to their judge in their natural location and do not pick them up.

When time is up, judges go to the scorer's table, where scores are totaled.

OPENING CEREMONY: HIKING AND THE FLAG

Personnel: Cubmaster, assistant Cubmaster, two den leaders

Equipment: Camping gear and outfits for each of the participants, one pair of binoculars, U.S. and pack flags

Arrangement: The flags are in front of the audience. The group of participants are off to one side and slowly walk through the audience to the front.

(*Everyone starts walking slowly.*)

CUBMASTER: It sure is nice to be here in the outdoors with all these trees, animals, and fresh air.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER (looking through binoculars): Hey, I think I see a big red bird up there! (DEN LEADER 1 takes the binoculars while everyone continues to walk slowly to the front.)

DEN LEADER 1: Here, let me see. Naw, it's a huge white bird of some sort. (DEN LEADER 2 takes the binoculars while everyone continues to walk slowly to the front.)

DEN LEADER 2: Boy, you don't know what you're talking about. It's not red or white. It's big and blue, and...what's this?!?! It has stars! (Cubmaster takes the binoculars and everyone stops.)

CUBMASTER: Here, let me see what you're all talking about. (Looks through the binoculars.) Come on you guys. (Motions everyone to follow as they walk up to the front.) It's not a red bird, or even a white bird. What you were looking at is our nation's flag. (Turns to

the audience.) Please stand and join us as we say the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY: TRAILBLAZERS

CUBMASTER: Today, we have had fun practicing the trailblazing skills of Native Americans and frontiersmen like Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett. But you Cub Scouts are on another trail. We call it the Cub Scout trail. It leads from Tiger Cubs all the way to the Arrow of Light, the highest honor a Cub Scout can earn before he joins a Boy Scout troop. Some of you have taken another step on the Cub Scout trail this month. Now I would like those boys to come forward with their parents and receive your awards. (Call forward advancing boys by name and their parents, who present the badges.)

WALKING THE CUB SCOUT TRAIL

Review and modify this and other ceremonies to suit the awards being given. This ceremony is written so that any award can be used or omitted easily.

Explain to those receiving awards that they will leave the meeting area when the ceremony starts and they will come in as they are called. Give each the appropriate object, as follows.

Tiger Cubs: a small bunch of grass

Bobcats: a taller bunch of grass or groundcover

Wolves: a small deciduous branch with leaves

Bears: a twig from a pine tree

Webelos Scouts: a clump of moss

CUBMASTER: Tonight we will take a hike along the Cub Scout trail. We sent our boys who are receiving awards up the Mountain of Cub Scouting to bring back objects that remind them of what they saw.

(Call in Tiger Cubs and adult partners, who show Akela the small bunch of grass.) You didn't roam too far, as I can tell by the plant you brought back. Your adventure is beginning with small steps; as do all great journeys. You have ventured into the community and seen many things in your Go See It adventures. We wish you lots of fun as you continue in the adventure of the Cub Scout

trail. (Present awards to parents to give to boys. Ask them to take their seats.)

(Call up Bobcats, who show Akela the grass or groundcover). You made it to the base of the Cub Scout mountain, as I can tell by the plant you brought back. It shows that you have mastered the basics of Cub Scouting. As you work hard and grow, you will go farther. (Present awards to parents to give to boys. Ask them to take their seats.)

(Call up Wolves, who show Akela the broadleaf plant). The trees lower on the mountain are the (name tree). While you did not reach the top, you did well and went past the base of the mountain, earning the Wolf badge. Keep up the hard work and you will climb farther up the mountain still. (Present awards to parents to give to boys. Ask them to take their seats.)

(Call up Bears, who show Akela the pine branches). You reached the steeper sides of the mountain and climbed high. The pine bough you brought back shows that you have gone farther than the Wolf, as earning the Bear badge shows that you have achieved things you could not have done when you were a Wolf, and you have grown stronger and wiser. As you work hard and grow, you will go even beyond what you have already reached. (Present awards to parents to give to boys. Ask them to take their seats.)

(Call up Webelos Scouts, who show Akela the moss). This moss shows that you reached the heights of the mountain. But still there is a little more to climb before you reach the top of the Cub Scouting mountain. There is still that last step to take—the Arrow of Light. Work hard, study, and learn the steps to becoming a Boy Scout and you will surely reach the top. (Hand awards to parents to give to the boys. Ask them to take their seats.) (Akela then asks everyone to offer their congratulations to the Cub Scouts who received their awards.)

SONGS

Hike Along

Tune: "This Old Man"

Hike along, hike along,
Lift your feet up off the ground,

And we'll hike and sing this happy
little song,
As we go a-hiking on.

Out in Nature

Tune: "Clementine"

Out in nature, out in nature
You will find your summer's fun;
If you look at what's around you,
You'll have fun till day is done.

After sunset, watch the stars shine,
Nature's wonders you can see;
Nature's backyard it is endless,
Always there for you and me.

Did you ever watch an ant work?
Have you listened to the bees?
Have you watched birds build their
nests high,
And been thankful for the trees?

If you'll just look all around you,
Many new things you will find.
If you'd only realize it,
They were right there all the time.

CUBMASTER MINUTE: SET YOUR COURSE

When you hike with a compass, you stay on course; otherwise you may get lost. There is another kind of course that is even more important than that. That is the character course. Your character is being formed right now by what you do and by what you don't do. Many of your actions will be influenced by others. Try to set your own course. Make up your mind that you will live always by the Cub Scout Promise. Then follow through with it. Go to the top of Character Hill!

CLOSING CIRCLE CEREMONY

Gather the pack around the flag (this may be a very large circle). All pack members join together by crossing their arms and grasping the hands of the people on either side of them. Offer a closing thought about the fun of the past year, the fun of the year to come with new Cub Scouts who will join, and new adventures for everyone. Ask each boy to turn to his left and say good night, then turn to his right and say good night. The Cubmaster then announces that the meeting is over.

August Pack Program Page: Scouting It Out

ACADEMICS AND SPORTS PROGRAM

Academics

Weather. Boys can make weather posters to share at pack meetings and a weather station at home to record the summer weather.

Sports

Fishing. A lazy summer day spent fishing can be a memory to cherish and a new skill to enjoy for a lifetime.

See the *Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide* (No. 34299B) for more information.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

The section “Enjoying Family Fun” in *Cub Scouting’s BSA Family Activity Book* (No. 33012A) will help families identify plenty of fun trips to enjoy together.

DID YOU KNOW?

Denner

The denner, a Cub Scout who is given responsibilities to perform during den meetings, is an important part of the den. All boys benefit from the chance to show they can be good leaders and learn organizational skills such as recording attendance, recording den dues, and helping adults. The denner is the official representative of the den when the den is presented with any award (such as the National Den Award or an attendance recognition). A Bear Cub Scout fulfills Achievement 24b by serving as a denner or assistant denner. Thus, the den leader should be sure that a different boy is selected each month.

GOOD TURN FOR AMERICA

Local social service agencies will have opportunities to help families in need, and Cub Scouts can assist those agen-

cies. In the fall, there will be a need to gather school supplies for children who cannot afford them. Cub Scouts may help this process by organizing a drop-off location for school supplies such as pens, pencils, backpacks, paper, notebooks, dictionaries, binders, and more.



BSA RESOURCES HIGHLIGHT



Cub Scout Bumper Sticker. This bumper sticker is a great recruiting tool. Family adults can put them on their cars and promote Cub Scouting in your area. Other parents will see the sticker and may ask for information about where and when your pack meets.

PACK LEADERS’

PLANNING MEETING

Pack leaders meet about a week before the August pack meeting to coordinate all elements of the meeting and discuss plans for September.

For the August meeting, choose a site that has plenty of cover where trails may be blazed for boys to follow. Ideally, this would be in woods at least a quarter-mile square, but any area with cover will do. If it has existing trails with many side branches, so much the better. Another plus would be a nearby waterfront with a swimming area where pack families could swim.

Report on the plans decided at the annual program planning conference and prepare a complete calendar to distribute to the pack members at the meeting this month or next month, at the latest. New families joining the pack

will want to know the dates of meetings and special activities.

Discuss plans for fall recruiting. Decide on a date and place to have a recruitment roundup and review the materials in the *Cub Scout Leader Book* for a well-organized presentation.

Review more details for the September pack meeting, including the plans for the pack adults’ meeting to orient all pack members.

Conduct the Unit Leadership Enhancement that best meets the current needs of your pack. (See the *Cub Scout Leader Book*.) After your discussion, choose a topic for next month.

LOOKING AHEAD

With the recruitment of new boys and leaders next month, be prepared with the dates, times, and locations of all training opportunities, including the Youth Protection training refresher for current pack leaders.

Encourage all pack leadership to attend your local Cub Scout leader roundtable to gather information on fall recruiting, get support, and learn about district events. Obtain the date, location, and registration information for your council’s pow wow for Cub Scout leaders.

OUTDOOR IDEAS FOR EVERYONE

Tiger Cubs. Go fishing at a fish farm or lake.

Wolf. Walk on a beach and observe the ecosystem.

Bear. Locate a horseshoe pit at a local park and learn to play horseshoes.

Webelos. Earn the Aquanaut activity badge for swimming.

Scouting it Out: Tiger Cub Den Meetings

Tiger Cubs and their adult partner should attend all meetings as a team.
Dens may meet in the evenings or on weekends.

WHEN	FIRST WEEK	SECOND WEEK	THIRD WEEK	FOURTH WEEK
The Tiger Cub den leader shares leadership with a Tiger Cub adult partner. This team should review plans before each meeting and check equipment needed.				
BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS	Have U.S. flag; materials for Leaf Identification Book (6 AUG).	Have U.S. flag; materials for Hairy Potato Heads (6 AUG).		
Den leader may collect dues. Den leader checks boys' books for completed advancement requirements and records them on Den Advancement Chart. Boys record own advancement on den doodle, if den has one.				
GATHERING	Do a One-of-a-Kind Search (6 AUG).	Tiger Cubs go outside and watch the weather (<i>Achievement 5F</i>).		
OPENING	Recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Say the Cub Scout Promise.	Recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Say the Tiger Cub motto.		
SHARE	Boys Share what they found during the One-of-a-Kind Search.	Each Tiger Cub shares his observations about the weather. Encourage boys to talk about all their senses in the descriptions.	GO SEE IT: Go on a nature hike. (<i>Achievement 5G</i>).	Participate in the monthly pack meeting with the Infantry Skit (6 JUL). Tiger Cubs and adult partners sign a thank-you note if needed.
DISCOVER	Make Leaf Identification Book (<i>Achievement 5D</i>).	Make Hairy Potato Heads. Play Above and Below (6 AUG).	Before starting on the hike, use the Den Hike Opening (6 AUG) to remind Tiger Cubs of the "rules." At some point on the hike, stop and enjoy picnic suppers (<i>Elective 22</i>)	
SEARCH	Search for ways that each boy can be responsible for keeping the environment clean.	Search for ways to protect your skin while in the sun for next week's Go See it (<i>Elective 29</i>). Remind everyone to bring a picnic supper.	Be sure to bring small plastic bags to collect any trash you find along the way (<i>Elective 33</i>). Present Tiger Cubs with a black totem bead for participation.	
CLOSING	Recite the Tiger Cub motto and then give a big tiger roar.	Form a Living Circle and recite the Cub Scout Promise in repeat-after-me fashion with the den leader leading.		
This month's shared leadership team reviews the meeting. The den leader should meet briefly with the Tiger Cub and adult partner who will share leadership at the next den meeting.				
AFTER THE MEETING	Den leader files local tour permit with council service center for Go See It.		Den leader fills out den advancement report for the pack leaders' meeting.	Den leader mails the thank-you note.
CHECK WITH YOUR PACK TRAINER OR CUBMASTER FOR ROUNDTABLE DATES AND OTHER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES.				

Tiger Cub Den Activities

During this month's theme of "Scouting It Out," introduce your Tiger Cub to the great outdoors. Search out new places, discover new things, and share them with each other. Learn about animals in your state (*Elective 31*). Put out a birdfeeder and observe the birds (*Elective 32*). Be sure to reinforce the ideas of protecting the environment and leaving no traces outdoors. Talk about ways to conserve resources through recycling and start a recycling program in your home, den, or community (*Elective 47*). Together, you and your Tiger Cub can learn about the world.

ABOVE AND BELOW

Arrange Tiger Cubs in a circle. One at a time, call out the names of things that are found either above ground or below. For example: Strawberries grow above ground, and potatoes grow below ground. When you call something that is found above ground, the players stand; if below, they sit down. If they get it wrong, they are out. The last player to remain in the game wins.

Variation 1: Call out the names of things that fly and crawl.

Variation 2: The Tiger Cub and adult partner who miss can be the caller for the next round.

THE INFANTRY SKIT

The first Tiger Cub runs onstage, pauses, and yells, "Help, help! The infantry is coming!" He continues off-stage. The second Tiger Cub repeats the action, equally excited, and says, "The infantry is coming! We must hurry! The infantry is coming!" Continue this for all the Tiger Cubs except the last, who calmly comes to center stage carrying an "infant" tree (a small tree branch with a few leaves on it) and says, "Here's the infant tree!"

LEAF IDENTIFICATION BOOK

(*Achievement 5D*)

Materials: Several sheets of unlined paper, old crayons, several leaves from different trees, hole punch, yarn, construction paper

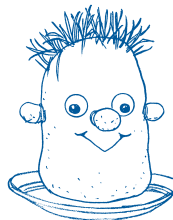
Put a leaf, vein side up, on a flat, hard surface and cover it with a piece of paper. Use the side of the crayon to gently rub the leaf pattern onto the paper. At the bottom of the page, have each Tiger Cub write the name of the type of tree the leaf comes from. Make a new page for every leaf. Use the construction paper to make a cover for your leaf pages. Assemble all the pages and punch holes in the top of each page. String yarn through the holes

to bind the pages together. Encourage Tiger Cubs to add new pages when they discover new leaves.

HAIRY POTATO HEAD

(*Elective 30*)

Materials: Panty hose cut into 1-foot "tubes", grass seed, small rubber bands, wiggle eyes, fabric paints (black and red), sawdust, plastic bowl, white glue, water



At one end of the panty hose, tie a small knot; then turn it inside out. Take a small handful of grass seed and shake it to the bottom where the knot is. Then stuff in quantities of sawdust, packing the "head" as you go. When the "head" is the size that you want it to be, tightly tie the panty hose where the neck would be. Shape the "head" with your hands. Pull off small sections for a nose and ears and tie them off with rubber bands. Glue on wiggle eyes; use fabric paint to paint other features, using red for the mouth and black for eyelashes. You might also draw on moustaches, glasses, eyebrows, etc. When the fabric paint has dried, set "Hairy" in a plastic bowl filled with water, making sure he is saturated for a day. Then stand him up in the bowl, or glass, and within a few weeks, he will have a head of hair. Make sure the tail of the panty hose acts as a wick into the water, drawing the water up into the head.

DEN HIKE OPENING

Gather all the Tiger Cubs and their adult partners into a circle and have them repeat each line after you.

We are going to see some of nature's treasures.

We will disturb nothing that we see.

We will observe and learn about the birds we see.

We will help maintain nature's resources.

We will protect all wildlife from harm.
We will follow the laws of nature.

ONE-OF-A-KIND SEARCH

Give each boy a plastic bag and have them line up about 5 feet apart on the edge of a yard or park. On their hands and knees, they crawl toward a "finish" line, all the while collecting various objects of nature. This isn't a race—allow them about five minutes to cover the distance. Score 1 point for each plant object; 2 points for each type of animal life; 3 points if no one else found the same object. When done, boys return all objects to the soil.

POTATO BUGS

Materials: Potatoes, toothpicks, chenille stems, construction paper, buttons, straight pins with colored heads, golf tees

Give each Tiger Cub a potato for the body of a bug. Let them use their imaginations and the materials you have provided to create a new type of bug. Each boy can name their bug and tell you about its habitat.

LEAF BOOKMARK

Materials: 4-by-7-inch piece of clear adhesive-backed paper, small leaves, hole punch, narrow ribbon or yarn, iron, pressing cloth

Before removing the backing paper, fold the adhesive paper firmly so it is 2 inches wide. Arrange your leaves (some good choices are clover, wild strawberry, or small ferns). Peel off the protective paper and then lay the leaves in your chosen arrangement on one half of the adhesive sheet. Then fold over the other half. Punch a hole at the top and string narrow ribbon or yarn through the hole. Pressing with a low-temperature iron (place a cloth between the iron and adhesive paper) will eliminate air bubbles around the leaves and leave a nice edge or crease.

Scouting It Out: Wolf Den Meetings

Dens may meet after school, in the evenings, or on weekends.
Review the theme pages before planning den meetings.

WHEN	FIRST WEEK	SECOND WEEK	THIRD WEEK	FOURTH WEEK
Den leader, den chief, and denner review plans before each meeting and check equipment needed.				
BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS	Have permission slips for the trip, materials for Frying Pan Neckerchief Slides (8 AUG).	Have adhesive bandages; materials for constructing a Tin Can Stove and Buddy Burner (<i>Cub Scout Leader How-To Book</i>); bread, butter, and cheese.		Have supplies for cooking a meal outdoors (<i>Achievement 8e</i>).
Den leader collects dues.				
WHILE CUB SCOUTS GATHER	Den chief helps Cub Scouts learn the overhand knot and square knot (<i>Elective 17a</i>).	Den chief demonstrates the proper care of a simple cut (<i>Achievement 3c</i>) and helps Cub Scouts put on adhesive bandages.		Boys start preparation for the meal.
OPENING	Denner leads the Law of the Pack.	Sing "America" (<i>Cub Scout Songbook</i>).	Gather permission slips and review rules of safe hiking.	Boys demonstrate to their families the proper way to lead a flag ceremony.
Den leader checks boys' books for completed achievements and electives and records them on Den Advancement Charts. Boys record own advancement on den doodle, if den has one.				
BUSINESS ITEMS	Discuss the "Scouting It Out" theme. Talk about the field trip in two weeks and the family cookout at the end of the month. Invite all family members to participate.	Discuss the final plans for the family cookout in two weeks (<i>Elective 18a</i>).		Remind all den members and their families of the pack meeting this month.
ACTIVITY	Go outside to play Overhand/Square Knot Chase (8 AUG). Make Frying Pan Neckerchief Slides.	Make a Tin Can Stove. Prepare a Buddy Burner. Cook a toasted sandwich on the top of the stove (8 AUG).	Take a hike to a wooded area. While there, gather things to start a collection (<i>Achievement 6b</i>). Be sure that it is OK to removed the items (leaves, rocks, shells) from the premises.	Have a Family Cooking Event (8 AUG). Boys prepare a meal and share a song with their families. Sing "Johnny Appleseed" before starting to eat (<i>Cub Scout Songbook</i>).
CLOSING	Hand out permission slips. Cub Scouts say the Law of the Pack before they leave the meeting.	Den forms a circle around the den chief and does the Grand Howl in recognition of his help during the den meeting.		Remind boys to bring their displays and collections to the pack meeting. Sing "Taps."
Denner supervises putting away equipment. Den leader, den chief, and denner review the meeting and check details for the next meeting.				
AFTER THE MEETING	Complete and file tour permit with your local council service center.		Den leader fills out den advancement report for the pack leaders' meeting.	
CHECK WITH YOUR PACK TRAINER OR CUBMASTER FOR ROUNDTABLE DATES AND OTHER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES.				

Wolf Den Activities

Take advantage of the warm weather to hold as many of your den meetings outside as possible. A den chief will be a valuable addition to help boys this month. If you don't have a den chief, ask your local Boy Scout troop to provide an older boy to help you this month. Boys will be exploring the outdoors through hikes, first aid preparation, and cooking skills. After Cub Scouts practice these things, they will be ready for the next pack overnighter or family camping trip. Finish off the month by demonstrating Cub Scouting skills and cooking a meal for families at an end-of-the-summer den event.

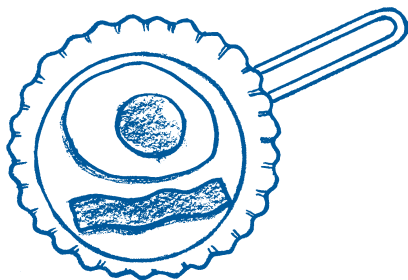
Encourage Cub Scout families to work on additional achievements and electives that support this theme such as:

- *Achievement 8c*, "Cooking and Eating": Cub Scouts will be helpful when they help fix one meal for their family.
- *Elective 16a*, "Family Alert": Talk with your family about what you will do in an emergency.
- *Elective 14a*, "Pets": This is a good time of year for boys to show they can be helpful and take care of a family pet.

OVERHAND/SQUARE KNOT CHASE

Boys sit in a circle with one boy standing. The standing boy walks around the outside of the circle and taps sitting Cub Scouts on the head. As each is tapped, he says "overhand" or "square." When the boy is tapped with the word "overhand" being used, he remains seated. If the boy is tapped and the word is "square," he must get up and run around the circle chasing the first boy, racing toward the empty spot on the floor. The boy who reaches the empty spot first sits down. The boy remaining now walks around the circle tapping everyone and play begins again.

FRYING PAN NECKERCHIEF SLIDE



Materials: Metal bottle cap spray painted black; white, yellow, and red craft foam; hairpin; ½-inch PVC pipe

Boys cut out a circular shape from the white craft foam (egg white) and a smaller circular shape from the yellow craft foam (egg yolk). Cut out a bacon shape from red craft foam. Glue the hairpin to the bottom of the bottle cap for the frying pan handle. Glue the egg shape and bacon shape to the inside of the cap. Attach a piece of PVC pipe to the back for the neckerchief slide.

TIN CAN STOVE COOKING

Using the guidelines in the *Cub Scout Leader How-To Book*, make a Tin Can Stove and a Buddy Burner.

Cheese Sandwich

Ingredients per boy: Two pieces bread, one slice cheese, 2 T. butter

Start the Buddy Burner to heat up underneath the Tin Can Stove. Lightly spray the top of the stove with nonstick cooking spray. Spread half the butter on the outside of one of the pieces of bread. Repeat with the other piece of bread. Place that piece on the flat top of the stove. Lay one slice of cheese on the unbuttered side. Top with the other slice of buttered bread, butter side up. When the sandwich starts to brown, turn with a pancake turner for the other side to finish cooking.

Pancakes

Use a pancake mix to make pancakes, but then jazz them up with special

toppings (blueberries, chocolate chips, strawberries, whipping cream, applesauce—and of course syrup of various flavors).

FAMILY COOKING EVENT

(*Achievement 8e*)

Cub Scouts will plan, prepare, and cook an outdoor meal for their families for this den meeting.

Foil Dinner Meals

Foil dinners are meals that cook inside the pouch of a piece of heavy-duty aluminum foil. Place your food on aluminum foil, seal it by folding the top and sides, and place the foil onto hot coals. Here are two simple ideas:

Traditional Hamburger Foil Dinner.

Place quantities of hamburger meat, sliced onion, potato, carrot, and other vegetables on a piece of foil. Season as desired with salt, pepper, and other spices. Seal the foil and place on coals for approximately 15 minutes on each side.

Tuna Noodle Foil Dinner. Place quantities of precooked pasta, grated cheese, and drained tuna in the middle of the foil. Seal it and place on coals for approximately 10 minutes to warm the ingredients.

Always protect your hands when cooking foil packets—they're hot! And when opening the packets, beware of escaping steam, which can burn you.

Scouting It Out: Bear Den Meetings

Dens may meet after school, in the evenings, or on weekends.
Review the theme pages before planning den meetings.

WHEN	FIRST WEEK	SECOND WEEK	THIRD WEEK	FOURTH WEEK
Den leader, den chief, and denner review plans before each meeting and check equipment needed.				
BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS	Prepare two 42-inch pieces of rope for each Scout. Have him take one home to practice with and keep the second for den activities. Have ingredients for This 'n' That Snack Mix (10 AUG).	Have a U.S. flag and pieces of rope; items for Ten Essentials Take-Away (10 AUG).		Have rope for magic tricks, U.S. flag, cardboard boxes, and glue.
Den leader collects dues.				
WHILE CUB SCOUTS GATHER	Den chief teaches boys to tie the knots of <i>Achievement 22b</i> .	Den chief presents a display of the 10 essential items needed for a hike or campout (<i>Elective 25a</i>).		Den chief teaches boys a magic rope trick (<i>Achievement 22e</i>).
OPENING	Give each boy a copy of the Outdoor Code (10 AUG) and have the den recite it together.	Denner leads the boys in the Pledge of Allegiance; all sing "God Bless America" (<i>Cub Scout Songbook</i>).	Collect permission slips. Explain the buddy system (<i>Elective 25b</i>).	Lead an outdoor flag ceremony to raise the flag as practiced two weeks ago.
Den leader checks boys' books for completed achievements and electives and records them on Den Advancement Charts. Boys record own advancement on den doodle, if den has one.				
BUSINESS ITEMS	Talk about "Scouting It Out" theme and discuss the details of the field trip this month.	Boys practice the knots they learned last week.		Discuss the upcoming pack meeting. The den contribution can be showing the Collection Boxes made today.
ACTIVITY	Make This 'n' That Snack Mix (<i>Achievement 9e</i>). Teach boys to coil a rope (<i>Achievement 22d</i>) and keep a rope from tangling (<i>Achievement 22c</i>).	Play Ten Essentials Take-Away. Go outside to learn to raise and lower a flag in an outdoor ceremony (<i>Achievement 3h</i>).	Go on a field trip to a local nature center or park and take a hike. (<i>Elective 25b</i>). Collect and identify leaves found on the hike and have boys put them in a bag with their name on it for use next week.	Make a Collection Box (10 AUG) and label and display leaves collected during the hike (<i>Elective 12c</i>). Play Knot Pairs (10 AUG).
CLOSING	Hand out permission slips for the field trip. Give the Scout Compass Den Leader's Minute (10 AUG).	Boys do the Benediction ceremony (<i>Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs</i>).		Den forms a circle around the flag and sings "America" (<i>Cub Scout Songbook</i>).
Denner supervises putting away equipment. Den leader, den chief, and denner review the meeting and check details for the next meeting.				
AFTER THE MEETING	Review plans for the field trip; prepare a local tour permit and submit to your council service center.	Meet with the den chief and have him prepare a magic rope trick of his choosing from the <i>Den Chief Handbook</i> for the meeting in two weeks.	Den leader fills out den advancement report for the pack leaders' meeting.	
CHECK WITH YOUR PACK TRAINER OR CUBMASTER FOR ROUNDTABLE DATES AND OTHER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES.				

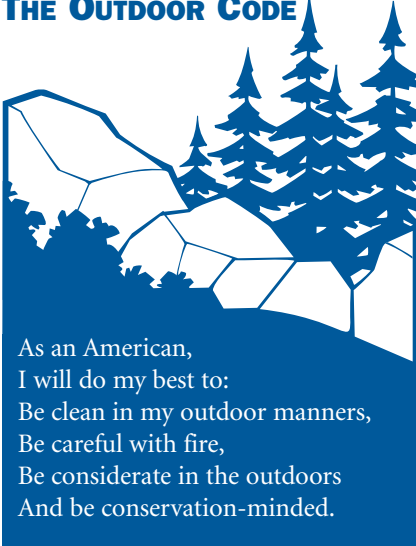
Bear Den Activities

August is a great time to be out in the natural world for a hike. Boys will be reviewing their knot-tying skills and preparing trail mix—good Scouting skills. When on the hike this month, they gather items to be used in a collection display for showing at the pack meeting.

Encourage Cub Scout families to work on additional achievements and electives that support this theme such as:

- *Achievement 12*, “Family Outdoor Adventures”: Boys can camp with their family, attend outdoor events with their family, or go hiking with their family to complete this achievement.
- *Elective 6a*, “Aircraft”: While outdoors, boys can observe different types of aircraft in flight.
- *Elective 25*, “Let’s Go Camping”: Boys who attend day camp or resident camp will complete this elective.

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.

THIS 'N' THAT SNACK MIX

- ¼ lb. raisins
- ¼ lb. peanuts
- ¼ lb. chocolate bits
- Some favorite breakfast cereal

Mix everything up and put in plastic bags in case you get hungry while you're hiking!

DEN LEADER'S MINUTE: SCOUT COMPASS

North is almost directly above the axis of the earth. You can direct your course through life by the “Scout Compass”:

- North is “Duty to God.”
- East is “Duty to country.”
- South is “Duty to others.”
- West is “Duty to self.”

KNOT PAIRS

This is a guessing game—what knot will the leader tie? The leader announces the name of four knots. Boys then think

of the knot they want to tie, and on the word “go” they tie the knot behind their backs. When the leader says “show,” boys bring the ropes out from behind their backs and compare them. If the knots are the same as the leader's knot, they're out of the game. If they are different, they get to tie another knot.

BUG HIKE

Setting: Set up a tent onstage.

Personnel: Four Cub Scouts and two boys backstage with flashlights

CUB SCOUT 1: Boy, am I glad that hike is over. I'm really tired!

CUB SCOUT 2: The mosquitoes must have called all their relatives and told them we were coming. I feel like I've been eaten alive!

CUB SCOUT 3: They said a DAY hike—not an ALL DAY hike! Not only were we out near the river, but we were out all day. That gave those bloodthirsty critters too much of a chance to eat me up!

CUB SCOUT 4: I feel the same way! I couldn't feel worse if I were a pin-cushion!

CUB SCOUT 1: Bugs, bugs, everywhere! I wouldn't mind it if I didn't itch so much.

CUB SCOUT 3: My blisters don't hurt as much as these bites itch!

CUB SCOUT 2: Well we're OK now. The river is a mile away, and besides, those bugs couldn't find their way here in the dark anyhow. (Boys behind stage begin flashing their flashlights.)

CUB SCOUT 1: Oh no! Look over there! The bugs are coming after us with their flashlights! Everybody, hurry up and get inside the tent!

TEN ESSENTIALS

TAKE-AWAY

(*Elective 25a*)

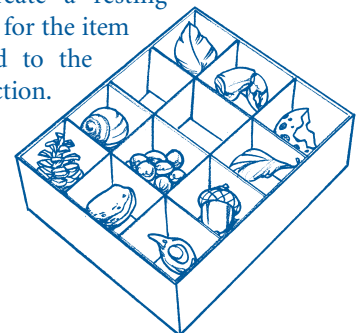
The den chief leads this game using the 10 essentials he showed earlier. He calls the boys over to the area and, having removed one item, asks the den to guess which one is missing. Do this several times throughout the meeting.

COLLECTION BOX

(*Elective 12*)

Bring all the materials boys collected on the hike back to the meeting place. (Boys should collect things that are not living and/or attached to something else.) Visit the library and bring some identification books to the meeting for boys to use to identify rocks, leaves, or even shells.

Small, shallow boxes make ideal boxes for displaying different kinds of collections. Make dividers for the boxes by using pieces of stiff tag board or heavy cardstock. Cut pieces to fit the box. Measure one side of the box and make pieces that long, with the height of the box determining the width of the piece. Every 3 inches or so, make a slit in the top or bottom so they fit together to create a resting place for the item added to the collection.



BSA Supply Division Theme Support Materials

September 2005—Cub Scout Round-Up

No. 32223	Cooking on a Stick
No. 33224A	<i>Boy Scout Songbook</i>
No. 08744	Horseback Riding
No. 08736	Outdoor Cooking
No. 80011	Cub Scout Round Up patch
No. 8088	Cub Scout Hooded Poncho
No. 07032	Covered Wagon Wood Kit
No. 17340	Yo-Yo Holster
No. 01057	Forty Knots and How to Tie Them
No. 01775	Back Packer Pantry Red Beans and Rice
No. 00741	Tiger Cub click pen

October 2005—To the Rescue

No. 80012	To the Rescue Cub Scout patch
No. 08731	First Aid
No. 33832A	<i>Cub Scout Leader How-To Book</i>
No. 01092	Scout Camper First Aid Kit
No. 17345	Spy Master Code Kit
No. 32185	Emergency Preparedness Award Pocket Pamphlet
No. 00540	Emergency Preparedness Award Pin
No. 871	Cub Scout Gloves

November 2005—My Family Tree

No. 80013	My Family Tree patch
No. 34299B	<i>Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide</i>
No. 846	Cub Scout Activity Shirt
No. 00979	BSA family pin
No. 7233	Ship In a Bottle Kit
No. 01886	Cub Lite

December 2005—Faith, Hope, and Charity

No. 80014	Faith, Hope, Charity patch
No. 08722	Community Service
No. 08749	Service
No. 08770	Scouting For Food
No. 32066	The Picture Books of Kids' Crafts and Activities
No. 34375	Cub Scout Thank You Cards 20-pkg
No. 14164	BSA ornament holder
No. 872	Cub Scout Headband
No. 17359	Universal Emblem Cookie Cutter
No. 00203	Cub Scout promise pen

January 2006—Music Magic

No. 80020	Music Magic patch
No. 08720	Parade
No. 33222A	<i>Cub Scout Songbook</i>
No. AV-058CD	<i>Cub Scout Songbook CD</i>
No. 01399	Official Scout Harmonica
No. 14158 BS	Music Box
No. 7352	Cedar Flute Kit

February 2006—Cubs in the Future

No. 80021	Cubs in the Future patch
No. 02325	Celestron 450x50 mm Telescope
No. 08752	Star Gazing
No. 08728	Cub Scout Uniform Inspection Sheet
No. 08542	Cub Scout Stained Glass
No. 00907	Proud Parent Ribbon
No. 00900	Cub Scout Balloons
No. 07407	Stars & Crystals Kit

March 2006—Cubstruction

No. 80022	Cubstruction patch
No. 32066	<i>The Picture Books of Kids' Crafts and Activities</i>
No. 7207	Multimedia Rack Kit
No. 7209TV	Stuff Kit
No. 14133	Cub Scout pewter frame
No. 01883	Cub Scout Utility Knife
No. 00548	Cub Scout pencil

April 2006—Our Feathered Friends

No. 80023	Our Feathered Friends patch
No. 17185	Small Birdhouse Kit
No. 17186	Small Bird Feeder Kit
No. 33300A	<i>Bird Study</i> Merit Badge Pamphlet
No. 01868	4x30 Powerview Binoculars
No. 08748	Nature Study
No. 08722	Community Service
No. 519	Eagle on Pedestal

May 2006—Digging in the Dirt

No. 80024	Digging in the Dirt patch
No. 01228	Boy Scout Microscope
No. 17447	Pocket Science Plant Gallery
No. 08741	Conservation patch
No. 08748	Nature Study
No. 08714	Hiking
No. 34353	Make-Your-Own Paper Kit

June 2006—Invent a Reason to Celebrate

No. 80025	Invent a Reason to Celebrate patch
No. 08720	Parade
No. 17910	Wonderfoam Flag Kit
No. 17883	Foam Visor, Wolf
No. 17882	Foam Visor, Bear
No. 33122B	<i>Group Meeting Sparklers</i>
No. 14218	Boy Scout Edition Monopoly™
No. 00572	Cub Scout Humphrey Flyer
No. 00740	Cub Scout click pen

July 2006—Red, White, and Baloo

No. 80026	Red, White, and Baloo patch
No. 08777	On My Honor patch
No. 33188A	<i>Your Flag Book</i>
No. AV-08V021	Video Star-Spangled Banner
No. 14096	Cub Scout porcelain eagle
No. 17916	U. S. Flag Auto Magnet
No. 11005	Hand-Held U.S. Flag

August 2006—Scouting It Out

No. 80027	Scouting It Out patch
No. 08736	Outdoor Cooking patch
No. 08723	Outdoor Skills
No. 08714	Hiking
No. 08748	Nature Study
No. 32225	Wishing on a Star
No. 17448	Top Prop Lure Kit
No. 01036	Cub Scout Lightweight Canteen
No. 01840	Cub Scout Hip Pack
No. 14235	Outdoor Activity Emblem
No. 14236	Outdoor Activity Pin
No. 58104	Cub Scout Tote Bag