

July



Core Value:
Courage



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Under the Sea

Pack Committee

Why Under the Sea for the Core Value Courage. The oceans are the last unexplored frontiers on Earth. It takes courage to venture into undiscovered territory. Courage is also doing what is right regardless of the consequences. This month let us take our Cub Scouts under the oceans to explore and do what is right in caring for our last earthly frontier.

BEFORE THE MEETING

Have the following materials ready: pencils and copies of the word search puzzle, flags for the flag ceremony, awards for Scouts, treasure chest to hold the awards (can be made from a box), supplies for the opening skit, copies of the song for the audience participation activity, and copies of the Outdoor Code. Set up tables for den displays.

GATHERING

Distribute pencils and copies of the word search puzzle (see the end of this meeting plan). Here is the key.

Try to find **all 12** words in this grid: CRAB, DIVER, EEL, LOBSTER, OCTOPUS, SAILOR, SHARK, SHELL, SQUID, SUBMARINE, URCHIN, WAVE

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OPENING

The preassigned den presents the colors and leads the pack in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cub Scout 1 is dressed as a fisherman with a life jacket, hat, and a stick with a string and a hook made out of a pipe cleaner. Cub Scout 2 has green crepe paper streamers taped to him. Cub Scout 3 makes himself look like a starfish by standing in a jumping jack position (he can wear a large yellow T-shirt if desired). Cub Scout 4 is dressed in a red T-shirt and holds large claws made out of poster board. Cub Scout 5 has white crepe paper streamers taped to him. Cub Scout 6 has scales cut out of aluminum foil taped to him. Cub Scout 7 has a gray cardboard fin taped to his back and wears a big smile.

CUB SCOUT 1: I am Captain Courage! I go out to sea to discover sea life. What will I find in the ocean? I must cast out my fishing line and see. Will it be a sea monster or a piece of seaweed? (Cub Scout 1 casts his line, which is caught by Cub Scout 2.)

CUB SCOUT 2: I am just some seaweed, as you can plainly see. There is no reason to be scared of me. (Cub Scout 2 stands next to Cub Scout 1.)

CUB SCOUT 1: What will I find in the ocean? I must cast and see. Will it be a sea monster or a starfish family? (Cub Scout 1 casts his line, which is caught by Cub Scout 3.)

CUB SCOUT 3 (Hops out with legs apart and arms outstretched.): I am just one starfish, not a family. I live in the ocean and you don't need to fear me. (Cub Scout 3 stands next to Cub Scout 2.)

CUB SCOUT 1: What will I find in the ocean? I must cast and see. Will it be a sea monster or a lobster or a flea? (Cub Scout 1 casts his line, which is caught by Cub Scout 4.)

CUB SCOUT 4: I am a lobster and I live in the sea. Some of your friends like to call me yummy. (Cub Scout 4 stands next to Cub Scout 3.)

CUB SCOUT 1: What will I find in the ocean? I must cast and see. Will it be a sea monster or a fish called Jelly? (Cub Scout 1 casts his line, which is caught by Cub Scout 5.)

CUB SCOUT 5: I am a jellyfish and I live in the sea. My tentacles can sting, but they are there to protect me. (Cub Scout 5 stands next to Cub Scout 4.)

CUB SCOUT 1: What will I find in the ocean? I must cast and see. Will it be a sea monster or a fish with shiny scales? (Cub Scout 1 casts his line, which is caught by Cub Scout 6.)

CUB SCOUT 6: I am a fish and I live in the sea. When the sun hits my scales, I look all shiny. (Cub Scout 6 stands next to Cub Scout 5.)

CUB SCOUT 1: What will I find in the ocean? I must cast and see. Will it be a sea monster or a shark with big teeth? (Cub Scout 1 casts his line, which is caught by Cub Scout 7.)

CUB SCOUT 7: I am a shark and I live in the sea. Sometimes divers come and swim with me. (Cub Scout 7 stands next to Cub Scout 6.)

CUB SCOUT 1: All you sea creatures, return to the sea. There is no need for you to fear me. For I am a Cub Scout as you can plainly see, and the Outdoor Code is a guide to you and me.

Run On

CUB SCOUT 1: Do you know the best way to communicate with a fish?

CUB SCOUT 2: No, what is the best way to communicate with a fish?

CUB SCOUT 1: Drop it a line.

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Prayer (Cub Scout or Leader)

“Help us to become better stewards in our outdoor adventures and to guide and protect us as we do our best to protect the environment. May we always remember that to show true courage is to do what is right regardless of its difficulty or its consequences.”

Welcome and Introductions

The Cubmaster welcomes new families and guests, introduces them to the pack, and thanks those who helped prepare for and plan the pack meeting.

PROGRAM

Den Demonstrations

Ask each den in turn to come to the front of the room to talk about their adventures during the last month.

CUBMASTER: Thank you to all the dens who have shared their adventures with us. Let us salute them by giving them the Fisherman cheer: Pretend to reel out some line, let it drift, yank your pretend pole back, and start to reel in the fish. Struggle with it for a short time and say: “I’VE GOT IT! I’VE GOT IT!”

Audience Participation

Divide the group into three sections and sing the following song in the round. Have the words either projected on the screen, printed on a large poster at the front of the room for all to see, or printed on individual copies at each seat.

“Three Tiger Fish”

(Sung to the tune “Three Blind Mice”)

*Three Tiger Fish, Three Tiger Fish
See how they swim, see how they swim
Their tails go left
And their tails go right
Their gills breathe in
And their gills breathe out
Did you ever see such a slippery sight as
Three Tiger Fish?*

Run On

CUB SCOUT 1: Do you know what one wave said to the other?

CUB SCOUT 2: No, what did one wave say to the other?

CUB SCOUT 1: Nothing, it just waved.

RECOGNITION

CUBMASTER: There are many treasures in the sea. Some are natural and some were left by the shipwrecks of courageous explorers who traveled the seas in search of new worlds. Tonight we have a treasure chest full of special awards earned by our Cub Scouts, who showed courage in exploring new adventures in Cub Scouting. But treasures are better when shared, so let us share these treasures with the Cub Scouts who earned them and their parents and guardians who supported them as they did what was right to earn the awards regardless of how difficult it was.

(The Cubmaster then calls the name of each Cub Scout to receive an award, and he and his parents or guardian come to the front of the room where the award is presented. The Cubmaster makes the following statements as appropriate.)



Tonight's Bobcat rank is presented in recognition of a Scout who showed courage in taking his first steps on the Cub Scout trail. (Repeat for each Bobcat.)

Our Wolf rank is awarded to a Scout who completed all of the Wolf achievements, no matter how difficult he found them. (Repeat for each Wolf.)

Our Bear rank is presented to a Scout who traveled even farther along the adventurous Cub Scout trail. (Repeat for each Bear.)

Our Webelos rank is awarded to a Scout who earned the required activity badges, including Fitness and Citizen, showing both physical and mental determination. (Repeat for each Webelos Scout.)

CLOSING

Cubmaster's Minute

It can be very difficult to explore Earth's final frontier, the oceans. There are places that are too deep for safe travel, but some day humans may explore those places. It will take courage and bravery to go where no other human has gone before, but it also takes courage to do what is right regardless of how difficult it is or the consequences we may experience. Cub Scouts show that kind of courage every day. May we all do our best to have courage every day.

CLOSING CEREMONY

A preassigned den leads the pack in the Outdoor Code. It then retires the colors.

Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to
 Be clean in my outdoor manners,
 Be careful with fire,
 Be considerate in the outdoors,
 And be conservation minded.

Run Ons

CUB SCOUT 1: Do you know what time it is when 12 sharks chase one tuna?

CUB SCOUT 2: No, what time is it?

CUB SCOUT 1: Why, it is 12 after 1 of course.

CUB SCOUT 1: Do you know what you get when you cross an electric eel and a sponge?

CUB SCOUT 2: No, what do you get when you cross an electric eel and a sponge?

CUB SCOUT 1: Why, a shock absorber of course.

CUB SCOUT 1: Do you know what fish lights up the sky?

CUB SCOUT 2: No, what fish lights up the sky?

CUB SCOUT 1: A STARfish.

CUB SCOUT 1: Do you know which bus crossed the ocean?

CUB SCOUT 2: No, which bus crossed the ocean?

CUB SCOUT 1: Why, Christopher ColumBUS of course.

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