

Pack 250 Unit Leadership Enhancement

February 7, 2012

Between Blue/Gold and Graduation Campout

Goal: Help leaders work on program ideas and driving a continuous program now that ranks have been achieved.

Discussion:

- I. Confirm the purposes of Cub Scouting – 10 purposes related to the overall mission of the BSA:
 - a. Character Development
 - b. Spiritual Growth
 - c. Good Citizenship
 - d. Sportsmanship and Fitness
 - e. Family Understanding
 - f. Respectful Relationships
 - g. Personal Achievement
 - h. Friendly Service
 - i. Fun and Adventure
 - j. Preparation for Boy Scouts

Every Cub Scouting activity should help fulfill one of these purposes. When considering a new activity, ask which purpose or purposes it supports. Not everything has to be serious, but everything does have to have a purpose – as B-P said, Scouting is “A Game with a Purpose”.

- II. Ranks at Blue/Gold are a relatively recent phenomenon
 - a. Great emphasis to an achievable goal
 - b. Keeps energy throughout fall, even during popcorn season
 - c. Leaves a potential gap for “the rest of the year”
- III. Solution/Activities –
 - a. Cub Scout Program features “Electives” to earn arrow points or Tiger Track Beads
 - b. Webelos program features non-required activity badges
- IV. Emphasis should be on FUN – opportunity to leverage the Cub Scout Program in a fun way for the kids to achieve new goals, tailored to your Den
- V. Nuts/Bolts
 - a. 10 individual requirements earn a tiger track bead or an arrow point.
 - b. Refer to handbooks to see lists of individual requirements for Tiger/Wolf/Bear
 - c. Example: Tiger options attached

Actions

- I. Create Action Plan for developing activities which will combine several arrow/bead requirements in a single activity. Be creative!
- II. Next Month’s topic – what do we need? Where can we go?

TIGER CUB SCOUT ELECTIVES

1. **How Do You Celebrate?**
Think of a time when your family celebrated something, and then tell the den about it and how it made you feel.
2. **Making Decorations**
Make a decoration with your family or with your den. Display it or give it to someone as a gift.
3. **Fun And Games**
With your family, play a card game or board game or put a jigsaw puzzle together.
4. **Display A Picture**
Make a frame for a family picture.
5. **Family Mobile**
Make a family mobile.
6. **Song Time**
Along with your adult partner, teach a song to your family or to your den and sing it together.
7. **Play Along!**
Make a musical instrument and play it with others. The other can sing or have instruments of their own.
8. **Your Religious Leaders**
Invite a religious leader or teacher from your place of worship to your home or to your den meeting.
9. **A New Friend**
Help a new boy or girl get to know other people.
10. **Helping Hands**
Along with your adult partner, help an elderly or shut-in person with a chore.
11. **Helping the Needy**
Help collect food, clothing or toys for needy families with your pack or den.
12. **A Friendly Greeting**
Make at least two cards or decorations and take them to a hospital or long-term care facility.
13. **Making Change**
Using U.S. pennies, dimes, nickels, and quarters choose the correct coins to make the following amounts:
15 cents, 50 cents, 29 cents, 60 cents, 35 cents, 59 cents
14. **Reading Fun**
Together with your adult partner, read a short story or magazine article.
15. **Our Colorful World**
Mix the primary colors to make orange, green and purple.
16. **Collecting and Other Hobbies**
With your den, show or tell about something you like to collect. -OR- Tell your den about a favorite hobby or activity.
17. **Make a Model**
Make a model.
18. **Sew a Button**
Sew a button onto fabric.
19. **Magic Fun**
Learn a magic trick and show it to your family or den.
20. **Get the Word Out**
With your den, make up a PSA skit to tell people about Tiger Cubs.
21. **The Show Must Go On**
Make a puppet.
22. **Picnic Fun**
With your family or with your den, have a picnic : outdoors or indoors.
23. **What Kind of Milk**
Find out what kind of milk your family drinks and why.
24. **Help in the Kitchen**
Help the adult who is preparing a family meal to set the table and clean up afterward.
25. **Snack Time**
Make a snack and share it with your family or den.
26. **Phone Manners**
With a toy phone, or a disconnected phone, practice making phone calls and answering the telephone.
27. **Emergency!**
Talk to your adult partner about what to do if these things happened:
 - The adult who is caring for you becomes ill.
 - You are alone with someone who makes you feel uncomfortable

28. **Smoke Detectors**
With your adult partner, check the batteries in the smoke detector in your home or in another building.
29. **Safety in the Sun**
Talk with your adult partner about when you should use sunscreen. Find out whether you have any in your home and where it is kept. With your adult partner, look at a container of sunscreen and find out whether it still protects you when you are wet. Also find out how long you are protected before you have to put on more. Look for the expiration date and make sure the sunscreen is not too old.
30. **Plant a Seed**
Plant a seed, pit, or greens from something you have eaten.
31. **Learn About Animals**
Learn about an animal.
32. **Feed the Birds**
Make a bird feeder and then hang it outdoors.
33. **Cleanup Treasure Hunt**
With your den or family, play Cleanup Treasure Hunt.
34. **Conservation**
With your adult partner, think of a way to conserve water or electricity and do it for one week.
35. **Fun Outdoors**
Play a game outdoors with your family or den.
36. **See a Performance**
With your family or your den, go see a play or musical performance in your community.
37. **Take a Bicycle Ride**
Take a bicycle ride with your adult partner.
38. **Bicycle Repair**
Visit a bicycle repair shop.
39. **Go to Work**
Visit the place where your adult partner or another adult works.
40. **Fun in the Water**
Together with your adult partner, go swimming or take part in an activity on water.
41. **Transportation**
Visit a train station, bus station, airport, or boat dock.
42. **Fun at the Zoo**
Visit a zoo or aquarium.
43. **Pet Care**
Visit a veterinarian or an animal groomer.
44. **Dairy Products**
Visit a dairy, a milk-processing plant, or a cheese factory.
45. **Fresh Baking**
Visit a bakery.
46. **Health Teeth and Gums**
Visit a dentist or dental hygienist.
47. **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**
Learn about what you can recycle in your community and how you can recycle at home. Learn about things that need to be recycled in special ways, such as paint and batteries.
48. **Go for a Ride**
Take a ride on public transportation, such as a bus or train.
49. **Your Government**
Visit a government office such as the mayor's office, the state capitol building, or a courthouse.
50. **Banking**
Visit a bank.