

# PACK RESOURCE SHEET

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## Core Value For February

**Resourcefulness:** Using human resources and other resources to their fullest. Through participating in the pack recycling projects, boys will gain an understanding of the ways to utilize available resources to accomplish tasks. They will learn that one of the ways to be resourceful is using their imaginations.

## Preopening Activity: What Can You Do With It?

**Materials:** Paper, pencils, clean recyclable objects. Be sure the items are clean. Avoid glass items for safety reasons.

As Cub Scouts and families arrive, give each Cub Scout a pencil, paper, and something that is usually thrown away or recycled after use, such as milk cartons or jugs, aluminum cans, paper plates, paper towel tubes, newspaper, etc. Challenge the boys to write down as many ideas as they can of things that can be done with their item. They are encouraged to talk with others in the pack for additional ideas. Adults are encouraged to help boys. During the pack meeting, ask people to share some of their ideas. Give cheers for the longest list, the most original idea, the craziest idea, etc. Conclude with the Brilliant! Cheer for everyone for being resourceful.

## Opening Ceremony: Building a Nation

**Materials:** American flag, cards with text for each Cub Scout

CUB SCOUT 1: When Washington needed to cross the Delaware River, instead of building boats, his troops found boats they could use.

CUB SCOUT 2: When the new nation needed power, resourceful people built waterwheels near rivers to power their mills.

CUB SCOUT 3: When the country stretched from the Atlantic to the Pacific, resourceful people created the transcontinental railroad.

CUB SCOUT 4: In this age of technology, resourceful people keep developing new things to better our lives.

CUB SCOUT 5: In the past month, everyone in our pack participated in conserving resources and thought of better ways to recycle.

CUB SCOUT 6: Small or large project, young or old, we all do our part to be resourceful to build a better nation.

CUB SCOUT 7: Let us salute the flag of this nation, which we all love and strive to make better, and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Cheer: Brilliant!

Place closed fist under chin (as if in deep thought), pause for a moment and then quickly raise a finger in the air and shout "Brilliant!"

## Recognition Ceremony: Pack Recycling Project

**Materials:** Clean recyclable materials with "I DID MY BEST" written on them. Items may be a hat made of newspaper, empty can or plastic bottle hanging on a piece of string like a medal, etc.

CUBMASTER: In his last letter to Scouts around the world, Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, wrote, "Try to leave the world better than you found it." Tonight, we are honoring Cub Scouts who did their best to fulfill Lord Baden-Powell's request.

These boys participated in the pack recycling project. (*Briefly talk about the nature of the project.*) In an age when so much is wasted and nature is being used up faster than it can replenish itself, these Cub Scouts have helped to slow the trend. Thank you, boys, for your effort and resourcefulness. (*Present to each recipient the "I did my best" award.*)

VARIATION: If every den in the pack participated in the project, have each den recognize another den with the awards the boys have made. Assign dens the group they are to recognize ahead of time.

## Webelos Crossover Ceremony: Scouting Trail

**Materials:** Two 5-foot-long, 4-by-4-inch posts; five 5-foot-long, 2-by-12-inch planks. Paint one plank blue, one gold, one red, and one BSA green. Leave one unpainted. Posts do not have to be painted.

Ask the Webelos den leaders to place one of the posts on the ground. Then ask the Scoutmaster to place a second post on the ground about four feet away and parallel to the first post. Say that this is symbolic of the foundations of Scouting that these leaders have laid down. The leaders have set the stage for bridging the boys from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting.

Have Webelos Scout 1 and his parents bring the unpainted plank forward and place it across the foundation posts. State that this represents the boys as they arrived in Cub Scouting full of potential but unfinished.

Ask Webelos Scout 2 and parents to bring the blue plank forward and place it snugly against the unfinished plank. Say this represents the Tiger Cub, Wolf, and Bear years, where, with the help of their parents, the boys became true blue friends.

Next, Webelos Scout 3 comes forward with his parents and places the gold plank next to the blue one to represent their golden years in Cub Scouting as Webelos Scouts, learning important skills culminating in the Arrow of Light.

Webelos Scout 4 comes forward with his parents and the green plank. Announce that this represents their new beginning as Boy Scouts.

Finally, Webelos Scout 5 and parents put down the red plank. Comment that this plank is red like the predominant color of the Eagle Scout badge and represents the beginning of their journey to become Eagle Scouts.

Webelos Scouts are assembled at the unfinished board side of the now completed bridge and presented graduation certificates.

When these presentations are over, the Scoutmaster invites each boy in turn to cross the bridge. Once over, he is welcomed into the troop. He is presented with his troop neckerchief.

**Note:** If there are many graduating Webelos Scouts, divide them into five groups and have each group place a plank on the posts.

## Cubmaster's Minute: Resourcefulness

"When you are young, you have a tremendous ability to imagine things. Boys can imagine wonderful things, outlandish things, funny things, scary things, magic, beauty . . . anything. As people get older, sometimes their ability to imagine becomes smaller and more limited. For some adults it's easier to imagine more awful things than wonderful things. Some adults stop imagining altogether. Then there are some adults who can imagine all sorts of great things just like boys. They never stopped using imagination. These people are more resourceful and have more fun in life. Boys, keep on imagining things. Keep on thinking great things. Your life will be much more fun and meaningful. Just imagine that!"

## Closing Ceremony: I Will Use

This closing ceremony may be done in three ways. A Cub Scout or leader can read the entire narrative. Copies of the ceremony can be handed out to the audience and they can read it in unison. Or, have five Cub Scouts each read a line:

1. This is my country. I will use my eyes to see the beauty of the land.
2. I will use my ears to hear its sounds.
3. I will use my mind to think what I can do to make it more beautiful.
4. I will use my hands to serve it and care for it.
5. And with all my heart I will honor it.

## Game: Recycling Toss

**Materials:** Four containers such as large cardboard boxes, items to be recycled. Mark the containers "plastic," "paper," "aluminum," and "other metal." Avoid glass items for safety reasons.

From a short distance, depending on age, boys are to throw the recyclable items into their appropriate containers. Give points for items landing in their appropriate boxes. This game can be played as a relay race with two sets of boxes and items. The team that throws more accurately is the winner.

## Game: What Would You Do?

Divide the players into teams. Provide each team with a pencil and paper. One person in each team is a scribe. Leader shows an item and asks the question below. Instruct teams to come up with as many answers as possible. Recognize teams with the most answers and unique ideas.

Question: "You use this [item] for [normal use of the item]. What would you do if you don't have [the item]?"

Examples of items and uses:

- Pen for writing
- Phone to call your friend
- Clock to tell time
- Umbrella to shield you from rain
- Sleeping bag to use at a campout
- Scissors to cut things
- Bag to carry things
- Tissue to blow your nose

## Project: Genius Kits With Recycled Items

A genius kit is simply a collection of odds and ends. Each Cub Scout is given an identical kit. He creates something using his

genius and imagination. This can be a pack or den activity and is a great activity for son and parent teams. Make sure the results are shown off at the pack meeting. Give awards for most imaginative, most resourceful, best workmanship, most realistic, most useful, most conservation-minded, etc.

Create genius kits with recycled items. Here's a sample:

- One paper towel tube
- Three milk jug caps
- Two old CDs
- One meat tray
- One margarine tub
- Two berry baskets
- Four feet of string
- One empty water bottle
- Four popsicle sticks
- One empty can
- Four old buttons
- One paper sack

Genius project rules:

- Use only the materials supplied. You do not have to use them all.
- Cut them up or shape them any way you wish.
- You may use glue or tape.
- Use any tools you want. Make anything you like.
- Attach your name and the title of your creation.

## Snack: Resourceful Fruit Salad

**Ingredients:** Fruit, yogurt, granola

Each Cub Scout or family brings fruit, either fresh or canned. Cut the fruit into bite-size pieces. Toss them together in a large bowl with a small amount of yogurt. Top with granola.

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

## Pack Recycling Project

**Character Connection:** Resourcefulness

When preparing for a pack recycling project, ask Cub Scouts how they can use the value of resourcefulness. Following the project, talk about what they learned about recycling. What does it mean to be resourceful? How is being

resourceful important to the environment and the community you live in? Why is being resourceful important in everything else you do in their daily life?

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



## Did You Know?

**Philmont Training Center.** Located near Cimarron, New Mexico, the Philmont Training Center offers a wide variety of Cub Scout leader training conferences. The weeklong conferences combine a family vacation with the opportunity to participate in a quality training experience and to associate with Scouters from across the country. While the leader takes part in training sessions, family members enjoy special programs of age-appropriate activities. All registered Scouters are invited to attend training center conferences. For more information, check with your district executive or visit [www.philmontscout-ranch.org/ptc.aspx](http://www.philmontscout-ranch.org/ptc.aspx).