

PACK RESOURCE SHEET

December 2010

CORE VALUE FOR DECEMBER

Respect: Showing regard for the worth of someone or something. Cub Scouts will show respect and appreciation for everyone who helps with the pack. They will be courteous and show good manners at den and pack meetings.

Preopening Activity: Blue and Gold Smile Game

Materials: Coin.

Divide participants into two groups, Blue team and Gold team, and line the teams up facing each other three to four feet apart. Flip a coin and call out the side that turned up. Heads means Blues, and tails means Golds. If it comes up heads, the Blues laugh and smile for 10-15 seconds while the Golds try to keep sober faces. The Blues try to make the Golds laugh. Those who laugh now join the Blues. The coin is flipped again, and the game continues until there is only one player remaining on a team, or until the preopening time is up.

When people arrive at the meeting place while this game is in progress, have them join alternate teams.

Opening Ceremony: Blue and Gold Welcome

Personnel: Eight Cub Scouts

CUB SCOUT 1: We'd truly like to welcome you
To our banquet of gold and blue.

CUB SCOUT 2: The food is great, the program grand,
And everybody lent a hand.

CUB SCOUT 3: We're having a party so we can say
It's Cub Scouting's 81st birthday.

CUB SCOUT 4: And we give our thanks to all those who
Have helped promote this fun to-do.

CUB SCOUT 5: Blue and gold—our colors true
No other colors would really do.

CUB SCOUT 6: Blue is the color of the sky above,
Gold is for sunshine, warmth, and love.

CUB SCOUT 7: Come join us in our Cub Scout fun
And delight in our colors of sky and sun.

CUB SCOUT 8: So now we'll say it loud and bold

ALL: Welcome all to our Blue and Gold!

Note: Cub Scouting in America was formally launched on February 10, 1930.

Advancement Ceremony: Blue and Gold Balloons

Materials: Blue and gold (yellow) balloons, either filled with helium or attached to sticks, one for each boy receiving an award.

Preparation: Attach the awards and verses to the balloons. If the balloons are on sticks, arrange them in a large container. Helium-filled balloons may be attached to a cardboard cutout of a Cub Scout or Cub Scout symbol.

Presentation: The Cubmaster selects a balloon, calls the boy and his parents forward, reads the verse, and presents the boy with his award and the balloon. If multiple boys are receiving the same award, call all forward, read the verse, then present awards and balloons.

BOBCAT BADGE

A bright blue balloon for _____.

He's finished his Bobcat quest.

May you stay loyal to Cub Scouts

And always Do Your Best.

TIGER CUB BADGE

This gold balloon is for _____.

The Tiger Cub badge is his award.

As you work with your partner

May you always be moving forward.

WOLF BADGE

Another blue balloon, it's for _____.

The rank of Wolf he'll obtain.

May happiness shine for you always

As more Scouting knowledge you gain.

BEAR BADGE

A gold balloon this time for _____.

The rank of Bear is his tonight.

May Akela watch over you each day,

As you share your Cub Scouting light.

WEBELOS BADGE

The blue balloon is for _____.

Webelos badge is proudly awarded to him.

May good cheer follow you throughout

As you climb to Cub Scouting's highest limb.

ARROW OF LIGHT AWARD

Finally, a gold balloon for _____.

To him top honors, the Arrow of Light.

May your example be like an arrow,

Straight and true and right.

Closing Ceremony: Blue and Gold Closing

CUB SCOUT 1: We're glad you could join us here,
Celebrating Cub Scouting's 81st year.

CUB SCOUT 2: Our banquet was just simply great
With all we drank and food we ate.

CUB SCOUT 3: The awards were given to every deserving
Cub Scout, Their parents beamed with pride, no doubt.

CUB SCOUT 4: But now it's time to say goodnight,
To sweep the floor and turn off the light.

CUB SCOUT 5: But remember the Scouting spirit shown here
And keep it in your hearts all year.

CUB SCOUT 6: There's just one last thing to be told:

ALL: Thank you for being part of our Blue and Gold.

Cubmaster's Minute: Potluck

"As our blue and gold banquet comes to an end, I want you to remember that our pack is like a potluck dinner. Potluck dinner means people bring whatever food is available or food that comes their way. A potluck dinner has many different dishes, and everyone enjoys the variety. Like the various dishes at a potluck dinner, we all bring what we have available to the den and pack. It is up to all of us to appreciate the variety and diversity of the 'dishes' and to make the best of them."



Character Connection: Respect

What does respect mean to you? Why is it important to show respect? How can you show respect to different families in the pack? To whom should we show respect outside our pack families?

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

Project: Personal Stamps for Placemats, Place Markers, Invitations

Materials: Craft foam, scrap wood, paper cut to the size of the wood base, glue.

The design can be a tiger or wolf paw, bear claw, Webelos badge shape, fleur-de-lis, the boy's initials, or something that characterizes him—a bat and a ball for a baseball fan, sailboat for a water-sport fan. Boys can draw their designs freehand or use stencils.

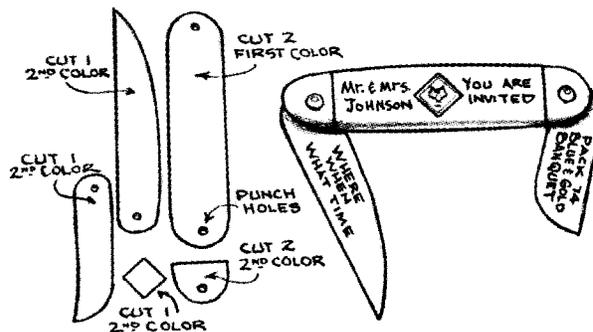
Draw a simple design on paper using thick lines. Place paper on the foam and trace the design, pressing hard. You will see a slight indentation in the foam. Cut around the design. If you accidentally cut at a wrong place, you can fix it when you glue it onto the base. Glue to the wood base. Apply glue to the side on which you drew the design. Attach another scrap wood piece as a handle.

When the glue is dry, decorate the construction paper with the personal stamp and some paint or ink, and make placemats. Place cards may be made with thin cardboard, file folders, or card stock.

Project: Cub Scout Pocketknife Invitation

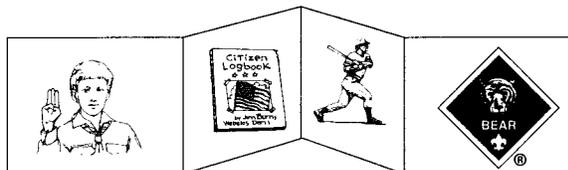
Materials: Construction paper or card stock in blue and gold, two 3/4-inch paper fasteners, scissors, fine-tip marker, Cub Scout emblem sticker (optional).

Cut the front and back of the knife out of blue construction paper. The size does not matter, but a knife two inches wide and eight inches long will give the boys enough space to write. Cut two end



pieces and the "blades" out of gold construction paper. Cut the diamond for the Cub Scout symbol out of gold construction paper (or use a Cub Scout emblem sticker). Use a marking pen to write in details.

Write the invitation on the blades of the knife before assembling. Glue the end pieces to the front of the knife and the gold diamond in the center. Lay the back piece on the table, then add the blades and the top piece. Holding all pieces together, punch a hole in each end and attach a paper fastener. Repeat for the other end. The blades should move in and out like a real pocketknife.



Project: Blue and Gold Den Centerpiece

Materials: Colored pencils, marker, or crayons, tape, 5x7-inch card stock or file folder.

Each boy in a den makes a drawing of his favorite activities among the requirements for his rank advancement. When everyone is done, tape the cards together to form an accordion runner for the center of a table.

Snack: Blue and Gold Parfaits

Ingredients:

- Diced peaches, well-drained
- Fresh blueberries, rinsed and drained
- Low-fat vanilla yogurt
- Finely crushed granola (bar or granola clusters)
- Coconut (optional)
- Small clear-plastic cups.

Layer peaches, granola, yogurt, blueberries, granola, and yogurt. Top with coconut or additional granola, and enjoy!

Note: Be aware of food allergies and diet restrictions.

Did You Know?

Blue and Gold Banquet. Parent-Cub dinners were being suggested in the *Cub Leaders' Round Table* as early as 1933, three years after Cub Scouting started. The first official blue and gold banquet was held in 1943, and the first National Blue and Gold Banquet was held at the National Council meeting in New Orleans in 1980 on the 50th anniversary of Cub Scouting.