

# PACK RESOURCE SHEET

AUGUST 2012

## Core Value For August

**Honesty:** Telling the truth and being worthy of trust. Cub Scouts will gain a better understanding of the importance of following the rules, playing fair, and being trustworthy in games and in daily life.

## Preopening Activity: Mistaken Identities

As each person enters the room, randomly give him or her a name tag with someone else's name on it. Then ask each person to circulate around the room and find the person with his or her name tag and make a switch. Continue until at least half the participants have their own name tag.

## Opening Ceremony: Honesty

**Materials:** Large cards with the letters to spell out "honesty."

CUBMASTER: Listen as we list some words that describe honesty.

CUB SCOUT 1: H is for honor.

CUB SCOUT 2: O is for openness.

CUB SCOUT 3: N is for nobleness.

CUB SCOUT 4: E is for encouraging.

CUB SCOUT 5: S is for sincerity.

CUB SCOUT 6: T is for trust.

CUB SCOUT 7: Y is for yourself.

CUBMASTER: As you live this value, you will find these words to be part of your life. Please join us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Applause: Stamp and Clap Applause

Stand, stamp feet three times, clap hands three times, stamp feet three times, clap hands three times, and shout "Yea!" at the end.

## Recognition Ceremony: Den Chief Induction

**Materials:** Den chief cords (or Webelos den chief cords, as needed), one for each den chief being honored

**Personnel:** Cubmaster, den leaders

CUBMASTER: Tonight we would like to recognize some very special new leaders in our pack. Will the following Scouts please come forward? (Call the names of den chiefs. Den chiefs come to the front and line up facing the audience.) These young men have been selected to serve as den chiefs for Pack \_\_\_\_ this year. They have been selected because they have shown leadership skills. They will help the dens they work with by setting a good example in attitude and uniform, being a friend to the boys in the den and helping them achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting.

(*Face the den chiefs.*) We, the leaders and families of Pack \_\_\_\_, welcome you to our leadership corps. Your troop has presented you the badge of office. We would now like to present you the den chief cord, which is worn on your left shoulder. Den leaders, please place the cord on the den chief who is working with your den.

We thank you for the service, enthusiasm, and the fun you will bring to your dens. Let us honor these Scouts with the Stamp and Clap Applause (page 63).

## Recognition Ceremony: Compass Den Chief Recognition

**Materials:** Certificate of appreciation, compass, one flashlight for each Cub Scout in the den

**Personnel:** Cubmaster, den leader, den chief, Cub Scout den

(*Turn down the room lights and ask everyone to stand. Have the Cub Scouts form two lines facing each other. They shine their flashlights at an angle on the floor so the beams cross. The Cubmaster calls the den chief forward to walk the lighted pathway. The den leader presents the certificate.*)

DEN LEADER: It is my honor and pleasure to present this certificate to you along with this compass. The boys chose a compass because of the direction you gave them while guiding them in their den and on their Cub Scouting trail. The boys of your den would now like to do their den yell for you. (*Boys do their den yell.*) Thank you for your dedication, enthusiasm, and leadership!

## Cubmaster's Minute: Honesty

"Everyone has heard the story of George Washington and the cherry tree. Like so many stories, part of the story is true and part is exaggerated. It was exaggerated to make a point about his good character. That's honesty. Have you ever done something not very acceptable and didn't want to be honest about it? Have you ever been tempted to lie? It sits heavy right here (*point to chest*), doesn't it? I bet that George was feeling bad about not wanting to tell the truth. He must have been feeling quite guilty and wanted to hide. But he had the courage to be honest. Being honest isn't always easy, but there won't be a weight right here (*point to chest*). And what else? People will believe you and trust you. Isn't that important, to be trusted? So, boys, remember to be honest at all times."

## Closing Ceremony: Cub Scout Game Show

**Materials:** Large bell, horn, kazoo, etc.

**Arrangement:** Cub Scout 1 acts as a game show contestant. Cub Scouts 2–5 ask him questions. They hide noise makers in their pockets and, after the last question, make loud noises.

CUB SCOUT 2: You are at a store and find a five-dollar bill on the floor. What will you do?

CUB SCOUT 1: I turn it in to the store manager.

CUB SCOUT 3: You are having a huge problem solving one of the test questions. The kid sitting next to you has his test really close to you. Will you try to look?

CUB SCOUT 1: No, I must do the test all by myself.

CUB SCOUT 4: You are playing a game with your younger brother. It's so easy to cheat and win the game. Will you?

CUB SCOUT 1: No, of course, not. I must be fair to everyone.

CUB SCOUT 5: You broke your mom's favorite vase, which you were not supposed to touch to begin with. Nobody's around. What do you do?

CUB SCOUT 1: (*Gulp.*) I'll tell my mom and apologize.

(*Cub Scouts 2–5 make loud noises.*)

CUB SCOUT 2: Congratulations, you just won the Honest Cub Scout Award!

CUB SCOUT 1: Cub Scouts are honest and do the right thing even when no one is watching.

ALL: Let's remember to be loyal, honest, and true!

## Closing Ceremony for the End of the Year: Let's Remember

**Arrangement:** Five Cub Scouts read two lines each.

Let's remember the service projects we did

The awards we earned, the fun we had

Let's remember the skits we put on

The games we played, the songs we sang

Let's remember the food we shared

The hikes we hiked, the problems we solved

Let's remember the friends we've made

The derby we raced, the banquet we had

Another Cub Scouting year's gone by

Its memories stored forever in our hearts and minds.

## Game: I've Got It!

**Materials:** A small object that can be held within a boy's hand (small rock, eraser, etc.)

Cub Scouts form a circle. One player is "it" and stands in the center of the circle with his eyes closed. One of the players in the circle holds the object in his hand. Players pass the object around the circle while "it" counts to 10. "It" knows the starting point, but not the stopping point. When the count of 10 is reached, all Cub Scouts shout out "I've got it!" "It" tries to guess which boy has the object. If his guess is correct, the boy who has the object becomes "it." If "it" does not make a correct guess after three tries, the last one "it" pointed to becomes the next "it."



**Character Connection:** Honesty

What does honesty mean? Is honesty an important quality? Is it always easy to be honest? Is it fun to play a game with people who cheat? How do you feel when someone cheats? How important is it to play fairly? Which is more important, to win or to be honest? What can you

do to help others play fairly? Can you show by example that it is better to play fairly?

## Game: Pass the Message

Divide the players into teams of eight to 10. Distribute members of each team some distance away from one another. Adult leaders or den chiefs whisper a message to the first players, who then go to the next players and whisper the same message, and so on. When all teams are done passing the message, the last players repeat it out loud. Judge teams for speed and accuracy.

To make this game more challenging, make the distance between the players longer and see how fast and how accurately they can deliver the message. The longer the distance and the more breathless (thus less articulate), the more forgetful the players become.

Include family members in this game.



**Character Connection:** Honesty

Sometimes what someone tells you may not be true. Gossip and unkind words are not only hurtful but they are also often untrue. Do you know what being honest means? What about when you thought you were repeating what you had heard but may not be. One part of being honest means not telling a lie. What would you feel if someone says something about you that is not true? Is repeating gossip an honest and honorable thing to do? What can you do in your dealings with others at school, with friends, or at home?

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

## Snack: Mini Cheese and Vegetable Kabobs

**Ingredients:**

- Cheese cubes
- Baby carrot
- Soft vegetable pieces such as grape tomatoes, zucchini, cucumber, celery
- Dip:
  - Yogurt dip—8 oz. plain yogurt mixed with a small amount of vegetable soup mix
  - Ranch dressing

Place cheese and vegetable pieces on a toothpick. Cut a baby carrot in half and put one at the end of the toothpick. Serve with your choice of dip.

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

## Did You Know?

**ScoutParents Program.** A ScoutParent is a parent or adult mentor of a Scout who enthusiastically participates with their Scout and helps other volunteers provide the best quality program experience to all youth in every unit. For more information about ScoutParents, including an e-book called *Growing Up Right, Growing Up Strong . . .* Parents, Kids, and Scouting, go to [www.scoutparents.org](http://www.scoutparents.org). Units are encouraged to appoint at least one ScoutParents unit coordinator. Training for the ScoutParents unit coordinator is available through the Online Learning Center, <http://olc.scouting.org>. For responsibilities of the ScoutParents unit coordinator, see the *Cub Scout Leader Book*.