

PACK RESOURCE SHEET

SEPTEMBER 2011

Core Value For September

Cooperation: Being helpful and working together with others toward a common goal. Cub Scouts will gain a better understanding of the importance of cooperation as they work together to make the pack harvest festival a memorable occasion for everyone, including the new families.

Preopening Activity: Autograph Harvest

Materials: Sheet of paper with two columns: "Have Met Before" and "Have Not Met Before"; pencils or pens

As people arrive, provide each person with paper and pencil. Tell them to collect autographs of as many people as possible in the appropriate column. Before they obtain an autograph, they need to introduce themselves and shake hands with each other using the Cub Scout handshake.

During the meeting, recognize those who collected the most autographs in each category with a cheer. The person who collected the most autographs in the "Have Not Met Before" column should be a new person or a visitor. Welcome him or her and all other people who are new to the pack with a warm welcome. Then recognize everyone for their effort with a cheer.

Opening Ceremony: Cooperation

Materials: Eleven cards with the letters to spell out "cooperation" on one side and script on the other, made by the boys

Arrangements: Boys enter one at a time, show their letter, and read the script.

NARRATOR: This month we have been working on a very important value that we need to use in our dens, our pack, and our families. Let's see if you recognize the value.

CUB SCOUT 1 (P): Play every game fairly.

CUB SCOUT 2 (A): Always do your part in a project.

CUB SCOUT 3 (O): Our team will make sure everyone gets to the finish line.

CUB SCOUT 4 (N): Never whine or complain or make excuses.

CUB SCOUT 5 (C): Compromise if you don't agree.

CUB SCOUT 6 (T): Take time to show appreciation.

CUB SCOUT 7 (E): Encourage others to do their best.

CUB SCOUT 8 (O): Our team needs everyone. We'll make sure they know it!

CUB SCOUT 9 (O): Our team can work together.

CUB SCOUT 10 (I): Include everyone so no one feels left out.

CUB SCOUT 11 (R): Reach out to help a teammate.

NARRATOR: (*Looking at the audience*) So as you can see, we worked this month on the value of (*tries to sound out the "word" and looks puzzled*). Now, that doesn't seem quite right. I think we need to rearrange these letters. Boys, can you figure out where each letter goes?

(*Boys make a big deal out of trying to find their place.*)

CUB SCOUT 1: Wait a minute. Let's all work together!

(*Boys talk together and get themselves in order to spell out the word correctly.*)

NARRATOR: Now, that looks better. How did you boys figure out what order to stand in?

CUB SCOUTS 1-11: (*Look back and forth at one another; then shout in unison*) Cooperation!

Cheer: Cooperate Cheer

Divide the audience into four groups. Assign "Co," "Op," "Er," and "Ate" and have each group practice their part. Have each group say their part loudly as the leader points to them. Mix up the word for fun, but finish with saying the whole word, "Cooperate!"

Recognition Ceremony: Summertime Pack Award

Materials: Box containing mementos from the pack's summertime activities

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouting is a year-round program. Our pack kept busy with activities all summer long. In this box I have mementos from each of the activities we did this summer. (*Open the box, remove one item at a time, and briefly summarize the activity the item represents.*)

Boys who participated in our pack activities in June, July, and August have earned the National Summertime Pack Award pin. (*Call forward boys who have earned the pin.*)

Dens with an average attendance of at least half their members at our activities have earned the den participation ribbon. They may display the ribbon on their den flag. (*Call forward dens that have earned the ribbon.*)

Because our pack planned and conducted pack activities in June, July, and August, we have earned the National Summertime Pack Award. (*Display the certificate and streamer.*)

As you can see, for the pack to succeed, we need everyone's cooperation: the boys, the families, the dens, and the pack leaders. Let's give our pack a round of applause!

Recognition Ceremony: Bobcat Candlelight Induction

Materials: Candleholder for three candles: blue, yellow, white (taller than the other two); Bobcat badges and safety pins

CUBMASTER: Tonight we are happy to welcome to our pack the boys who have earned the Bobcat badge and their parents. Will they please come forward?

This large white candle represents the Cub Scout program and all it stands for. (*Light the white candle.*)

The blue candle stands for our Cub Scouts. (*Light the blue candle with the white candle.*)

The candleholder looks a little unbalanced, doesn't it, with just the one candle lit at the end? In the same way, Cub Scouting is unbalanced without parents. Cub Scouting and our pack could not exist without parents doing their part in it. So let us light our parents' candle. (*Light the yellow candle with the white one.*)

That's much better, isn't it? And it's much brighter.

In the same way, our pack presents a bright picture when boys and parents join together for fun and adventure.

All the parents in our pack, please rise and join the new Cub Scout parents in repeating after me:

*We promise to assist our sons
In earning their Cub Scout badges.
We will be faithful in attending pack meetings
And will assist in every way possible
As we help our sons do their best.
Thank you. Please be seated.*

Now, parents of our new Bobcats, please pin your son's badge on his uniform. Congratulations, boys.

Welcome to our pack!

Will all Cub Scouts rise, make the Cub Scout sign, and join us in repeating the Cub Scout Promise?

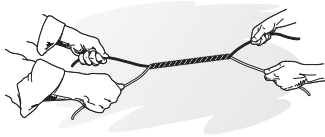
Cubmaster's Minute: I Can't, But We Can

"How many times have you said, 'I can't'? When you find something you cannot do, reach out to other people for help. It may be a parent, a teacher, a fellow Cub Scout, or a Cub Scout leader. A lot of things you cannot do by yourself can be accomplished with teamwork and cooperation. And when you notice a person who is struggling to do things on his own, reach out and help that person. It is much easier to get things done when you work together. It is also much more fun!"

Closing Ceremony: Twisted Rope

Materials: Two strands of cord: blue and yellow

CUB SCOUT 1: (*Holding two strands of cord*) By itself, neither of these strands is very strong. (*Hand the cords to the next Cub Scout.*)



CUB SCOUT 2: I think a couple of strong Cub Scouts could break either one. (*Hand the cords to Cub Scouts 3 and 4.*)

(*Cub Scouts 3 and 4 start twisting the cords into a single rope.*)

CUB SCOUT 5: (*Pointing to the finished part of the rope*) Together, the two strands make a rope that is more than twice as strong as either one alone.

CUB SCOUT 6: If we cooperate with each other and work together, we can be much stronger.

CUBMASTER: Let us all work together in the coming Cub Scouting year to make our pack strong. Please rise and make a Cub Scout sign. Let's repeat the Cub Scout motto.

Game: Balloon Harvest

Materials: Inflated balloons. Have extras.

Inflate about three dozen balloons and scatter them in the play area. Make a separate storage area by arranging chairs. Divide the group into teams of eight to 10. Teams take turns. They go around and gather balloons and put them in the storage area without using their hands. See which team can collect the balloons fastest without popping them.

Game: Shifting Shapes

Materials: Soft rope 25 to 30 feet long, tied end to end to form a circle for each team; a set of cards with different shapes (circle, triangle, square, diamond, etc.) drawn on them for each team

Divide the group into teams of six to eight players. Provide each team with a rope circle. All team members stand outside the rope circle, with their hands on the rope. Assign a pack leader or den chief for each team.

This game is played in silence. On signal, each leader shows his or her team the first card and the players create that shape with their rope without talking to one another. Players can move up or down the rope as long as their hands are on the rope. When the shape is done to the satisfaction of each team member, the team as a group claps their hands. Then the leader shows them the second card.

The teams compete for the number of shapes they create within an allotted time, accuracy, and their cooperative spirit.

To make this game more challenging, players may be blindfolded.

Character Connection: Cooperation



What does cooperation mean? Did you cooperate with other players? What happened in the game when everyone on your team cooperated with one another? How would you feel if a player didn't work with the rest of the group? What can you do to encourage cooperation when you play with other children at school or home?

See *Fun for the Family*, No. 33012, for family activities related to this month's core value, cooperation.

Snack: Applewiches

Ingredients:

- Apples
- Fillings:
 - Swiss or other sliced cheese, or cheese spread
 - Cream cheese and raisins
 - Raisin nut cereal mixed with a small amount of honey
 - Peanut butter and a slice of banana

Remove the core of the apple and slice the apple into rings. Put one of the fillings between two apple slices for tasty sandwiches.

Note: *Be aware of food allergies and diet restrictions.*

Did You Know?

How It All Began. Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, the founder of the worldwide Scouting movement, was born on February 22, 1857, in London. He was made a baron in 1929. He is referred to as Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, Chief Scout of the World. He died on January 8, 1941.

In his lifetime, Robert Baden-Powell did many things and all of them well. He was a student, illustrator, author, and soldier, but most of all he was a leader of men and boys.

Baden-Powell wrote a book called *Aids to Scouting* to train the British Army. Many people were interested in his book, so he began to think that the same ideas might be used to train boys as well. To try out these ideas, he held a camp for 22 boys on Brownsea Island, Dorset, in 1907. They swam, signaled, hiked, and played games. Scouting had begun!

Scouting was seen to be so much fun that before long younger boys were asking to become Scouts. In 1916, Baden-Powell started the Wolf Cubs to provide fun and adventures for boys ages 8 to 11.

The Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910.