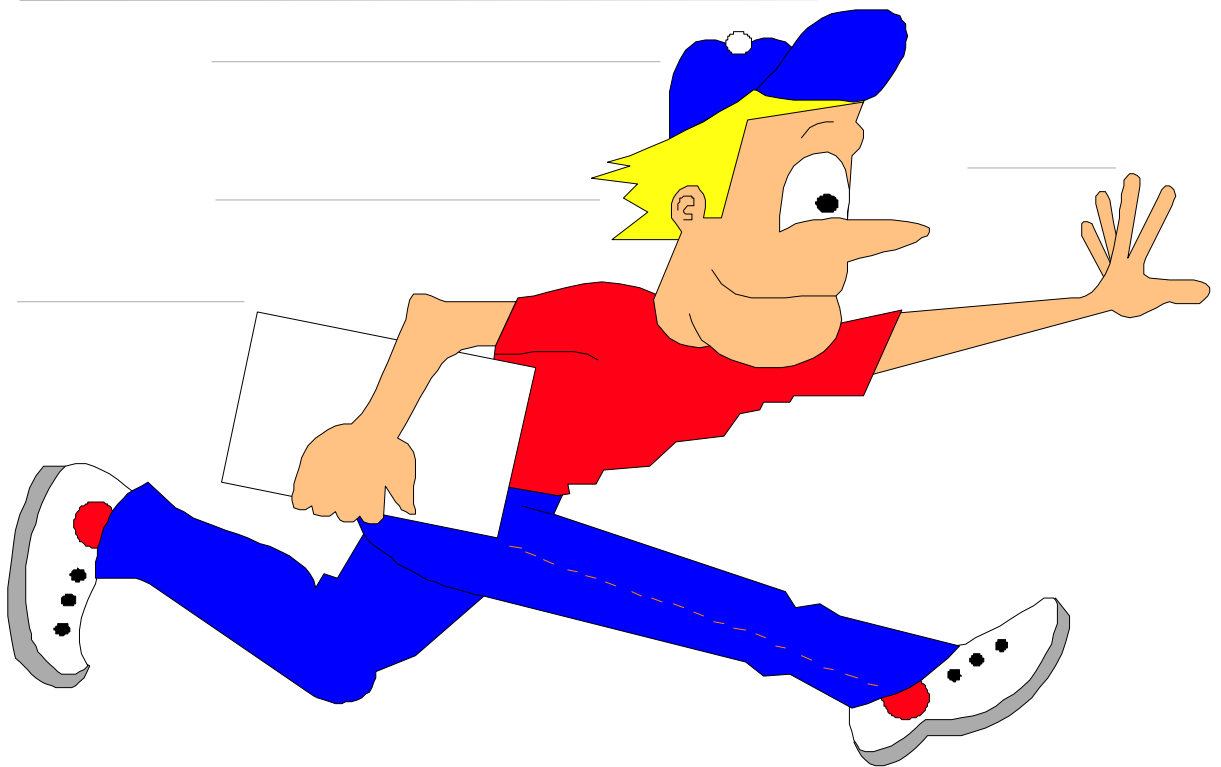


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Stop The Presses

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Focus. There is so much out there to read and write about. If only we'd take the time to do a little bit of reading and writing, we'd be better off for it. This month's theme gives us an opportunity to spend some quality time with some basics—reading and writing. We can learn about those who do it for a living and, maybe we can do a little ourselves!

Pack Meeting Ideas

PreOpening Activities

Cub Scout Times Word Search

Figure 1. in this section is a Cub Scout Theme word search for the boys to try. It has been checked and rechecked, so (hopefully) it doesn't have any mistakes in it. Note that this can also be used as a Blue & Gold Activity Book page, if your pack uses an Activity Book at its Blue & Gold Banquet to give people things to do during the "down times" in the program.

Interviews

For this activity, have each person draw a "name" from a hat (names can be actual Cub Scouts' names or a Cub Scout level [Tiger, Wolf, etc]) as the people arrive for the meeting. The person then finds that "person" and asks him/her some simple questions that will help them get to know one another. Here are some sample questions for an interview:

1. What's your middle name?
2. What is your favorite color?
3. What is your favorite food?
4. What is your favorite hobby or sport?
5. What do you like most about Cub Scouting?

These questions should be written out on 1/4-sheets of paper to hand out to the people as they arrive. And, because people don't always have a pen or pencil, you might want to get a box of golf pencils. (Stationary stores [e.g., Staples] sell them by the gross.) If you have a designated box or coffee can to collect them, you'll probably find that they'll last for about a year.

"STOP THE PRESS"

This is a pretty simple but fun activity that you can use for any theme or meeting (if your group is large enough). Using the letters from "STOP THE PRESS," have people go around to everyone else trying to find names that begin with the letters. You can always offer a "prize" for the person or have a special ribbon for the den that gets the most names. Again, the preprinted forms and pencils will help. Such as...

STOP THE PRESSES

Find people in the Pack whose names begin with the letters below. Note: You can use two people with the same name, but do not use the same person for more than one line.

S _____
T _____
O _____
P _____
T _____
H _____
E _____
P _____
R _____
E _____
S _____
S _____

Find the Clues in the Newsletter

This is an activity that keeps our Cub Scouts busy and attentive at the start of each Pack Meeting. We hand out a monthly newsletter with articles of interest (usually about previous month's events), upcoming event announcements, and award recognition. Peppered throughout the newsletter (hidden in the middle of the text) are clues to a puzzle that the readers try to solve—usually related to the theme or to Scouting. There is also an instruction hidden in the news that tells the boys who to "go see" with the answer to get "the prize." The prize is usually access to our Pack Grab Bag that contains freebies or inexpensive items, like penlights, patches, collapsible cups, etc.

This gets the boys reading the newsletter (and gets the parents of the non-readers reading too!), keeps them busy instead of just running all over the place, and sometimes even teaches them something! We consider that a success! Give it a try!

Opening Ceremonies.

Hear Ye! - Hear Ye!

Setup: Scout is dressed in colonial outfit befitting the town crier. Walks to front of pack assembly with old school bell (or other) and scroll. He rings the bell to draw everyone's attention. Unrolls the scroll and reads:

"By decree of the Continental Congress on this ___ day of November in the year 1998, this Pack ___ assembly is now in session. All rise for the presentation of the flags."

[Den assigned to Opening parades in with flag(s)—flag bearers flanked by color guards to positions in front of group.]

Town crier continues:

As Americans, we have freedoms and responsibilities. Our founding fathers described these in the Constitution of the United States and in the Bill of Rights. One of those freedoms—or rights—is the Right to Free Press. This means that our Government cannot keep us from saying and writing what we want. But with this freedom comes a responsibility—we must be responsible for what we say and write. We cannot tell lies about people or events. We cannot write and publish information

without making sure that it is true. It is a balance that we must keep level. With every freedom comes a responsibility.

Let us all join together in saluting our flag—the symbol of our country, the freedoms in which we believe, and the responsibilities by which we live."

Leader then begins the Pledge of Allegiance. At the end of the pledge, the Leader says "To" and the meeting is under way!

The Evening News!

Every morning of our Woodbadge program (NE-CS-54! YES!) our leaders would assemble us for the flag raising ceremony. A special addition to these gatherings was always the reading of the morning newspaper. Each morning one of the leaders would open the paper and read off special "articles of interest." As a Pack Meeting opening, you can do this with the reading of the Evening Newspaper. After the flag is presented and the Pledge of Allegiance is recited, have everyone sit down and one of the boys or a leader open the newspaper to entertain the group with your own special news articles. You can have the den assigned to Opening prepare these. They can be news items like:

Alien Sightings. Several [town] residents have reported seeing strange-looking Orange, Blue/Gold, and Tan creatures gathering mysteriously at [Pack Meeting place]. These sightings have been reported about once each month. Mayor [name] is quoted as saying "We will let these strange creatures into our community so long as they remain and if they promise to serve the town." Many of the creatures are reported to be decked out in animal badges with arrow points below them. We will continue to monitor and report on this situation.

Weather Report. Today's weather is rainy and cloudy with snow in the mid '90s. If you have an umbrella, do not open it in really windy conditions. If you see a rainbow and follow it to its end, make sure you share some of the Pot 'o Gold with [Cubmaster's name].

News Flash! [Here's where the boys can "go after" some of the more notorious leaders in their den or pack. They can make special reports about funny things that happened at a pack event or anything else that would strike the groups' funny bone.

Who knows! Maybe the Evening News could become a regular part of your Pack Meetings!

Real News!

Does your Pack get its name in the paper much? If not, now is a good time to recruit a Public Relations Person to take pictures and write short articles for the local newspaper. And if your pack does get in the paper, the Opening Ceremony could be used to "highlight" the articles that appeared over the month before. Have the PR person read "last month's articles" after the flag presentation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Activities.

The following activities are intended for Pack Meetings or Den Meetings. Even if you have a large size pack, you should be able to hold these activities.

News Stories

I don't know the real name of this game nor do I know if I'm repeating it here in its entirety, but *who cares!*? It's now called "News Stories" and it's adapted to the *Stop the Presses* theme. Here's how to play...

First, you need to come up with a set of newsworthy stories to read to the pack—probably enough to last 3-5 minutes (max). They don't need to be real and definitely they don't need to be somber. Let them be light and enjoyable to hear read aloud.

Next, you need to assign a really animated leader/parent from the pack who will read the stories in front of the group.

Then (and here's the catch), you need to have a few of the other leaders assigned to watch and take note of the reader's animations while he/she reads the stories. These will need to be written down during the reading so that all animations are captured. Also, instruct the reader to *be animated* during the reading, making separate, noticeable animations. (For example, the reader may pull hair, scratch knee, slap forehead, throw hands up in air, etc.) Before the news is read, give the Den Leaders paper and pencils, and then give the pack these instructions:

Mr/Ms Smith has some very important news to read to us tonight. We ask everyone to sit quietly and pay very close attention, because, after the news is read, we will have a contest to see which den paid the most attention. The judges will be making notes as the news

is read, but everyone else must *just pay attention!* No notes, please!

After the news is read, give the following contest instructions:

How much did you pay attention? Each group is to write down every action that it observed while Mr/Ms Smith read the news. Then we will compare your lists to the judges' list to see who paid attention the most.

Finally, have the judges read off their combined list and have the Den Leaders compare the den lists. The den who has the most notable actions wins. Maybe they can get the "Newsies" award for their flag—how about one of those dog chew newspapers hanging from a string?!

News Headlines

Pack Meetings are not Kix®! They're not "just for kids!" How about a game that picks on the Den Parents? We'll call this one "News Headlines." The object of this game is to see which den can field the most news/history savvy "team" to answer a set of questions. It's not much different from Jeopardy and it goes like this...

Before hand, someone from the pack has to do some research. If a person has internet access, then it is probably really easy, because he/she can go to one of the newspaper archive sites and pick out the information there. Otherwise, this may require some library searches to get some historical newspaper headlines. Some internet sites with archived headlines/news information include:

<http://sunsite.unc.edu/slanews/internet/archives.html>
<http://tvnews.vanderbilt.edu/abstracts.html>

Have the parents within each den sit together (don't need to move all the parents to one place, just get each den's parents together) and give them paper and pencils. Using the collection of news items/headlines, begin asking questions or reading off headlines with key words/phrases missing. Ask enough questions to get a fairly good spread in the scores. And let the Cub Scouts/families help as much as they want. At the end of the questions, run through the answers and see which den gets the most correct answers. This is the winning den. Award them with the "headlines award"—go to a old cars junk yard and ask for a piece of an old car headliner that you can make into a ribbon or something as suitable.

Skits

I have to beg your pardon on the skits presented here, but when you think of Cub Scouts and funny skits and paper, there's always the idea of that most essential of papers—toilet paper. Sure they have nothing to do with the news, but they are *paper* skits. And the boys love them! Once you get through the first few, though, you'll find others that are just as fun and not so "down and dirty."

Finally, use your own discretion in deciding what you'll allow the boys to do in skits. Once (and only once!) have I ever let a den present a skit without my first approving it. Once was all it took! And wouldn't you know it—it was the first skit I ever saw as the Cubmaster and it was done by second-year Webelos in front of all new parents and boys at our annual Roundup!

Morning Paper

This can be presented as a "run on" or as a full-up skit. For the run-on, have someone come walking onto the stage with a newspaper shoulder bag. He/she is yelling, "Paper. Paper. Get your morning paper." The "straight man" says, "Sure. I'll take one." The newsie reaches into the bag and pulls out a roll of toilet paper, hands it over, and walks off.

For a group skit, you can handle this a number of ways; here's just one.

Setup. All Cubs are sitting on stage facing the audience. Each has a different paper behind his back. As each boy's turn comes, he reaches behind and pulls out the paper he's hiding, holds it up for the audience to see, and says his line.

Cub 1: [USA Today] My dad says this is the best paper because it tells a little news from everywhere around the country and the world.

Cub 2: [New York Times] My parents say this is the best paper because it is really so-fits-a-Kate-did (whatever that means!?).

Cub 3: [Sports Times] My dad says this is the best morning paper because it lets him know which teams won the big games.

Cub 4: [York Daily Record or other local paper] My mom says this is the best morning paper because it has news about things here at home.

Cub 5: [Washington Post] My mom says this is the best morning paper because it's got all the "dirt" about Washington. (I've been there and she's right—it's really dirty there!)

Last Cub: [roll of toilet paper] Well my dad says this is the best paper but he didn't say why!

Arkansas Peppa

I would love to see this skit run with all the setups and accoutrements, but it works without them too.

Setup: Boys are sitting around in the "General Store" and the store keep is behind the counter. (A couple of the boys could be playing checkers on the cracker barrel, another could be dressed in his finest gingham dress looking at some material, etc. (Or, the boys could just be standing in line.)

A customer comes through the door and the bumpkin closest to him asked "Whadda ya need, fella?" To which he responds "I need some peppa." This gets passed down the line from one "local" to the next (varying the words but all basically saying "he wants some peppa." Until it reaches the store keep. He responds "What kinda' peppa? Red peppa?" This gets passed back down the line to the customer who responds "No don't need no red peppa." That gets passed back to the store keep who passes along another suggestion (you can use "cayenne," "black," "white," "chile," etc.) all of which get a "No don't need no [kind] peppa" response from the customer. Finally, in exasperation, the store keep passes along "Well what kinda' peppa does he need?" When it finally reaches the customer, he turns to the audience and responds "I need some toilet peppa!"

Radio Skit

This skit is a real winner with the boys and the audience, but you really need to practice it a few times before you go public with it. (I also believe it's in one of the BSA publications, but I'm including it here so you have easy access to it.)

PROPS: Baby clothing, mock up of a radio, drape to divide scene from those providing radio voices.

(From the audience we see a "baby" seated in front of the radio. The various "transmitted voices" are gathered behind the drape and must speak in a loud clear voice, or have a microphone and amplifier. The

"baby" must know the script well and "twiddle" the radio dial just at the right points.)

ANNO: [stage front] This skit takes place in a living room where a baby is playing with the radio. [exits]

CUB SCOUT: Good morning ladies and gentlemen. Today we are going to discuss the wonderful experience of camping. One of the best places to go camping is...

TRAVEL: ...over the Pacific Ocean. From this height you are able to see the ocean ships as they sail into port. And, just as your plane is ready to land...

NEWS: ...at Buckingham Palace. The Queen will be receiving many of the highest officials, one of whom is...

WESTERN: ...Black Bart, one of the dirtiest and roughest gun fighters in the West. He has killed the Sheriff of Gory Gulch and now has come face to face with...

NEWS: ...the deepest mystery the police have ever had to solve. No one knows...

FASHION: ...what is to be worn on the beaches this summer. First, here is a smart little 3 piece number, the skirt of which can be removed. Our beautiful models wearing the latest bathing apparel...

WEATHER: ...have caused temperatures to soar to a new high. However, we can look for rain later in the day, which will effect...

CUB SCOUT: ...the grease pits and latrines. At camp this is very important for cleanliness. Now about setting up tents, first...

COOKING: ...take out the pie shell. While it cools, start to mix the filling by taking a cup of...

WESTERN: ...Sassafras. That's what I said, give me a glass of Sassafras. Make it snappy, or I'll shoot the place up. Now you know who's boss around here! Pete, throw me-a dirty rotten...

COOKING: ...cream pie. Decorate with swirls of whipped cream and...

TRAVEL: ...rub it on your back to comfort your sunburn. For those who burn easily, there is always...

WEATHER: ...snow which will bring out the overcoats and give us...

FASHION: ...the new covered look. This reminds us of the days when...

NEWS: ...The mothers of Pack ____ will hold a bake sale, followed by a guest speaker who will be...

FASHION: ...the Beatles. The Beatles music is again sweeping the country and influencing fashion. Everywhere they go the noise is terrific, reminding one of...

TRAVEL: ...Mount Etna, one of the largest and most exciting volcanoes. In fact there is nothing more exciting than...

CUB SCOUT: ...Cub Scouts!

ALL: (step out for a bow]

Newspapers Are Important!

Boys walk onto stage talking among themselves about how their parents get the papers every day. One boy might indicate that his dad picks it up off the porch every morning while another laments that their delivery is always in the bushes. Another points out that it is full of important information like sports scores and stock prices. Finally, they all shake their heads in agreement and face the audience...

Cub 1: My parents told me that the newspaper is the most important thing we get in our house!

Cub 2: Yeah, if my dad didn't get the paper, he wouldn't have anything to put under the car to soak up the oil in the garage.

Cub 3: That's really important, but my mom has to get the paper so she has something to clean the windows when we can't see through them anymore.

Cub 4: I didn't know how important newspapers were until last summer. My folks told me that if they didn't get the paper, they wouldn't have anything to put under the steamed crabs!

Cub 5: No kidding! And if my mom didn't get the paper, I don't know what she'd put under the kitty litter!

Cub 6: Well they're right, you know! If my dad didn't use the newspaper on the dining room table, my mom might find out and then she wouldn't let him spray paint my pinewood derby there.

Cub 1: See? Newspaper are really important!

Emergency Test

A group of scouts come out and stand in a line across the stage. One, the announcer, stands in front of them.

Announcer: "This is a test."

All: Hmmmmmmmmmmm. (Or Beeeeeeeeep)

Announcer: This has been a test of the emergency warning system. This was only a test. If there had been a real emergency, we would have said...

(Scouts throw hands over heads, yell "Ahhhhhh", and run helter-skelter off stage.)

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Crazy News Flashes

CAST: 2 or 3 news announcers

PROPS: Announcers can stand or sit on stools.

SETUP: News announcers alternate reading news stories. Or these can be done as individual walk-ons between skits and songs.

- Today, Lady Blenkinsop Smythe, laid a foundation stone. Both are said to be doing well, and resting comfortably.
- A truck load of artificial hair has just overturned on the interstate. The police are combing the area for the truck driver.
- A hundred dollar bill has just been found at Camp Tuckahoe. Will the owner please form an orderly line outside the dining hall to claim it.
- Doctors have just discovered that people with hairs starting to grow on the palms of their hands are going mad. (PAUSE.) They also tell us that people looking for hairs on the palms of their hands are already mad.
- Today thieves broke into the local police station and stole fifty pairs of trousers. The police are looking pretty silly.
- Yesterday a chicken swallowed a YoYo. It laid the same egg seventy-five times.

- Here is a late railway announcement. The train now arriving at platforms 5, 6, 7 and 8 is coming in sideways.
- Will the man who has just left the train standing on platform 5 please come and collect it. We have enough of our own, thank you.
- There was a power outage at a department store yesterday. Twenty people were trapped on the escalators for 3 hours.
- A rabbit was spotted in the woods yesterday, standing in front of a candle making shadows of people on a tree.
- Today a Scout slipped on the ice and hurt his ankle. A little old lady had to help him across the street.
- [Cubmaster's name] announced his new invention today. It's a solar-powered flashlight.
- The Crew of the next space shuttle will be monitoring about 25 milk cows up in space to see how they react to no gravity. It will be "The first herd shot round the world."

Got these from:

<http://www.isd.net/stobin/campfire/campskit.html>

You Don't Say

This is a take-off on the telephone walk-on skit, appropriately applied to the newspaper...

You need a newspaper with the front page covered with white paper. The Cub Scout walks across the stage with the front page facing him and the rest of the (printed) paper facing the audience. He's shaking his head saying "You don't say. You don't say. You don't say."

The MC (or CM!) looks at the Cub and says "Hey, he's got the paper! What's the headline?"

The Cub turns the front page of the paper toward the MC/CM and audience saying, "I don't know! It doesn't say!"

Hot News

PROPS: Pots and pans or similar to make sound of explosion (Do not use fireworks!)

ANNOUNCER: The city editor of our local newspaper is talking to a new reporter, let's listen in.

EDITOR: All right, I think that's everything. Just remember, the way to get ahead in this business is to develop a "nose for news". You've got to learn to spot the news almost before it happens. Now get out there and get me some Hot News to fill it.

REPORTER: Sure Boss, Hot News! [exits]

REPORTER: [enters a moment later] Boss, Boss, I got a story on a train wreck in Hamilton!

EDITOR: [angrily] That happened last week! I told you, get me some Hot News! Now get out of here! [REPORTER exits]

REPORTER: [enters a moment later] Boss, I got some Hot News! A boat sank in the harbour yesterday, and is plugging the channel!

EDITOR: [furious] I've told you before, old news is no news! Now if you don't get out there and get me some Hot News your fired. [sternly points to door]

REPORTER: [exits] Old news is no news, get some Hot News, learn to spot it BEFORE it happens.

REPORTER: [running in] Boss, this is it! The building across the street just blew up!

EDITOR: [skeptical] Sure, sure, sure.

[OFFSTAGE]: KAABOOM! [rattles pots and pans]

Songs

Announcements

Announcements, Announcements, Announcements.
A horrible death to die, a horrible death to die,
a horrible death to be talked to death,
a horrible death to die.

Announcements, Announcements, Announcements.
Words of wisdom. Words of wisdom.
Here they come. Here they come.
Many words of wisdom. Many words of wisdom
Dumb! Dumb! Dumb!

[Shot out] Speak freely!

This song gets lots and lots of lyrics. You can find them all over the internet. And here are more words to the song...

Announcements, Announcements, Announcements
[Paul] has got another one, another one, another one,
[Paul] has got another one he has them all the time.

Announcements, Announcements, Announcements.
We love you [Paul], oh yes we do-oo.
We love you [Paul], and we'll be true.
When your not with us, YA-HOOOOOO.
Oh, [Paul] we love you.

Announcements, Announcements, Announcements
When you're up you're up (all stand)
When you're down you're down (all sit)
But when you're only half-way up (half-stand)
You're neither up (stand up) or down(sit).

Announcements Announcements, Announcements
Row, row, row the boat
gently down the stream,
merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily
we're a submarine....

Announcements, Announcements, Announcements.
Have you ever heard a windbag, a windbag, a windbag?
Have you ever heard a windbag?
You'll here one right now.
They go this way and that way.
This way and that way.
Have you ever heard a windbag.
You'll here one right now.

My Scout Story

Tune: *My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean*

(This is an original song, made up "on the fly" while sitting at the keyboard [computer keyboard!] You may or may not like it, but that doesn't too much matter. What does matter is that you understand that *you*, too, can write songs for any occasion. All you need is a tune [pick a simple one] and a subject. The rest is easy. So come on, give it a try. The boys will love them.)

My Den Leader told me to write one—
A newspaper story on Scouts.
But when I was finished the story,
My Den Leader turned and ran out!

Chorus:

Bring back, bring back,
Bring back my Leader to me, to me.
Bring back, bring back,
Bring back my Leader to me, to me.

The story, it talked about camping,
It told of the neat things we'll do.
Like putting a snake in her backpack
And sinking her Grumman canoe

(Chorus)

The newspaper story was printed.
It ran as a headline—first page.
And now my Leader won't come back,
'Cause the article mentioned her age!

(Chorus)

The coverage spread to the networks,
Today Show and Entertainment Tonight.
My Leader no longer will speak to me.
I guess I had better not write!

(Chorus)

If I Had A Hammer

(Seeger/Hayes) © 1958 Ludlow Music Corp. - BMI
[from the album PETER, PAUL AND MARY]

If I had a hammer,
I'd hammer in the morning
I'd hammer in the evening,
All over this land

I'd hammer out danger,
I'd hammer out a warning,
I'd hammer out love between my brothers and my sisters,
All over this land.

If I had a bell,
I'd ring it in the morning,
I'd ring it in the evening,
All over this land

I'd ring out danger,
I'd ring out a warning
I'd ring out love between my brothers and my sisters,
All over this land.

If I had a song,
I'd sing it in the morning,
I'd sing it in the evening,
All over this land

I'd sing out danger,
I'd sing out a warning
I'd sing out love between my brothers and my sisters,
All over this land.

Well I got a hammer,
And I got a bell,
And I got a song to sing, all over this land.

It's the hammer of Justice,
It's the bell of Freedom,
It's the song about Love between my brothers and my sisters,
All over this land.

It's the hammer of Justice,
It's the bell of Freedom,
It's the song about Love between my brothers and my sisters,
All over this land.

Down By The Bay

Replace the words "Did you ever see a moose kissing a goose?" with one of the suggestions down below every time you sing the song. You can also make up your own rhyme!

Down by the bay where the watermelons grow
Back to my home I dare not go
For if I do, my mother would say
Did you ever see a moose kissing a goose?
Down by the bay

(Did you ever see a whale with a polka-dotted tail?
Did you ever see a bug sleeping on top of a rug?
Did you ever see a fly wearing a tie?
Did you ever see a bear combing his hair?
Did you ever see llamas eating pajamas?
Did you ever see a cat wearing lots of hats?
Did you ever have a time when you couldn't make a
rhyme
This song's gone on to long!)

Commercial Mix-up

Tune: *Farmer in the Dell*

Last night I watched TV, I saw my favorite show
I heard this strange commercial, and I can't believe
it's so
Feed your dog Chiffon. Comet cures the cold
Use S-O-S pads on your face to keep from looking
old.
Mop your floors with Crest. Use Crisco on your tile
Clean your teeth with Borateem, it leaves a shining
smile
For headaches take some Certs. Use Tide to clean
your face
And do shampoo with Elmer's Glue, it holds your hair
in place
Perhaps I am confused, I might not have it right
But one thing that I'm certain of, I'll watch TV tonight!

Advancement Ceremonies

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This advancement ceremony is for all levels of Cub Scout badges (Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos), the Arrow Points for Wolf and Bear, and Webelos Activity Badges. It does not include the Arrow of Light Award as this is a very special award that (in this reporter's opinion) should be handled with a separate, special award ceremony. This ceremony can be tailored to the number and types of awards your pack is presenting, by leaving out those award segments that are not needed.

SETUP: A "news table" is set up off to the side of the stage. It can be decorated with WCSA FM-[pack #] and an old-fashioned mike—fancy things up as much as you can/want. The awards presenter [Cubmaster] has a walk-around microphone with a WCSA label on it.

At the appropriate time during the meeting, the ANNOUNCER walks on stage to the news table and the CUBMASTER picks up the mike...

ANNOUNCER: We interrupt this Pack Meeting to bring you this late-breaking story. This is your news anchor, Dunce Lather, with an important News Flash! WCSA has been following the progress of the Cub Scouts in Pack ___ over the past month. As reported by their Den Leaders, many of these Cubs have been working hard on their advancements and have earned special badges for their hard work. With more on this story, we take you to our roving reporter, Cubmaster [name].

CUBMASTER: Thanks, Dunce. That's right! We do have some Cub Scouts tonight who have worked hard and have earned advancements.

[Bobcat Awards]

I've been talking with our Den Leader(s) in Den(s) ___ and, as it's been told to me, the following Cub Scout(s) have been working on the Bobcat rank. Would [name(s) of boy(s)] and the parents please come forward?

[Boy(s) and parent(s) come forward.]

ANNOUNCER: Now, Cubmaster [name], as I understand it, in order for the Cub Scout(s) to earn the Bobcat badge, they must learn about Cub Scouting. They have to know the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. They also have to learn the Cub Scout Sign, Salute, and Handshake; the Cub Scout Motto and the Webelos Code. Do we have that reported correctly?

CUBMASTER: That's right, Dunce. And, with their parents, they also study "being safe" so that they know what to do to protect themselves if someone is bothering them.

ANNOUNCER: And the Cub Scout(s) here tonight have done all of that? Wow! For our viewing audience, could we get the Bobcat(s) to give us an example of what they've learned? Maybe they could repeat the Cub Scout Promise with you.

CUBMASTER: Sure! [Instruct boy(s) to repeat the Promise with you.] One other important note for your viewers, Dunce. A Cubmaster does not give the badge(s) to the Cub Scout(s) because it is the parent(s) who has(have) worked with the Cub(s) to earn the Bobcat. So I will ask the parent(s) to please pin the Bobcat badge on tonight. [Parents award Bobcat(s) and Cubmaster congratulates them and

directs them back to their seats.] Back to you, Dunce.

[Wolf Awards]

ANNOUNCER: Thanks Cubmaster [name]. But I (also) understand that the advancement trail includes this thing called Wolf. Does this have anything to do with the Boy Who Cried Wolf?

CUBMASTER: Yes and No! Yes the advancement trail does include the Wolf rank and, no, it has nothing to do with the boy who cried wolf. (I can see where you got your name!) Dance?

ANNOUNCER: So these Wolf Scouts... my report tells me they have to complete 12 Achievements for everything from doing physical fitness activities to learning about the neighborhood and, again, being safe at home. Do we have that right?

CUBMASTER: Yes, Dunce. And tonight we have Cub Scout(s) [list off name(s)] who has(have) done just that! Please come forward with your parents.

As with the Bobcat and Bear badges, the Wolf badge is earned by the Cub Scout working with Akela—his parents. So I think it is the parents who should award this badge to the Cub Scout. [Hand out badges for the parents to pin on the boy(s). Cubmaster congratulates Cub(s) and directs them back to their seats.]

[Bear Awards]

ANNOUNCER: It says in my news report that there are Bears on the prowl. Is this something we should be worried about, Cubmaster [name]?

CUBMASTER: No, Dunce, that means we can award the Bear badge tonight. Cub Scouts in the third grade work very hard to complete 12 achievements...

ANNOUNCER: I thought they did that for the Wolf badge?

CUBMASTER: A different set of achievements, Dunce. These are from the Big Bear Book and cover the areas of God, Country, Family, and Self. Sometimes it involves learning about Tall Tales and sometimes it's about cooking in the kitchen, but it's up to the Cub Scouts to choose the 12 achievements.

Tonight we will award the Bear badge to [list off names], so if he(they) and his(their) parents would please come forward. [Wait for them to get to stage.]

While the Bear achievements are a little harder than those for Wolf, the Cubs are older and can handle it. But they still have to work with their parents, so I will ask the parents to please award the Bear badge to the Cub Scout(s). [Hands out badges for parents to pin on. Congratulates the boy(s) and returns them to their seats.] Dunce?

[Arrow Points]

[This can be combined with the Wolf and Bear Award elements, but it's broken out separately because sometimes the arrow points are earned without any badges of rank being awarded.]

ANNOUNCER: Cubmaster [name], I think the naties are getting restless. My report says there are arrow flying all over the place. Have you seen any signs of this?

CUBMASTER: I think there's a mistake in your report, Dunce. The Cub Scouts earn Arrow Points after they've earned their Wolf and Bear badges. And tonight (some of the) Cub Scout(s) [list off names] are being awarded their Arrow Points. An Arrow Point is awarded for every ten electives the Wolf or Bear completes—a gold Arrow Point for the first ten and silver Arrow POitns for each additional ten. So tonight, we award the (Gold/Silver) Arrow Point(s) to (these) Cub Scout(s) [call off name(s) and present Arrow Point(s) and give handshakes. The boy(s) return to the audience as the award(s) is(are) presented.]

[Webelos Activity Badges]

ANNOUNCER: Now we will move on to the Activity Badge presentation. Says here in the news bulletin that they are awarded to "Webelos." What's that, some long-ago extinct animal like the dinosaur?

CUBMASTER: No DUNCE! The Webelos is a fourth- or fifth-grade Cub Scout who is preparing to become a Boy Scout. The word comes from the letters in "WE'll BE LOyal Scouts" and it's also the name of the Cub Scout tribe that includes all Cub Scouts in the BSA, led by their chief, Akela.

ANNOUNCER: Great! So these Activity Badges, what's the scoop on them? Our report is a little sketchy. It says the Webelos can earn any of 20 different ones—almost sounds like Boy Scout merit badges.

CUBMASTER: That's right. The Activity Badges are very similar to Boy Scout merit badges and the Webelos get to choose (with their Den Leader) which ones they will earn. Tonight, Webelos Scout(s) [list

names] will receive the [list Activity Badges] for having completed the requirements over the past month. Would the Webelos Scout(s), Den Leader(s) and parents please come forward?

For each of these Activity Badges, the Webelos Scout completes specific requirements to show that he has studied and learned about the Activity Badge subject. When he has completed the requirements, he meets with his Den Leader, who verifies the Webelos Scout is ready to earn the badge. I would ask the Den Leader(s) to please present the badge(s) tonight. [Den Leader(s) hand out badges, congratulating the boys and parents. The Cubmaster congratulates them and asks them to please be seated.]

[Webelos Badge]

ANNOUNCER: Thanks, Cubmaster [name]. For this last segment of our special report, the Webelos badge is awarded. How does a Cub Scout earn that?

CUBMASTER: Well, the Webelos award is earned by completing eight requirements. Some have to do with earning Activity Badges—specific ones, others have to do with participating in the Webelos program as an active Scout, and the rest are about learning to be a Boy Scout.

Tonight, Webelos Scout(s) [list off names and ask them forward with parents and Den Leader(s)] will be awarded the Webelos badge for completing the requirements. It's not an easy award to earn and not all Webelos Scouts earn it, so this is really pretty special. It shows us that he(they) is(are) serious about Scouting and willing to work hard. As with Activity Badges, the Webelos goes through his Den Leader to earn the Webelos Badge. When the Den Leader agrees the Webelos is ready, we ask him to award the badge. [Cubmaster asks Den Leaders to give out badges and congratulate the boy(s) and parents. Cubmaster congratulates them and ask them to sit down.]

CUBMASTER: One final word, Dunce. After the Webelos has earned his Webelos badge, he works toward his Arrow of Light Award—the highest award a Cub Scout can ever earn and an award he even wears on his Boy Scout uniform. So we raise the challenge to the Webelos receiving the Webelos badge tonight. Keep up the good work and let's earn the Arrow of Light Award!

[Award Ceremony Closing]

CUBMASTER: To all of the boys who have received special badges tonight, let's give them the Noisy Newsie Cheer.

[Noisy Newsie Cheer: EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT! THESE GUYS SURE DID GREAT!]

ANNOUNCER: Well that concludes our special awards broadcast for tonight. Stay tuned for more important news breaks, as they happen. In the meantime, I'm your anchor, Dunce Lather. Thank you, and good night!



Closing Ceremonies

Cubmaster's Minute

"Freedom of the Press" and "Freedom of Speech" are two of the freedoms granted to us as citizens of the United States through the First Amendment in the Bill of Rights. Through it we have the right to express ourselves and to tell what we think about things that affect us. We cannot be punished for saying or writing what we believe.

But the First Amendment also includes a big responsibility, too. We cannot abuse our right to "voice" our opinions by telling lies or hurting other people's reputations by saying and writing things about others that aren't true.

Tonight, as we leave our Pack Meeting, let's recommit ourselves to live by the Cub Scout Motto—*Do Our Best*—especially in how we use our Freedom of the Press and Freedom of Speech; to be honest and true in all that we say, write, and do. Good Night!

Town Crier Closing

Setup: Scout is dressed in colonial outfit befitting the town crier. Walks to front of pack assembly with old school bell (or other) and scroll. He rings the bell to draw everyone's attention. Unrolls the scroll and reads:

Hear yea! Hear yea! "By decree of the Continental Congress on this ___ day of November in the year 1998, this Pack ___ assembly is now closed. All are dismissed until we meet again on the ___ day of December in the year 1998.

Scout Benediction

[Over the years I have been involved in many different Scout organizations, all of which have used this prayer at one time or another (or regularly) as a closing. Each seems to have its own variation on the "actions" that accompany it, but in general, they involve holding arms outstretched as in a bowing or veneration posture. If this is new to your group, you can use the "repeat after me" method of reciting it.]

May the Great Master
Of all Scouts
Be with us
'Till we meet again.

Cub Scout Times WORD SEARCH

This puzzle contains words and phrases related to Cub Scouting. See how many you can find.

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ARROW OF LIGHT
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BEAR
BICYCLE SAFETY
BOBCAT
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BLUE AND GOLD
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CODES

COLLECTIONS
CRAFTSMAN
CUB SCOUT
CONSERVATION
DAY CAMP
DEN
ELECTIVE
FLAG
GAMES
HIKING
LEARN TO SWIM

NATURE
PACK
PHYSICAL FITNESS
SAFETY
SCHOLAR
SCHOOL NIGHT
SPORTS
TOOLS
WEBELOS
WHITTLING
WOLF

Den Meeting Ideas

Places To Go & Things To Do

YAAC Resources

- One of the obvious Den-level resources for this month's theme is a local newspaper company. And in our area, we have quite a few printing companies as well. Here are some of the names and numbers for Newspaper Companies in the area:

Cable TV Of York
1050 E King St.
York, PA.
(717) 846-4551

Central Pennsylvania Business
409 S 2nd St # 3d.
Harrisburg, PA.
(717) 236-4300

Dame Media Inc
800 Corporate Cir.
Harrisburg, PA.
(717) 540-9230

Evening Sun
135 Baltimore St.
Hanover, PA.
(717) 637-3736

Heritage News
1 W Market St.
York, PA.
(717) 845-6076

Journal Publications Inc
2020 S Queen St.
York, PA.
(717) 854-1026

Kids' Radio Network
1 Miller Rd.
Harrisburg, PA.
(717) 657-5437

Kool
PO Box 6477.
Harrisburg, PA.
(717) 540-8800

Maryland Public Television
11767 Owings Mills Blvd
Owings Mills, MD.
(410) 356-5600

Merchandiser
325 Frederick St.
Hanover, PA.
(717) 632-8303

Mid Penn Amateur Sports
5532 Edsel St.
Harrisburg, PA.
(717) 657-3890

Patriot & Evening News
812 Market St.
Harrisburg, PA.
(717) 255-8100

Paxton Herald
101 Lincoln St.
Harrisburg, PA.
(717) 545-9540

Pennsylvania Cable
Network
401 Fallowfield Rd.
Camp Hill, PA.

Radio Pennsylvania Network
1982 Locust Ln.
Harrisburg, PA.
(717) 232-8400

Sportsview Radio Broadcasting
660 Boas St.
Harrisburg, PA.
(717) 233-3455

Susquehanna Radio Corp
140 E Market St.
York, PA.
(717) 848-5500

TV Host Inc
3935 Jonestown Rd.
Harrisburg, PA.
(717) 657-1700

Weekly Record
1891 Loucks Rd.
York, PA.
(717) 235-3811

WARM
5989 Susquehanna Plaza Dr.
York, PA.
(717) 764-1155

WEGK
1360 Copenhaffer Rd.
York, PA.
(717) 266-6606

WGAL
18 S George St.
York, PA.
(717) 848-6167

WGCB
2995 Windsor Rd.
Red Lion, PA.
(717) 244-5360

WGTY
1 W Market St.
York, PA.
(717) 854-9224

WHP
 3300 N 6th St.
 Harrisburg, PA.
 (717) 238-2100

WHTM
 205 N George St.
 York, PA.
 (717) 852-7426

WHVR
 275 Radio Rd.
 Hanover, PA.
 (717) 637-3831

WINK
 3400 N 6th St.
 Harrisburg, PA.
 (717) 238-1041

WITF
 1982 Locust Ln.
 Harrisburg, PA.
 (717) 236-6000

WLYH
 3300 N 6th St.
 Harrisburg, PA.
 (717) 273-4551

WPMT
 2005 S Queen St.
 York, PA.
 (717) 843-0043

WPVI
 333 Market St.
 Harrisburg, PA.
 (717) 234-6668

WQXA
 190 Arsenal Rd.
 York, PA.
 (717) 845-2237

WRVV
 600 Corporate Cir.
 Harrisburg, PA.
 (717) 540-8800

WSBA
 5989 Susquehanna Plaza Dr.
 York, PA.
 (717) 764-1155

WTCY
 3400 N 6th St.
 Harrisburg, PA.
 (717) 238-1041

WUTB
 4820 Seton Dr.
 Baltimore, MD.
 (410) 358-2400

WVYC
 Country Club Rd.
 York, PA.
 (717) 845-7413

WWKL
 600 Corporate Cir.
 Harrisburg, PA.
 (717) 541-9515

WYCR
 275 Radio Rd.
 Hanover, PA.
 (717) 637-3831

York Community Access
 1050 E King St.
 York, PA.
 (717) 843-7722

York Daily Record
 122 S George St.
 York, PA.
 (717) 771-2000

York Daily Record
 1750 Industrial Hwy.
 York, PA.
 (717) 840-4000

York Daily Record
 400 Market St.
 Harrisburg, PA.

York Dispatch
 141 Broadway.
 Hanover, PA.
 (717) 633-9216

York Dispatch/York Sunday
 News
 205 N George St.
 York, PA.
 (717) 854-1575

York Legal Record
 137 E Market St.
 York, PA.
 (717) 854-8755

York Newspaper Co
 1891 Loucks Rd.
 York, PA.
 (717) 767-6397

- Along these same lines, you can invite a reporter into the Den Meeting to talk to the boys about what it's like to be a reporter. This could be coupled with a "Be A Reporter" activity.

- Finally, you can invite a reporter in to the Den Meeting to write a newspaper article from his/her visit and interview with the Den.

Den Meeting Activity Ideas

Be A Reporter

This activity can have many different variations, but the essence of it is to have the boys write a newspaper article. The article could be an editorial for the local paper or the Pack Newsletter. It could be about a Den event, a Pack event, or you can provide a topic, like "What I Like Most About Scouting."

Conduct An Interview

Identify a local celebrity that you can bring in to a Den Meeting. This could be a local musician, a sports figure, etc. At a Den Meeting before the evening that the guest will visit, work with the boys to write interview questions such as a reporter would develop for an interview. (Have the boys talk out their ideas before they write them down so you can help point them in the right direction.) Have the boys write out their questions on index cards so they are organized before the guest comes. (You might also supply the questions to the guest before hand so he/she can prepare as well.)

On the day that the guest comes, you might consider taping (cassette recorder) the interview just as reporters do. Give the boys their cards and have them ask their questions in an orderly fashion, giving the guest time to answer each question.

Den Crossword Puzzle

As adults, many of us enjoy the challenge of a crossword puzzle. Why not put together a super-size crossword puzzle with age-appropriate clues. There are crossword puzzles on line and in game/activity books or you can try your hand at creating your own. Then, make up clue sheets that you can hand out and a giant "puzzle sheet" that you can hang on the wall so that everyone can work on it together.

[Hint: Use your town name or "Pennsylvania" as a major clue to get the ball rolling and to give yourself lots of letters around which you can develop other words.]

On-Line Writers

The following information comes from the Website <http://www.freezone.com/> and can be accessed on the internet. This is one of quite a few sites that offer reporting/writing on line for young people.

Hello, parents and teachers! Welcome to FreeZone, a unique online community where kids come to interact with other kids. In our fully monitored environment, they can chat, find e-pals, build home pages, write stories for our online newsletter, and take on a variety of "jobs" like Ask Us advice team member, Homework Helper, and Junior Monitor.

If your child or student is already a FreeZone "regular," you're probably aware of the importance this online community of kids holds in his or her online life. Or, if you are checking out the site for the first time, you may be curious about what goes on here and how the staff handles concerns about Internet safety and confidentiality. In either case, we hope you have fun browsing the section, connecting with the staff, and meeting other 'Zoner parents and teachers through the bulletin boards!

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Games

Match The Article

There is a card game that tests people's memory that can be modified to the Stop The Presses theme. In this game, you create a set of cards by copying (2 copies of) pictures, headlines, comics, etc. from the newspaper and cutting them up into equal-sized cards. (The desired result is to have "exact" pairs of cards. If possible, get them copied onto "card stock" [heavy paper] so that you can't see through them.) You will want to have up to 25 pairs of cards.

Shuffle and lay out the cards upside down on a table in some order (matrix) to help the boys remember where certain cards are located. Each boy takes a turn and turns over two cards. If the cards match, the boy keeps the matching pair of cards. If they don't match, they get turned upside down again and it's the next boy's turn. After a while, the boys remember where certain cards are so that when they turn one card over that has a matching card they've seen

before, they will turn over the matching card. The player who has the most pairs when all the cards are gone wins. This can be played over and over—each time it's a new game.

Who Are You?

In this game, the players take turns being the reporter and the celebrity. The object of the game is for the reporter to determine who the celebrity is based on questions asked. Initial questions that the reporter should ask are things like:

- What is your occupation?
- When were you born?

After these questions, the field becomes much more narrowed so the reporter has to think of his own questions to focus in on the celebrity identity.

The celebrities need to be given some biographical sketches (these are easy to find in places like an encyclopedia or from internet searches) that they read through before the interview begins.

Finally, the celebrities need to be people with whom the boys are familiar and are interested. What 2nd or 3rd grader is interested in some famous musician vs. the latest music or sports celeb?!

Here are some examples of celebrities you might include:

- Thomas Edison
- George Washington
- Abraham Lincoln
- Thomas Jefferson
- Sports Celebs
- Movie stars (of movies the boys would see!)

After an appropriate time period or as the boys figure out who their mystery celebrities are, have them switch roles.

I Bet You Can't

This isn't so much a game as it is a "magic trick." Tell the boys that you can stand on the same sheet of newspaper as one of them but they won't be able to see you!

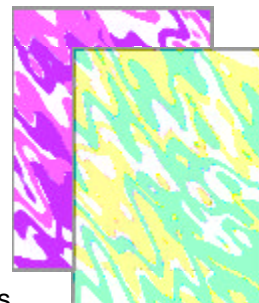
The trick: Lay the paper down in a doorway that has a door. Have the boy stand on the paper, close the

door, and then stand on the paper yourself. You're both there but he cannot see you!

Crafts

Marbled Papers

About this project—With this project you can make professional-looking cards, envelopes, stationery, and anything else you can think of! You may want to monitor your young children, though, because oil paints and marbling inks can be harmful if swallowed. This project is rated EASY to do.



Supplies -

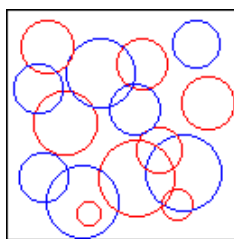
- Assorted colors of oil paints or marbling inks (the inks work better)
- Plain, white paper (computer paper works best)
- An oven pan covered with tin foil (make sure the pan is big enough to fit your paper)
- Water to fill the saucepan
- 1 teaspoon of vinegar (if using marbling inks)
- Newspaper to cover your work area
- A pencil or toothpick

Project how to -

1. Fill the oven pan (with the tin foil over it) with water.
2. If you are using marbling inks, put the teaspoon of vinegar in the oven pan, and mix well.
3. Put in just a tad of the marbling inks or oil paints (using two or more colors works best). Swirl the colors with the pencil or toothpick.
4. Put the paper in the pan slowly. Work quickly, especially when using oil paints. If you do not, the paint will make a sheet on top of the water, and you will not be able to marble.
5. Take the paper out and put it face down on the newspaper for about a minute.
6. You are done!! Use the paper when completely dry.

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Bubble Print Paper



About this project—This project lets you make pastel prints of soap bubbles on paper that you can use for other projects. This project is rated EASY.

Supplies-

- Tempera or acrylic paint (darker colors work best)
- Bubble blowing liquid
- A straw
- A flat pan large enough to hold your paper size (I use the clear plastic containers that donuts or baked goods come in from the supermarket--you can just throw them away afterward)
- Paper to print on, white or pastel in color, the thicker the better--half or quarter sheets work the best
- Newspapers to cover your work surface and to put the finished prints on for drying

Project directions-

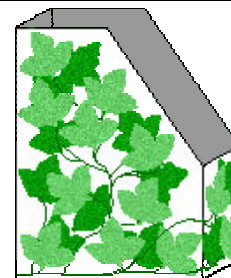
1. Lay out the newspapers to cover your work area.
2. Pour bubble liquid into the pan to a depth of approximately 1/4" (1 cm).
3. Stir in thoroughly 1-3 teaspoons (5-15 ml) of paint, depending on the size of your pan.
4. Insert the end of the straw into the liquid and blow very gently to make bubbles covering the surface of the liquid. Or you can stir the liquid with the straw to make smaller bubbles. It seems to work better to blow fresh bubbles before each print is made.
5. Holding a piece of paper by the edges, lay it down on the surface of the bubbles, pressing down slightly to pop some of the bubbles. Don't let go of the paper or let it touch the liquid.
6. Lay the paper face up to dry. If you don't like how it turned out, you can print the paper over again one or more times, or even use a different color of paint.
7. The paper may curl as it dries, so you might want to flatten it under some heavy books before using it.

Suggested uses -- anything you want to use patterned paper for. I often cut shapes out of this paper using stencils and glue them on folded paper for greeting cards or stationery. If it's an animal

shape, I might draw on eyes or other features using a black marker.

This project was contributed by Virginia T. Peterson, Rochester, NY, e-mail SFSS74B@Prodigy.com, Web <http://pages.Prodigy.com/SFSS74B/>

Magazine Holder



About this project—This project is done by using large cereal boxes. Any kind of decorating technique can be used. (Decoupage, fabric used in the room, children can do this!) Try to decorate the front of the boxes so when lined up they all coordinate with each other. The more magazines in the box, the stronger it becomes. This project is rated AVERAGE to do.

Supplies -

- Large cereal boxes
- Scissors
- White spray paint or acrylic paint
- Light green acrylic paint
- Dark green paint (try adding a little bit of red to green to make darker)
- Sponge
- Small paint brush

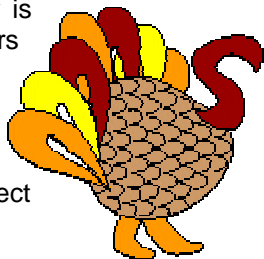
Project how to -

1. Cut off top of cereal box. Halfway across top of box, cut at a 45 degree angle down to front of your magazine holder, cut straight across then back up other side at the same angle.
2. Lightly sandpaper outside of cereal box. (They are usually shiny, coated paper.)
3. Spray paint white, or paint on with inexpensive sponge brush. Let dry.
4. Cut out leaf shape of sponge.
5. Pour out small amount of green paints.
6. Sponge paint green leaves on front of box leading to sides of box. First the darker, for background leaves, then lighter for foreground leaves.
7. Use small paint brush to paint vines with darker green. Create vine by twisting paint brush.
8. If painting more than one box, try to connect vines on each box so when set together they will match.

This project was contributed by Valerie Jenks

Pine Cone Turkeys

About this project—This turkey is colorful and easy for youngsters to make. When complete, they make cute table decorations at each place setting for Thanksgiving dinner or for your holiday parties. This project is rated EASY to do.



Supplies -

- Plump Pine Cones (spherical shaped about 1 1/2"-2" diameter)
- Bumpy Chenille Wires (1 red, 1 orange, 5 other colors)
- Glue (craft, wood, or all purpose that dries clear)
- Wire Cutter

Project how to -

1. Make sure each pine cone is dried thoroughly.
2. Cut the bumps apart in each chenille wire. Using wire cutters, cut in the center of each place where the wire narrows down--you want the bumps whole and fluffy.
3. Take one red bump and shape into an 'S'. Glue this to the rounded end of the cone with the bump protruding somewhat above the cone for the head of the turkey.
4. Take one orange bump and shape into a 'V'. Glue this under the bottom of the round part of the cone for the legs and feet. The feet can be shaped later. Toes can even be added.
5. Take five to seven other bumps and carefully bend them so the narrow ends can be twisted together leaving the puffy end somewhat rounded. Glue as many of these as nicely fits close to the flatter stemmed end of the pine cone remembering to use glue only on the twisted end of the chenille wire.
6. Let dry and then adjust shaped of chenille wires to make your turkey look more realistic.

Tip: If you would like to use these as napkin rings, cut the orange chenille wires longer and make them into a circle and glue circle on bottom of turkeys.

This project was contributed by Patricia Lundgren, pilot@the-bridge.net

Potato Stamp Tip!

Abby shares a tip on a safe way to cut potato stamps:

Another way to potato stamp is to use cookie cutters. You push the cookie cutter all the way in to the potato and cut off the excess with a butter knife. I have found in the past this makes better shapes and is a lot safer for kids.

Paper Bead Necklace

MATERIALS:

- Colored pages from magazines
- White craft glue
- Bamboo skewer or toothpicks
- Clear plastic wrap
- Needle & dental floss or heavy thread
- Scissors Craft stick or plastic knife
- Ruler & pencil (optional)
- Option: charm or fancy button

INSTRUCTIONS:

Measure a 3" wide strip across any portion of the colored picture. Divide the strip and cut into long narrow triangles. Next, cut another 3" wide strip and cut it into 3" long rectangles about 1/2" wide, some 1" wide to make three different shapes of beads.

Cover the bamboo skewer or toothpick with a small piece of plastic wrap. Lay out one of your cut shapes and spread thinly with craft glue. On the triangular shape place the wide base around the toothpick first and roll tightly ending with the point and seal it down. Set aside to dry. With the rectangular shapes be careful to roll them evenly to form a squared off barrel shape. Allow them to dry thoroughly (overnight is advised). The next day remove the toothpick, trim any plastic wrap that is left attached to the bead and with the needle and the heavy thread or dental floss string the beads in whichever order pleases you. Be sure your necklace is long enough to fit over your head or if it is a gift over the head of the person you are giving it to and tie in a double knot Option: string half the beads then add the charm or button and string the second half.