

# PACK RESOURCE SHEET

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## Core Value For December

**Respect:** Showing regard for the worth of someone or something. Respect is something we should all practice every day. We should strive to be respectful of others, of our surroundings, in what we say and do, and most of all we should have respect for ourselves. Cub Scouts will learn that if they are respectful of others, others will respect them.

## Preopening Activity: Meet and Greet

As families arrive, ask each person to find two other people to form groups of three. They greet one another, introduce themselves, and find out at least two things that the three of them have in common other than anything related to Scouting. Then they part after thanking one another politely. Each of them goes around the room again and repeats the process. Emphasize good manners.

## Opening Ceremony: Respect

**Materials:** Seven large cards with the letters to spell out “respect” on one side and script on the other

**Personnel:** Eight Cub Scouts, seven of whom are holding letter cards

CUB SCOUT 1: R stands for rules. Cub Scouts obey the rules.

CUB SCOUT 2: E stands for environment. Cub Scouts treat the environment with care.

CUB SCOUT 3: S stands for speech. Cub Scouts use good speech and good manners.

CUB SCOUT 4: P stands for personal appearance. Cub Scouts keep themselves neat, clean, and physically fit.

CUB SCOUT 5: E stands for example. Cub Scouts set an example by treating others as they would like to be treated.

CUB SCOUT 6: C stands for courtesy. Cub Scouts are kind and courteous to others.

CUB SCOUT 7: T stands for things. Cub Scouts take care of the things that belong to others.

CUB SCOUT 8: Let us show our respect for our country’s flag by repeating the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Opening Ceremony: Holiday Pledge of Allegiance

**Arrangement:** A Cub Scout, den chief, or adult leader reads the lines for narrator and the audience reads the other lines together. Distribute the ceremony lines beforehand.

NARRATOR: I pledge allegiance

AUDIENCE: At this joyous time of the year

NARRATOR: To the flag

AUDIENCE: A symbol of unity

NARRATOR: Of the United States of America

AUDIENCE: Where we join together in peace

NARRATOR: And to the republic for which it stands

AUDIENCE: Where people do their best to help each other

NARRATOR: One nation under God

AUDIENCE: Where we have freedom to worship in our own way

NARRATOR: Indivisible

AUDIENCE: We will stand strong, giving respect to others.

NARRATOR: With liberty and justice for all.

AUDIENCE: Where people of all races and faiths can experience true fairness

NARRATOR: Let us remember all our blessings as we pledge our allegiance to the flag.

## Cheer: Cheerful Respect

*(While clapping in unison, spell out and repeat the words.)*

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

This we learn and must never forget

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

The more you give, the more you get

*(Shout together)* RESPECT!

## Recognition Ceremony: Magic Words

**Materials:** Large signs with “thank you,” “please,” “pardon me,” “how nice you are,” and “you’re welcome” written on them

CUBMASTER: We have many values in Cub Scouting. Respect is one of them. To be respectful to others, you need to be courteous, appreciative, kind, and thoughtful. There are important words that tell someone that you are respectful. I call them magic words. I’m sure the Cub Scouts in this room know these words already. I would like to ask the Cub Scouts who have earned special awards to come up and help me review some of these magic words.

First, we have boys who have earned the Bobcat badge. Will the following boys come forward with their parents? *(Name each boy and have the parent present him the Bobcat badge.)* Now boys, please show the first sign to the audience. *(Boys show the sign with “thank you” on it.)* New Bobcats and parents, thank you for joining our pack. I’m really glad to get to know all of you.

We have Tiger Cubs who have earned some awards. Will the following Tiger Cubs come forward with their parents? *(Say each boy’s name and what he has earned. Ask the parents to present the awards to their sons.)* Tiger Cubs, please show the next sign to the audience. *(Boys show the sign with “please” on it.)* Thank you, boys. And please accept my congratulations on your awards.

Some of our Wolf Cub Scouts have earned awards. The following boys, please come forward with your parents. *(Say each boy’s name and what he has earned. Ask the parents to present the awards to their sons.)* Wolf Cub Scouts, please show the next sign to the audience. *(Boys show the sign with “pardon me” on it.)* Pardon me, boys, but could you please hold up the sign so everyone can see it? Thank you!

Now we have Bear Cub Scouts who have earned some awards. Will the following boys please come forward with their parents? *(Say each boy’s name and what he has earned. Ask the parents to present the awards to their sons.)* Congratulations, boys. Now could you show the next sign to the audience? *(Boys show the sign with “how nice you are” on it.)* How nice you are to do that. Thank you.

We also have Webelos Scouts who have earned some awards. Will the following boys please come forward with their parents? (*Say each boy's name and what he has earned. Ask the parents to present the awards to their sons.*) Good job, boys. Now could you look at the remaining sign and show it to the audience? (*Boys show the sign with "you're welcome" on it.*) Thank you, Webelos Scouts. (*Boys will say, "You're welcome."*)

(*Draw attention to the signs.*) These are simple words but they are important because they tell someone else that you are appreciative, courteous, kind, and thoughtful. But these words do not mean much if actions do not go with them. Cub Scouts, do your best and add kind deeds to these magic words. Congratulations on your awards and thank you for your help.

## Recognition Ceremony: Webelos Activity Badges

**Materials:** One candle for each activity badge to be presented

CUBMASTER: Tonight, we have the honor of presenting awards to the Webelos Scouts who have earned Webelos activity badges. Will the Webelos den leader of [den's name] please bring forward the members of your den who have earned activity badges and their parents?

WEBELOS DEN LEADER: [Names], you have worked hard and earned the [name of an activity badge]. To do that you [name some activities that the boys did]. I congratulate you on your new [skill or knowledge, depending on the badge earned]. (*Hand the badge to the parents as the Cubmaster lights one of the candles. Ask the Webelos denner or den chief to lead the den in the den yell.*)

(*Repeat the above for each Webelos den.*)

CUBMASTER: (*Point to the lit candles*) Each of these candles represents an activity badge. Some of you have already earned one or more activity badges. The candles for those badges are burning brightly in your memory. These and the ones burning in your memory are steps along your Cub Scouting trail toward the Arrow of Light Award and toward becoming loyal Scouts. Congratulations.

## Cubmaster's Minute: Individuality

"Please take a moment and look around the room. You see many people. Do you see two people who are exactly alike? No. None of us are the same, not even twins. We are all unique individuals, each different from others. By recognizing our own individual talents, tastes, and gifts, we can try to have a better understanding of other people and our surroundings and be more respectful of the world we live in."



## Character Connection: Respect

What does it mean to be respectful? Why is it important to show respect for people who look or act different from others you know? Is it always easy to be respectful? How would you

feel if adults ignore you just because you are a kid? How would you feel if nobody paid attention to you? What can you do to show respect to others? Think of some ways that you can show respect to people

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

## Closing Ceremony: My Pledge

**Arrangement:** Hand out a copy of the following pledge to everyone. Cubmaster leads the audience in reading the pledge.

As a Cub Scout, I pledge to always have respect for my leaders, for others, and for myself.

As a Cub Scout, I pledge to always show respect in thought, word, and deed.

As a Cub Scout, I pledge to be careful in what I say and not speak angry words that hurt others.

As a Cub Scout, I pledge to always say "thank you" when others help me.

As a Cub Scout, I pledge to always do my best to obey the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack.

## Game: After You

**Materials:** Dishes of yogurt or dry cereal, spoons, string

Divide players into pairs. Partners sit facing each other with a small table, chair, lapboard, etc., between them. Give each pair two spoons joined together with a length of string so spoons are only six inches apart. Place a dish of yogurt or dry cereal in front of each person. On signal, everyone starts to eat. Each person must eat only from his or her own dish and must not lift the dish off the table. The pair finishing their dishes first wins. Encourage the players to use good table manners.

## Snack: Cinnamon Nachos

**Ingredients:**

- Corn tortillas
- Vegetable oil
- Cinnamon
- Sugar

Lightly brush both sides of corn tortillas with vegetable oil. Cut into six wedges and bake in a 400-degree oven for four to eight minutes. Remove from oven, and quickly drop into a paper bag to which you have added a cinnamon-sugar mixture. Close the top of the bag and shake gently to coat the nachos with the mixture. Serve and enjoy with the hot chocolate.

**Caution:** The tortilla chips are very hot when taken out of the oven! An adult should do this and put them into the bag.

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

## Did You Know?

**Interpack Activities.** Cub Scout activities are best when done on a one-pack basis. Every boy's participation can be assured and leaders and families can be more easily involved in the planning and operation of the activity. Informal activities among packs are acceptable if they contribute to the regular program of the packs and avoid the over-organization evident in some sports and competitive events. Under these guidelines, packs can conduct any acceptable sport or competitive Cub Scout activity, such as a softball game, a soccer match, a pinewood derby, or an interpack game day.

Interpack activities must be approved by the local council Scout executive. For more information, see the *Cub Scout Leader Book*.