



BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

INTRODUCTION

The Blue and Gold Banquet is a birthday party for Cub Scouting and is usually celebrated by packs in the month of February. The Boy Scouts of America began in 1910 and Cub scouting began twenty years later. In February 2002, Cub Scouting in the USA will be 72 years old.

In this chapter you will get an overview of planning procedures and some ideas for decorations for your banquet. More details and ideas can be found in the *Cub Scout Leader Book*, Chapter 9 (Cub Scout Activities) and Chapter 7 (Program Planning). Chapter 7 contains a complete outline of what has to be done.

Every pack is different in numbers of people and budget, so what you read in their pow-wow book and other sources are guidelines and suggestions. The final decisions and details will have to be decided within your pack, with the banquet committee working closely with the pack committee.

Usually, packs use the monthly theme as the theme for their Blue and Gold banquet, but you may use any theme you believe the boys want or will enjoy. For this reason we will concentrate on 2 themes for this chapter. These are General Cub Scouting and February's theme Our Native Peoples. Please refer to February's chapter of this Pow-wow book for more ideas.

Internet Resources

<http://www.kidsdomain.com/>

<http://family.go.com/crafts>

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET PLANNING

Blue and gold Banquets should be scheduled when packs have their annual planning conferences in the summer or early fall. The pack committee recruits and /or appoints a banquet chairman early in the fall. The banquet chairman then recruits co-chairmen for sub committees (usually food, program, and physical arrangements).

The banquet chairman should be someone who is organized, can work well with other adults, can recruit other adults, and can pay attention to details yet see the overall picture of what has to be done.

The theme should be decided by November or December so that the den leaders have time to plan what will be done at their January and February den meetings. Also, the banquet committee should make it clear what decorations they will make and what they expect the dens to make. If you plan to use

tablecloths, do you want the dens to make placemats? Is the banquet committee making centerpiece(s) or do you want the den leaders to make them? All of this will have to be decided within your pack.

Invitations should be sent to all the families in the pack and to special guest at least one month ahead of time. In many packs, the Cub Scouts make their family invitations and the banquet committee makes and sends invitations to special adult guests.

Souvenir programs covers may be ordered through BSA supply catalog or through the council service center. Homemade covers may also be used. Information in the program may include the schedule for the banquet, names of the pack leaders and committee people, special guests, a song, a brief history of the pack...whatever you like.

Details like reserving the building should be done early. Some banquets are held at the regular meeting place of the pack and some are not. If possible, try to arrange the room so that dens and their families sit together. Plan for exhibit and display tables. Arrange for set-up crew and a clean up crew (dens?)

The food plan and cost needs to be decided a few months ahead of time, especially if a caterer, deli, or restaurant are involved. Reservations have to be made early. Will the cost be taken out of the pack treasury or will each family be charged a fee? These are questions that your pack committee must help you decide.

The program committee should include the Cubmaster and Den Leader Coach, and /or the designated Master of Ceremonies. The Cubmaster and Advancement Chairman should be directly involved with presenting awards to Cub Scouts. The Committee Chairman might take this opportunity to recognize the adults who helped the pack during the past year.

Give support to your banquet committee. Make sure that they have the printed resources mentioned in the introduction to this chapter. Encourage them to get other adults involved—adults who are not already busy with leadership positions. Have fun! And remember to thank everyone who helped.

What Type of Meal?

There are several options a pack can consider. One option is pot-luck where each family brings a dish to share with everyone else. Be sure to have them provide enough for their family +2 since there will be guests attending. Another option would be for the pack to purchase and supply the meat and other items such as paper products, utensils and beverages. Each den could be assigned salads, vegetables, breads, or desserts. If your budget allows, your pack may decide to have the meal catered. This is the easiest way to go, but also the most expensive.

How Will the Pack Pay for the Banquet?

Some packs pay for all of the Banquet costs by budgeting it in at the beginning of the Scouting year and earning sufficient funds through popcorn sales or other fund raisers throughout the year. Other packs charge those attending (if the meal is catered). A good idea is to add \$1 per person to cover the cost of decorations and guest dinners unless your pack can afford the extra cost.

How Much Food and Seating is Required?

It is best to have families make reservations and pay in advance or you will not be able to plan for the proper amount of food and your pack may have to pay for food planned on but not eaten. A simple RSVP on each invitation could be returned along with the required amount of money.

Who Makes Decorations, Invitations, and Programs?

It is always more fun for the boys to be involved in their banquet. If your pack decides for the boys to make some of the decorations, it would be a good idea to enlist and rotate extra parental help at den meetings prior to the banquet. A parent could do the programs; ask if anyone in the pack enjoys computer work or works at a print shop. Remember to use all your families' talents and resources.

Suggested Timetable

4 months before banquet -- Select Blue & Gold Committee; Set/reserve date, time, place; Select theme

3 months before banquet -- Dens work on decorations; Plan the program; Committee meeting report

2 months before banquet -- Make guest list; Committee meeting report

1 month before banquet -- Mail invitations; Re-check facilities; Print program; Committee meeting report.

2 weeks before banquet -- Turn in award orders; complete decorations; Verify RSVP counts; Check on food preparation.

Banquet day -- Set up room; Enjoy Banquet; Clean up facilities

BLUE & GOLD BANQUET PROGRAM PLANNING

1. Displays
2. Opening Ceremony
3. Invocation
4. Dinner - Points to Remember
 1. Method of serving isn't important
 2. Keep the cost reasonable
 3. Serve food that's generally accepted by all families
 4. Be sure the food is served hot
 5. Simple table decorations can/should be used
 6. Get everyone served as quickly as possible
5. Welcome & Introductions

Cubmaster or Committee Chairperson should make introductions (appropriate but brief)
6. Greeting from Institutional Representative
7. Entertainment & Singing
8. Review of Year
9. Awards
 1. This is what all the scouts have been waiting for
 2. Ceremony should be impressive, well executed, and meaningful

10. Recognition of Leaders & Parents

Recognize all scout leaders and parents who have been VERY helpful

11. Announcements & Thanks

12. Closing Ceremony

Put a perfect end to a perfect evening

Important Things to Remember

- Be sure the pack leaders, cubs, and parents know that the Blue & Gold is Cub Scouting's birthday celebration.
- Begin planning at least 3 months in advance. Some preliminary plans can even be started at the pack's annual planning meeting.
- KISMIF - Involve leaders and parents - share the responsibility; Scouts need to help by making invitations and decorations

BLUE & GOLD BANQUET THEMES & IDEAS

Snoopy: Doghouses, Peanuts' characters, stuffed dogs, dog biscuits/bowls

Circus: Tent/canopy, balloons, cotton candy, popcorn, three rings, parade, aerial wire, clowns, juggling, wagons

Monopoly: Chance cards, jail, play money, houses/hotels, properties, and pawns

Dalmatians: Dogs, leashes, fire hydrant, classic car, spots

Baseball: Positions, ball/bats, bases, diamond, stadium, scoreboard, pennants

Football: Goalposts, pom-poms, yard markers, helmets, balls

Olympics: Medals, trophies, 5-ring symbol, theme music, 3x5' flags, award stands, torch, events, countries

Music: Instruments, notes, albums, staff, music stands

Tools/Building: Tools, construction, saw horses, wheelbarrows, tape measure, hard hats, wood, metal, trucks, and toolboxes

Gardening: Tools, wheelbarrows, plants, flowers, hoses, gloves

Native American Indian Lore: Teepees, bows/arrows, artifacts, buffaloes, dream catchers, animal hides, drums, totem poles, horses, peace pipes, campfires, tomahawks

Trains: Station, models, luggage, tickets, conductor, sound effects, tracks

Patriotic: Flags, eagles, bunting, campaigns, town crier, 1776, scroll

US Presidents: Silhouettes, flags, buttons, slogans, band music, donkeys, elephants, constitution, quill pens

Country Store: Dry goods, barrels, candy jars, sacks, counter, prices, crates, lanterns, checkers

Military: Ranks, symbols, medals, uniforms, camouflage, targets

Medieval: Banners, armor, knights, castles, jousting, dragons

Pirates: Ships, treasure chests, Jolly Roger, skull/crossbones, eye patch, gold doubloons, maps, parrots, water, cannons

Kites/Balloons: Baskets, sandbags, clouds, trees, scenery, various shaped kites

School: Chalkboards, report cards, apples, rulers, dunce cap, letter charts, globes, houses, playground, bell

Bees: Hives, honey, clover, flowers, cloches, honeycomb

Highways: Road maps, cars, traffic signs, billboards, gas station, and roads made of black paper with adding machine white tape in center, Burma signs

Computers: Function keys, stylized letters, continuous paper, disks, terms, monitors, zeros and ones

Noah's Ark: Ark, animals, rainbow, dove, water, raindrops

Birdhouses: Birds, branches, nests, sound effects, twigs, birdseed, birdbaths, bird feeders

Library: Books, stands, shelves, carts, titles, magazines, card catalogue, Dewey Decimals

Western: Cattle, brands, irons, campfires, chuck wagons, rail fence, hay bales, wood wheel

Farms: Barns, tractors, implements, hay bales, silos, fences, animals, pies

Jungle: Animals, trees, bushes, ferns, sound effects, hanging vines, Tarzan

Luau: Palm trees, mats, low tables, pig roast, Mu Mus, leis, Hawaiian music, pineapples, coconuts, volcanoes, tikis, hula skirts, canoes, surfboards

Southwest: Pueblos, Native American symbols, music, desert, cactus, rocks/canyons, sunsets

Occupations: Teaching, preaching, healing, transmitting, building, flying, growing

Oriental: Origami, chopsticks, silk, characters, artifacts, videos, kimonos, hats

Fish: Tissue fish, water/waves, streamers, underwater, reefs, corals, fishnets, lures, poles/hooks, bobbers, boats

Send the Light: Lighthouses, rocks, waves, blinking lights, signal flags, Morse code

Valentine: Hearts, candy, ribbons/bows, valentines, flowers, cupids

Anytime: Create life-size cutouts of your Cubs. Roll out craft paper on floor, trace around each, cut out and have them decorate it. Try action poses for added interest.

Outer Space: Rockets, stars, planets, aliens, spacesuits, moon rocks, mission control panel

Around the World: Countries, Cub Scout promise in other languages, flags, traditional costumes, artifacts, songs

Disney: Characters from movies, videos, movie posters, pictures from color books, tiny toys from fast food restaurants.

DECORATING HINTS

1. SIZE

1. Think big! 2-4 feet across for shapes and objects
2. Simplified shapes
3. Outline them in dark color to give better definition

2. THEME

1. Repeat object around the room
2. Coordinate the entry, hall, and room
3. Use items related to the program theme

3. COLOR

1. Use bright colors
2. Use bold colors for contrast
3. Use a scheme of 2-3 colors

4. LETTERING

1. Use a style to match the theme (logger font for woods, gothic for medieval, etc.)
2. Make letters at least 6" high
3. Add variety (outline, solids, checks, shadows, etc.)

5. CONSTRUCTION

1. Use overhead projector to enlarge images onto craft paper
2. Stuff tissue paper into chicken wire to make 3-D shaped decorations
3. Hang stuff from ceiling or wall with monofilament line (invisible string)

6. TECHNIQUES

1. Hang items from ceiling, even centerpieces, for added interest
2. Use 3-D displays (don't let everything be "flat")
3. Silhouettes are easier to make than detailed drawings
4. Murals
5. Mobiles and movement
6. Streamers from ceiling to table
7. Add recorded sounds and smells

7. MATERIALS

1. Paper/foil/poster board, tissue/crepe
2. Wood/wire
3. Fabric
4. Ribbon/raffia
5. Props/artifacts
6. Corrugated cardboard rolls

Centerpieces**Wild West****• Covered Wagons**

Paint checkbook boxes (or cover in construction paper). Cut wheels of heavy cardboard, draw on spokes and glue to sides of wagon. Insert a 4" - 5" dowel in front for wagon tongue. Add a half sheet of construction paper for the cover. Decorate cover.

Circus**• Mini Balloon Bouquet**

Paint (and optionally decorate) Ping-Pong balls. Glue each to the top of a straw. Tie curling ribbon streamers under Ping-Pong ball if desired. Place inside decorated soup can.

• Circus Stars

Blow up small balloons (5-6" diameter). Cut off the top 2" of a large plastic cup for the base. Tape the balloon, neck down, in the base. Make different animal/character heads by adding yarn hair, wiggly eyes, paper ears, noses, smiles, or magic marker accents. (Some ideas: elephants, bears, ringmasters, lions, clowns, seals, etc.)

• Circus Train

Use empty Kleenex boxes (the kind with oval cut out are best) for various circus train cars. You can paint them or cover them with construction paper or leave them as is. Glue brightly colored cardboard wheels to the four corners. Draw and color various paper animals to put into each box. Add paper "bars" to keep the animals in. Don't forget to make the giraffe box open to the top!

Native American

- **Totem Poles**
Cut in half and decorate a paper towel tube. Add construction paper pieces for wings, etc.
- **Teepees**
Tie 3-4 coffee stirrers near the top to make teepee stand. You may want to hot-glue the stirrers in place on a piece of heavy paper that can later be trimmed away. Cover with 1/2 of a soft round tortilla shell. Can cut out a triangle shaped doorway. Decorate with fabric paint.
- **Trophy Skins**
Cut notches in four small dowels (tinker-toy type & length are good). Be sure the notches on each dowel are on the same side. Lay dowels out in a rectangle shape, pressing notched ends together. Tie/lash each juncture so the corners are solid. Cut out a piece of leather/suede in an animal shape and punch small holes along outside edge. Loosely lace through the holes and around the dowels with cord. When finished lacing, tighten the cord to make a secure hanging. Decorate the skin if desired. Prop up two against each other for centerpieces.

Grand Old Flag

- **Flags**
Paint a soup can (in stripes, and/or stars). Fill with crepe paper "fill." Corkscrew (wrap around pencil) the top third of some red, white, and blue pipe-cleaners. Can do the same with patriotic wire garland. Insert corkscrews and some small US flags in each can.
- **Yarn & Nail Flag**
Cut and sand a paper-sized piece of plywood. Pound 1/2" brads on the left and right sides of the wood for the stripes (1-3 nails per stripe (13 stripes) or as many as can fit on your plywood. Be sure the nails for the top stripes are placed more toward the center of the board - on the right side of the "field." Pound 1/2" brads on the top and bottom of the "field" (stars) area too. Now string yarn left to right around the nails for the stripes. Change yarn colors to match the actual flag. String blue yarn top to bottom in the field area. Add some sticky stars to the field. Attach a sturdy cardboard or wooden easel for the back.

General Ideas

- **Cub Family Bouquet**
Cut out 2" - 3" cub rank shapes (tiger, wolf, bear). Glue these to pipe cleaners or straws. Write a family member's name on each shape. Insert in foam in a basket or in a painted soup can filled with confetti string.
- **Logs**
Cut a hole in the side of a larger (juice can) sized can. Cover the cut edges with heavy tape (duct or masking). Cover can with plaster of Paris. Use different sized forks to "carve" bark grains into the still soft plaster of Paris. Paint when dry. Insert theme related items into the cut out hole.
- **Blue & Gold Bouquet**
Make flowers by placing cub rank stickers back to back at the top of a pipe cleaner. Add metallic gold and blue spiraled (wrap around pencil) pipe cleaners. Insert all in Styrofoam in a flower basket. Put metallic confetti string over Styrofoam.
- **Mini Piñatas**
Cover regular sized balloons (6"-8" diameter) with 2-3 layers of newspaper strips dipped in papier-mâché' paste, letting each layer dry before starting the next layer. Leave the balloon knot open to insert the piñata on a sturdy drinking straw later. When dry, decorate it to fit your theme: animal, ball, and bright abstract. Use crepe paper, markers, construction paper, etc. If you like, cut a small flap and fill the balloon with lightweight candy and popcorn. To mount it, place it in

either a vase, a decorated soup can or some modeling clay (depends on how heavy the balloon part is).

- **Pop Bottle Spray**

Using an exacto knife, cut off the top (spout part) of a 2-liter bottle just where the curve ends. Be careful to make this a straight cut. Now you want to cut (and keep) the tube part of the bottle. Throw away the curvy base. On the tube part: make a straight cut down one long side so the whole piece can be laid open. Now continue making vertical cuts parallel to the cut you just made. The cuts should be just a little longer than 1/2 the length of the piece. Essentially, you are fringing the large square of plastic. The fringe will naturally start to curl. Roll this up so the fringe curls outward - looking like a water fountain spray or a fireworks spray. Insert this into the spout (top part of bottle). You can also insert a 12" candle in this spout too.

- **Baloo & Gold**

Make cutouts of Baloo (find pictures in the Cub handbooks, on the internet, etc.). They can be just his head or his whole body - the more shapes the better. Just make solid cutouts from blue construction paper. Double the construction paper so you can glue each pair of cutouts to opposite sides of 12" skewers (or long straws). Insert these into a gold painted soup can stuffed with gold Mylar confetti strips or into a piece or (painted) Styrofoam.

DINNER

The type of menu selected for the banquet will be determined by current food prices; however, a well-balanced meal should include meat, vegetable, salads, bread, dessert, and drinks. The following information will help the food committee in planning:

Pot Luck Meal- for a den of 8 families: 2 families bring meat dishes, 2 bring vegetables, 2 bring salads, 1 brings dessert, 1 brings bread and drinks.

Guidelines for Amount of Food to Serve 25 People

Lettuce	3 heads	Jelly	1 ½ pints
Salad dressing	1 pint or ½ pound	Rolls	50
Potato Salad	1 quart bowl	Butter/Margarine	1 pound
Jell-O Salad	1-1/2 quart bowl or 13' x 9" dish	Cream for coffee	1 ½ pints
Baked Beans	4 quart bowl	Ice Cream	1 gallon
Mashed Potatoes	4 quart bowl	Punch/Tea	2 gallons (50 5 ounce servings)
Carrots	3 #2 cans	Coffee	1 pound (40-50 1 cup servings)
String beans	3 #2 cans		
Peas	4 #2 cans		
Baked Ham	8 pounds		
Swiss steak	10 pounds		
Meat Loaf	1 ½ pounds pork, 3 ½ pounds beef		
Chicken	40 pieces		
Pickles	1 ½ pints		

NATIVE AMERICAN RECIPES

Indian Table Grace

Now I am about to eat, O Great Spirit, Give my thanks to the beast and the birds whom you have provided for my hunger and pray deliver my sorrow that living things must sacrifice for my comfort and well being. Let the feather of corn spring up in its time and let it not wither but make full grains for the fires of our cooking pots. Now I am about to eat.

Buffalo Stew *Taken from the website: <http://www.nativetech.org/food/>*

Offered by Ishtacota ~ Cherokee Nation, Husband of Ketana' me (Serenety) ~
Who learned this from great great grandfather of Serenety (Cherokee Orgin)

Ingredients:

2 lbs of buffalo stew meat, cut into	4 Quarts water
1 inch cubes (<i>use beef as a substitute</i>)	2 lbs of red or white potatoes...
1 Can stewed tomatoes	(not russets)
2 Stalks of celery, cut 1 inch long	1 Cup of barley

Preparation:

Brown the buffalo cubes on high heat until seared about 3 min
Add 4 quarts of water, potatoes and carrots and boil until Veggies are tender.
Add stewed tomatoes, celery and barley. Cook an additional 5 minutes.
Remove from fire and place into baking dish.
Bake at 425 degrees for 30 minutes.
Remove from oven and enjoy.

Note: this stew tastes really great -- you can use elk or bear or even rabbit in place of buffalo.

Cherokee Yam Cakes

Ingredients

1 cup mashed yams or sweet potatoes	2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
2 cups sifted flour	1/2-cup salad oil
1 1/2 teaspoons sugar	1/2-cup milk
1 1/2 teaspoons salt	

Preparation:

Sift flour, baking soda, sugar and salt into a bowl. Pour oil and milk into a measuring cup but do not stir. Add to yams. Blend well. Add to flour mixture and mix lightly with fork until mixture holds together. Turn dough out onto a floured board and knead gently until smooth (about 12 kneading strokes). Roll dough about 1/4" thick and cut into rounds with floured biscuit cutter. Place rounds on a baking sheet. Bake at 425° for 10-20 minutes. Serve hot, or split when cold and toast.

Navajo Fry Bread Taken from the website: <http://www.nativetech.org/food/>

Offered by Mary Harris ~ Cherokee ~ ...who learned this from Navajo friends in Cortez, Colorado

Ingredients:

6 Cups Unsifted Flour	1/2-Cup DRY Milk
1 Tbs. Salt	2 2/3 Cup Warm Water
2 Tbs. Baking Powder	Lard (or oil) for Frying.

Preparation:

Mix together dry ingredients

Mix in water & knead on floured surface 'till it isn't sticky anymore.

Put the dough in a plastic bag or wrap with plastic wrap to keep the dough from drying out. Heat lard in cast iron frying pan, but don't let it smoke!

Pull off a piece of dough about the size of an egg & shape into about a 9 inch round.

Poke a hole in the middle & add to hot lard & fry on each side until golden.

Drain on paper towels or paper grocery bags.

If you are worried about how healthy this is, you can use oil instead of lard.

Servings: Eleven +

Wild Rice Casserole Taken from the website: <http://www.nativetech.org/food/>

Offered by Lead Goose ~ Chippewa - Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin ~

As adapted from Marlene Benner in the American Indian Society Cook Book of 1975

Ingredients:

1-cup wild rice (thoroughly washed under cold water in a mesh strainer).	3 Tbs. Chopped green pepper (I often use a mix of red, green and yellow for color).
3 cups hot chicken broth	1/2 stick margarine
3 Tbs. chopped onion	

Preparation:

Heat margarine in a frying pan over low heat. Sauté onions and peppers.

Add the wild rice and blend all together.

Transfer to a casserole dish and add chicken broth.

Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until all liquid is absorbed.

Note: Try other variations to compliment your entree. The basic goes well with chicken and turkey. Add chopped walnuts or cashews for holidays, beef broth with roast beef. Three cups of water with a couple strips of bacon goes well with pork roast. Garnish with parsley or cilantro for color.

Pitters' Indian Corn and Pumpkin Cakes**Ingredients:**

1 Cup cooked corn	2 Tablespoons Melted butter
3 Large eggs	1-Teaspoon Salt
3/4-Cup Milk	Tabasco to taste
1/2-Cup Flour	1/4 Cup Chopped Scallion
1/3-Cup Cornmeal	3-Tablespoons Parmesan Cheese

Pumpkin Filling

1/4 Cup Minced shallot	1/4 Cup Minced Scallion
1 1/2 Tablespoons Butter	3 Tablespoons Parmesan Cheese
1 1/3 Cups Pumpkin	Salt and Pepper
2/3-Cup Cottage Cheese	

Preparation:

Make cakes by blending in blender corn, eggs, milk, flour, cornmeal, butter and salt for 30 seconds. Transfer into a bowl and stir in Tabasco and scallion; cover let stand for one hour.

Heat a 6-7 inch skillet until hot. Brush lightly with butter. Stir the batter well and pour 1/4 cup at a time into a hot skillet, rotate skillet until batter covers bottom of the pan. Cook cakes until underside is brown, turn and cook the other side until brown. Stack the cakes and keep them covered.

Make pumpkin filling: In a heavy skillet cook shallot in butter over medium heat until soft. Add the pumpkin mixture and cook one minute. Transfer the mixture into a bowl and add scallion, 3 tablespoons parmesan, salt and pepper.

To serve spread filling into cakes and fold over to form a wedge. Sprinkle tops with Parmesan cheese. Serve hot.

Honey Drink -- From MasterCook

1-quart water
2/3-cup honey

Place water and honey in large container with tight fitting lid, and shake well to blend ingredients. Chill thoroughly, and serve iced in small glasses. Makes 1 quart

OPENINGS

Story of Cub Scout Colors

Arrangement: As curtain opens, three boys dressed in Indian costume are seated around an artificial campfire. One wears a chief's headdress; the other two are braves. Hanging on a tripod over the fire is a kettle that has a small can of dry ice and a blue and gold Cub Scout neckerchief concealed in it.

Narrator (Cub Scout or Den Chief): Many, many moons ago, the great chief Akela called a council to see what could be done to make his tribe the best of all tribes.

He told the first Indian brave to climb the mountain and tell the eagle to fly high into the sky and bring back part of the beauty of the sun. *(One brave exits)*

He told the second brave to go into the forest and tell the sparrow to fly high into the sky and bring back part of the beauty of the sky. *(Second brave exits)*

After a while, both braves returned. *(Both braves enter. One is carrying a bottle of blue water, the other a bottle of gold water. They hold up the bottles to show everyone)*

Narrator: Akela told one brave to pour some of the beauty of the sun into the council mixing pot. (The brave pours some of the gold water into the can in the pot, causing smoke)

Narrator: Then he told the other brave to pour some of the beauty of the sky into the council mixing pot. *(The brave pours some of the gold water into the can in the pot, causing smoke. Akela, the chief, raises hands toward the sky.)*

Narrator: Akela says that from this day forward, blue will stand for truth and loyalty and the sky above. Gold will stand for warm sunlight, happiness, and good cheer. *(Akela reaches into the pot and pulls out Cub Scout neckerchief)*

Narrator: And that's why the Cub Scout colors are blue and gold.



Blue and Gold Opening

Narrator: We're gathered here tonight,
To honor the Blue and Gold,
And pay a tribute to Scouting,
Which is 72 years old.

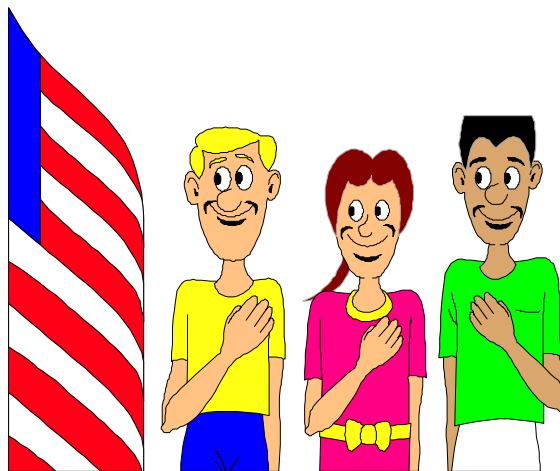
Action for boys: Boys could hold up blue and gold cards for the first 2 lines and then turn them over for the last 2 lines where the # is printed on the back.

Now, as we look all about us,
Scouting in action we see,
Brining fun and adventure,
As Baden-Powell meant it to be.

Action for boys: As the first 2 lines are read they place hands over eyes as if shading them and looking from left to right. As second 2 lines are read, each one can hold up something showing Cubbing fun such as Pinewood Derby cars, sail boats, etc.

Let us all join together,
As our program we start,
By pledging allegiance to our Flag
With our hand over our heart.

Action for boys: Boys stand at attention and turn to face the Flag and lead the Pledge.



INVOCATIONS/PRAYERS

Blessed Are the Cub Scouts

Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are taught to see beauty in all things around them.

For their world will be a place of grace and wonder.

Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are led with patience and understanding...

For they will learn the strength of endurance and gift of tolerance.

Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are provided a home where family members dwell in harmony and close communion. –

For they shall become the peacemakers of the world.

Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are taught the value and power of truth...

For they shall search for knowledge and use it with wisdom and discernment.

Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are guided by those with faith in a loving God...

For they will find Him early and will walk with Him through life.

Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are loved and know that they are loved...

For they shall sow seeds of love in the world and reaps joy for themselves and others.

AMEN.

100th Psalm of Scouting

Make a joyful noise unto the world, all ye Scouters;

Serve Scouting with gladness, and join the circle of

Scouting with singing.

Know that Scouting is the way;

Its lessons have made us and we are grateful;

We are its leaders, guiding young Scouts.

Enter its programs with a cheerful spirit, and offer boys your praise.

For Scouting is good!

Its lessons endure forever, and its truths to all generations.

Akela, Make Me An Eagle

by Harlan G. Metcalf, Adapted by Merl Whitebook

Give me the strength to stand for right

When other folks have left the fight,

Give me the courage of the eagle

Who knows that if he will, he can.

Teach me to see in every face

The good, the kind, and not the base.

Make me sincere in word and deed,

Blot out from me all shame and greed,

Help me to guard my troubled soul

By constant, active, self-control.

Clean up my thoughts, my speech, my play,

And keep me pure from day to day.

O, Akela, make of me an Eagle!



SKITS

The Cub Scout Trail-Skit

Props needed:

Teepee or tent, Tiger Cap, Large boxes to make store and mountain
Cardboard signs that read: Tiger Treat Center, Bobcat Store, Bear Mountain, Webelos Bridge,
Rugged Road

Setting: A simulated trail, with the teepee standing at the beginning, four signs held along the way by Cub Scouts, and the Den Chief and the end with the fifth sign. Blue and gold crepe paper streamers are wound around the signs marking the trail. Akela, attired in an "Indian" blanket and headband, is at the teepee. The prospective Cub Scout wears an old baggy shirt over his uniform as he steps up to meet Akela.

Akela: Can I help you?

Boy: I'm on my way to manhood.

Akela: Come; let's follow the blue and gold trail. It's the best way. First, we'll stop at the Tiger Treat Center. *(Boy goes in...puts Tiger cap on-comes back out)*

Boy: Boy that was a treat! I searched interesting place, discovered new things and shared with my new friends! What is next?

Akela: Yes. But Tigers just give you a little taste of what is to come. Now we need to stop at the Bobcat Store, to prepare you for a longer more challenging journey. *(Boy ducks down and removes old shirt, and removes Tiger cap. Returns)*

Boy: OK, I'm ready for the next step.

Akela: Follow the blue and gold trail. I will walk with you as your guide.

Cub Scout: *(at Wolf Tunnel)* I hope there aren't real wolves here!
(Ducks in and puts on the Cub Scout cap.)

Cub Scout: *(comes to Bear Mountain)* A mountain – WOW! Are you SURE this is the best way?

Akela: You're doing fine *(Comes to Webelos Bridge)*. I must go to help others now. You did very well! Good luck!

Cub Scout: *(Salutes)* Thanks for your help. *(Crosses Bridge.)* This is the end of the trail. Is this manhood?

Den Chief: No, but you're getting there. Just follow the rugged road, to Boy Scouting.

SONGS

BIRTHDAY BSA

(Tune: On Top of Old Smokey)

We were all at the banquet
 On Blue and Gold Day
 The whole family came there
 To eat and to play.
 But then someone told me
 We're ___ years old.
 I could not believe
 What I had been told.
 Then they brought out a cake
 With candles on top.
 I counted the candles
 And I didn't stop.
 How could a Cub Scout
 Be 72?
 When I get old
 I won't be alive.
 Then someone told me
 An astonishing fact.
 That the Boy Scouts of America
 Is much older than that.
 My den leader told me
 That I shouldn't fret,
 That's the age of Cub Scouting.
 I'm not that old yet!

TRAIL THE WEBELOS

(Tune: On Wisconsin)

Trail the Webelos
 Trail the Webelos
 Climbing all the time
 First the Wolf and then the Bear
 Will on your pockets shine.
 Keep on climbing
 Blaze the trail, and we will follow
 Hark the Webelos' call.
 On brother, on, until we're
 Boy Scouts all.

THERE ARE CUBS

(Tune: There are Smiles)

There are Cubs both fat and skinny
 There are Cubs who like to fight.
 There are Cubs who play out in the backyard
 There are Cubs who gather stamps
 And scrape iron.
 There are Cubs who strive to do the right.
 But the rootin, tootin Cubs of our Pack,
 Are the Cubs who are best tonight.

CHEW, CHEW, CHEW, YOUR FOOD

(Tune: Row, Row, Row your Boat)

Chew, chew, chew your food
 Gently through the meal.
 The more you chew, the less you eat
 And the better you will feel

THE BANQUET

(Tune: On Top of Old Smokey)

Our Blue and Gold Banquet,
 is the best one in town.
 We celebrate Scouting
 While gulping food down.
 Cub Scouting is a pleasure
 And eating is too! So pass the fired chicken
 Yea, Blue and Gold!

BLUE AND GOLD

(Tune: Are You Sleeping -- Round)

Blue and Gold,
 Blue and Gold
 We are true,
 We are true.
 Loyal are we Cub Scouts
 Loyal are we Cub Scouts
 To you.
 To you.

BLUE AND GOLD TRADITIONS*(Tune: Jingle Bells)*

While dashing all around
 To prepare for Blue and Gold
 The boys made napkin rings
 And placemats to behold.
 The nut cups, there were neat;
 The nametags were just right.
 O what fun it is to have
 A Blue and Gold Tonight

Chorus:

Blue and Gold, Blue and Gold,
 Banquet time again.
 Families gather all around
 Ready to pitch in.

Fried chicken and baked beans;
 Potato salad too.
 A piece of birthday cake;
 Enough for me and you.

Chorus

Some people ate too much;
 But all enjoyed the meal.
 The friendship that was there
 Was warm and true and real.

Chorus

Blue and Gold, Blue and Gold
 Banquet time is here.
 Time to sing and celebrate
 Cub Scouting's 72nd year.

*Chorus***JOHNNY, GO GET A SCOUT***(Tune: When Johnny Comes Marching Home)*

Whenever you have sometime to spare,
 Johnny, go get a Scout.
 Recruiting is ev'ry boy's affair,
 So Johnny, go get a Scout
 For the more you muster the more they'll be
 To fill the Scouting company
 And we want them all,
 So Johnny go get a Scout!

Recruiting is one of our fav'rite games,
 Johnny, go get a Scout.
 It's played with a list of likely names,
 So, Johnny go get a Scout.
 There are millions now in the Scouting force,
 As many more who are not, of course
 And we want them all,
 So, Johnny, go get a Scout.

We'll make him a woodsman keen and strong,
 Johnny, go get a Scout.
 We'll teach him to know right from wrong, so,
 Johnny, go get a Scout.
 There's a lot of boys that you have in mind
 They're keen to join and are just the kind,
 And we want them all,
 So, Johnny, go get a Scout.



ARROW OF LIGHT AND GRADUATION CEREMONY

Note: Ideally, this ceremony can be performed by an Order of the Arrow (OA) ceremonial team in an outdoor campfire setting; for example, at a pack picnic. This allows for a more natural feel as well as for the use of torches, firepots, and other "special effects". If an indoor setting is preferred by the pack, candles should be used in place of smudge pots. Either the OA team or the pack can provide the tokens called for in the ceremony. The team should have something prepared in case the pack doesn't (an arrow with a felt banner, leather thong bolo, etc.). The team needs to make sure (via the Webelos leader) that the Cubs participating in the ceremony know and can recite the Scout Oath and Law as they are called upon to say both in the ceremony. When performing the speaking parts, memorization is important, but also try to become familiar enough with the part so the words come out naturally.

Arrow of Light Ceremony

(The three principles -- Chief, Medicine Man, and Guide -- enter from the rear and take their positions: Chief at the North, Medicine Man at the West and Guide at the east.)

Chief: *(pausing for a moment to look out among the pack)* Cub Scouts, leaders, parents and guests; my brothers, Weuchsowagam, the Medicine Man, Witschindin, the Guide, and I, Takachsin, the Chieftain, bring you greetings and salutations. We have come before you tonight to fulfill a prophecy spoken in the legends of our tribe.

Medicine Man: The words of the prophecy say that in the springtime of each year, young braves will be found who have met the challenges of Akela and are ready to become warriors. My brothers and I have watched your pack and have found such braves among you. We have come to present them with the highest honor: the Arrow of light. But before this can happen, they must take a journey through their memories.

Guide: Many moons ago, you entered the Cub Pack. The first challenges you encountered were from the Bobcat clan. As you met them, you learned what it means to be a Cub, the Law of the Pack, and the three words that would inspire you to meet all other challenges: Do Your Best. *(Light firepot or candle)* Having started on the trail, you next sought to join the Wolf clan. Here you were met with twelve challenges, harder than the Bobcat tests, But with the cleverness of the wolf itself, you met them and continued on your journey. *(Light firepot or candle)*

Med: Now the trail became darker and fainter as you came to the Bear clan. Again twelve challenges were presented before you. As you met them, your knowledge grew and your spirit strengthened. It was this strength of spirit, like the bear, that prompted you to move onward. *(Light firepot or candle)*

Chief: As you neared the summit, you joined the Webelos clan. The time of your testing had begun. In the Webelos clan you began to learn about Scouting. Just as you learned the ways of the brave as a Bobcat, Wolf, and Bear, as a member of the Webelos clan you would learn the ways of the warrior. *(Light firepot or candle)*

Chief: In time, you earned the Webelos badge, blazing the rest of the trail on your own. Now at last you have reached the summit and the end of this journey.

(To other principles) Let the Arrow of Light be conferred upon them.

Guide: *(to Chief)* Wait, Brother Takachsin! Before receiving this most high honor, they must hear its legend so they may understand and appreciate what they are to receive.

Chief: *(to Medicine Man)* Brother Weuchsowagam, let the legend of the Arrow of Light be known to all present.

Med: *(Moves forward)* In the ages past, when the Nations of the red man spread across the land, there was a young member of one tribe called Akela. Akela wished to be a warrior as the older men of his tribe were, but no one would consider him so. "Little Akela, he is too young to join the hunt," they would say. "Too slow to run with the Bobcat clan. Not clever enough to hunt with the Wolf clan. Such a young one is not strong enough to join the Bear clan." No matter how hard Akela worked, all ways were barred to him. But the Aged Chieftain of the tribe saw Akela differently than the rest. "The spirit of this young one burns brighter than the largest fire. Akela has served his brethren well for one of his age. The time will come when the tribe will need only that which Akela can give."

One night in the fall during the harvest, a party of warriors was canoeing back to their village after a hunt. On this night, the fog rolled thick across the river. The fog was so heavy, the river path back to the village was hidden from view. A nearby river path to the right led to a roaring chasm. The warriors did not know the safe path to take and were trapped.

Akela had been practicing his hunting skills in the hills above the river and had seen the danger to the canoe. He wrapped an arrow in a skin, set it aflame, and shot it into the sky toward the safe river path. The warriors in the canoe saw the flaming arrow through the fog and followed it toward the safe river path and the village.

The warriors went to the Chieftain saying, "We were trapped on the river and the Highfather sent an Arrow of Light through the sky to guide us." The Chieftain smiled and said, "The sign which led you to safety came not from the heavens but from one who you thought was too young to do anything." He brought Akela forward to the surprise of the warriors.

"Akela has proved himself worthy to wear the name of warrior. He has aided his brothers in their time of greatest need. Hereafter, all young members of our tribe shall become warriors only after meeting the challenges of the Arrow of Light. Let them each be filled with the spirit of Akela and follow his example of unselfish service to our brethren." And it was made so and carried through to the present day as you Webelos stand before us now, ready to receive the Arrow of Light.

Guide: Will the following Webelos and their parents please stand before us as your names are called. *(As Guide recites or reads names, the Medicine Man should direct Webelos to make a line across the southern end of the circle. Parents should stand behind their son(s).)*

Chief: Before this honor is conferred upon you, I must see your devotion to the high ideals of Scouting. Therefore, I ask you all now to raise your right hand to the Scout sign and repeat with me, the Scout Oath and Law. *(Raises hand in the sign of the Boy Scout -- followed by other principles and Webelos -- and leads them in the Scout Oath and Law, which they say together.)*

Guide: Having met all of its challenges, it is our duty and privilege to award you with the highest Cub Scout honor -- the Arrow of Light.

(To parents) Because of the support and guidance you have given these braves, I give the Arrow of Light to you to present to them. (moves to the front and gives the Arrow of Light card and/or patch to the parents who then present it to their sons.)

Med: My brothers and I also present you with this token from your pack. *(or say our tribe if your team supplied the tokens)* Keep this in remembrance of this occasion. *(Moves forward and presents each Webelos with a token. As he does so, the Chief and Guide congratulate each Webelos with the Scout Handshake. NOTE: If the Webelos are to be inducted into the troop at this time, continue, otherwise, jump to the closing below.)*

Graduation Ceremony

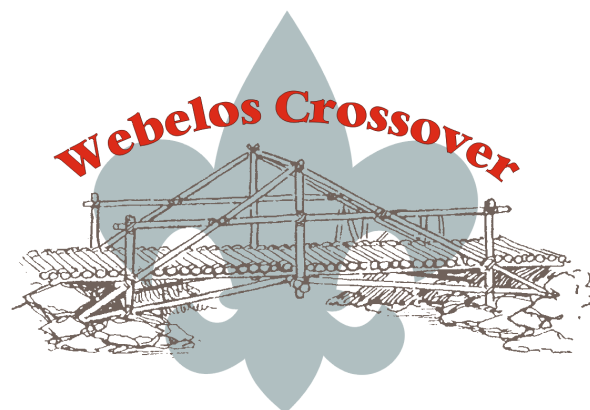
Guide: *(After all principles have returned to their places)* Parents, you may be seated.

Chief: As we have said before, this ceremony marks an end of a journey. But even as this journey ends, another is just beginning. Here at the summit of Cub Scouting you have found the start of a new trail. This trail is a pathway that leads to the realm of our brothers in the sky, the Eagles.

Med: But the trail will also be long and difficult. As you journey, you must keep the spirit of Akela strong within each of you. It will give you strength and guidance as you move onward.

Guide: *(Medicine Man moves between the members of the Scout troop and the Webelos)* The time has come for you to begin on the new trail. To join the clan of the warriors: The Scout Troop. Each of you shall now cross the bridge and be welcomed by the Troop members.

Med: As the night is a bridge between each day, let this be a bridge for each of you to the fellowship of Scouting. *(Medicine Man moves aside to let the Cub Scouts pass and cross the bridge. Webelos cross and are welcomed by a Troop member, after all have crossed and are greeted, Guide continues.)*



Closing Ceremony

Guide: *(To all still standing)* You may now be seated.

Chief: Once again, I congratulate you on your achievements. Having finished the work for which we were called to do, we now depart this gathering of your pack. Before we go, I would remind you to keep Akela's spirit alive. Let it ignite a spark within each of you that will fan into a fire as you grow.

(Pause)

We challenge all the younger braves present to continue on your trails and strive to reach the summit and the Arrow of Light. May the great master of all Scouts be with you until we meet again. *(Principles silently depart)*

**FUN AWARDS**

Our eyes are on you -- For the leader who sets the example (button eyes on a large felt U)

Order of the spare marble -- For the person who's lost 'em (a marble glued to a small piece of wood or to a string)

Spark plug award -- For the person who is the spark of a project (a spark plug mounted to a piece of wood)

Berry good job -- For the person who did a "Berry good Job" (a wax or plastic berry (any kind) mounted to a piece of wood)

Heads up award -- For the person who is heads above the rest (a plastic head mounted above a piece of wood using a piece of wire to keep the head above the wood)

Measure up award -- Your performance sets the standard (a ruler mounted to a piece of wood)

Bonafide award -- for the person who needs an award! (a dog bone mounted to a piece of wood)

Nuts about the job award -- for the person who had to be nuts (2 or 3 peanuts glued to a piece of wood)

Order of the bear -- For those that bear up under pressure (a plastic bear with a tire gauge)

Kiss award -- for those who deserve a kiss (a Hershey's kiss - silver foil)

Gold Kiss award -- for those who REALLY deserve a kiss (a Hershey's pecan kiss - gold foil)

Lifesaver award -- for that person who saved you (a Lifesaver on a string)

Banana Award -- for the person with great appeal (a wax or plastic banana mounted on a piece of wood)

Bright Idea award -- For those who had a bright idea (a light bulb mounted to a piece of wood)

Helping hand award -- For those who were willing to help (trace a hand on construction paper mounted to a piece of cardboard)

Hat's off award -- For someone we take our hats off to (an old hat mounted on a piece of wood)

Right foot award -- For those who got us off on the right foot (Trace a RIGHT foot --use caution some may not know left from right)

A note to start on -- For those who got us going (a musical note mounted on a piece of wood)

Big heart award ----- For those who always seem to have one (heart shaped craft material of any kind then decorated)

Udderly Ridiculous award -- Blown up latex glove

Well Done -- Burnt slice of toast

Nuttiest -- A bag of nuts

Corniest -- An ear or can of corn
Expanded our knowledge -- Elastic band or large rubber band
Best foot forward -- 12" ruler or a sock with the toe cut off
Heartfelt thanks -- Large heart cut from felt
You banded us together -- A bunch of rubber bands
Fan-tastic -- A fan (use your imagination)
Thanks a million -- Million \$ in play money
Covered the topic -- A plastic lid
Right-on target -- A target pasted to cardboard with "writing" on it
Kept us in stitches -- A needle and thread
Marbleous job -- A bunch of marbles
Worked like a dog -- A mounted dog biscuit or bone
Tee-rific -- A mounted golf tee or tea bag
The coveted dime and pin award -- Glue a pin to a dime
Plunged right in award -- Small sink plunger
Give out a "rais-in" pay -- a pyramid of raisins glued to a backing
Rose to the occasion -- an artificial or ribbon rose
N'ice Job -- A box of N'ice cough drops
Welcome aboard -- A 2 x 4 with the word "welcome" printed on it
Knocked yourself out award -- Mount a small hammer or mini bat
A real card -- Mount a playing card
A real cut up -- Mount a plastic knife or pair of scissors or a cookie cutter
For those with a stake in the Scouts future -- A tent stake (or if you really mean it a 2 inch thick T-Bone)
You charged us up -- A battery
You tickled our funny bone -- A feather mounted to a bone
Shining Example -- A small flashlight
The right arm award -- Cardboard arm with the hand in the Scout sign
Cheerleader award----Mount a stiff wire through a box of Cheer laundry soap and add pom-poms to the wire
Do-re-me Award----For your song leader -- mount a note or cleft
Ringy Dingy Award----Mount a plastic phone or two cans on a string This is for those who are your phone call addicts.
The band-aid Award----For those who can fix anything ----For someone who got a boo-boo
The Alka Seltzer or Fizzy Award ----- For those who add fizz to the group or meeting
The Rope Award ----- For those who always tie up the loose ends
The Crutch Award----For those who you can lean on
Key to Success----For those who were key to making it happen
Whale Award ----- For those who did a whale of job
Football Award----A small football to the person who always is willing to tackle a job
Cone Award----Mount an ice cream cone for the person who can lick any job I've even seen one of those street cones be used

NATIVE AMERICAN PRAYERS

A NATIVE AMERICAN PRAYER

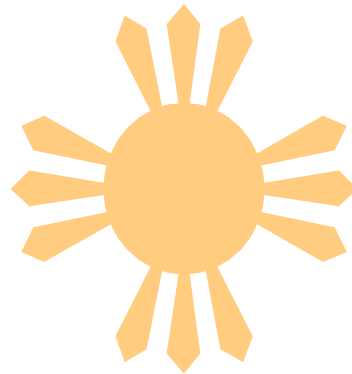
O Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds and whose breath gives life to all the world, Hear me!
I am small and weak.
I need your strength and wisdom.
Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the sunset.
Make my hands respect the things you have made and my ears sharp to hear your voice
Make me wise so that I may understand the things you have taught my people.
Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.
I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy - myself.
Make me always ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes.
So when life fades, as the fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame.

SIOUX PRAYER

Grandfather Great Spirit All Over The World,
The Faces Of Living Ones Are Alike.
With Tenderness, They Have Come Up Out Of The Ground.
Look Upon Your Children That They May Face The Winds
And Walk The Good Road To The Day Of Quiet.
Grandfather Great Spirit Fill Us With The Light.
Give Us the Strength To Understand And the Eyes To See.
Teach Us To Walk The Soft Earth As Relatives....
To All That Live.

SCOUT INDIAN PRAYER

Morning Star wake us, filled with joy.
To new days of growing to man from boy
Sun, with yow power, give us light.
That we can tell wrong and do what is right.
South Wind, we ask, in your gentle way.
Blow us the willingness of obey.
North Wind, we ask, live up to thy name.
Send us the strength to always be game.
East Wind, we ask, with your breath so snappy.
Fill us with knowledge of how to be happy.
West Wind, we ask, blow all that is fair.
To us, that we may always be square.
Moon, that fills the night with red light.
Guard us well while we sleep in the night.
Akela, please guide us in every way.
We'll follow your trail in work or play



CLOSINGS

Baden Powell Closing

This Closing can be done by having boy recite one line each, or one person can read the entire poem.

Baden Powell had a vision
Which he made come true,
So that we enjoy Scouting
And have fun while we do
He wasn't an American
But he's famous to us;
He had earned in America
Our admiration and trust.



May the Spirit of Scouting
Be with both young and old,
As you never forget
The Blue and Gold.

May you strive for Truth and Spirituality in the warm Sunlight under the sky above.

May you bring Good Cheer and Happiness to others and have steadfast Loyalty and love.

A Little Scout Follows Me

A careful Scouter I ought to be,
A little Scout follows me.
I do not dare to go astray,
For fear he will go the same way.

Not once can I escape his eyes,
Whatever he sees me do, he tries.
Like me he says he's going to be,
That little Scout who follows me.
He thinks that I am good and fine,
Believes in every word of mine,
The bad in me he must not see,
That little Scout who follows me.

I must remember as I go,
Through summer sun and winter snow,
I am building for the years to be,
That Scout who follows me.



DECORATIONS/CRAFTS

CORN-PRINT PLACEMATS

Reserve an ear from your cook pot to print a colorful set of these holiday place mats.



Materials

- Ear of corn
- Kitchen knife
- Plastic corncob holders
- Fabric paints
- Paper plates
- Cloth place mats

Step 1: Break an uncooked ear of corn into 2 1/2-inch lengths, coaxing the breaks with a kitchen knife if necessary (adults only). Firmly attach plastic corncob holders to the ends.

Step 2: Next, pour a few shades of fabric paint onto paper plates. Roll the corn in the paint and then across a cloth place mat (you may want to practice on newspaper or fabric scraps first). Repeat, overlapping patterns and hues.

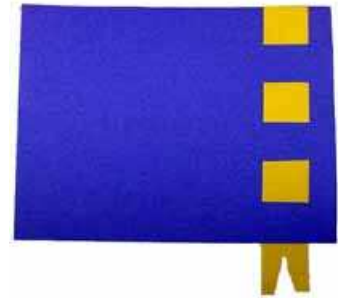
Step 3: Heat-set the painted place mats according to the manufacturer's directions

BLUE & GOLD RIBBON PLACE MATS

This place mat gives a nice presentation on your Blue & Gold Banquet table. Alternate the colors on the layout, if desired.

Materials:

- Blue construction paper
- Yellow construction paper
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Scissors



Directions (*Refer to the photo to help with cutting lines.*)

- On the right side of the blue construction paper, about 1" from the short side, make a mark about 1 1/2" from the top (long side) of the paper.
- Measure down about 1 1/2" and make another mark.
- Repeat until you have 5 marks.
- Cut a slit on each of the 5 marks about 1" from the right (short) side), going towards the middle about 1 3/4" long.
- Cut a strip of yellow construction paper 1 1/2" wide by the length of the paper.
- Cut a V shape in one short end of the yellow strip. This is the ribbon.
- Weave the ribbon through the place mat.

PLACE CARDS



Native American Medallion

Inspired by pendants carved by the Wampanoag, these medallions display symbols that hold special meaning for their wearers.

Materials

- Light brown felt
- Hole punch
- Yellow, red and brown yarn
- 1/2-inch wooden beads (optional)
- Permanent marker

Step 1: Cut out two felt circles, each one approximately 4 inches in diameter. (You can use chalk to trace around the lid of a coffee can to get the right-sized circle.)

Step 2: Use a single-hole punch (or scissors) to cut out circles around the outside of both pieces of felt, leaving a 1/4-inch margin and 2 inches for the opening of the pouch.

Step 3: Place one circle on top of the other, then use an 18-inch piece of yarn to thread the two felt pieces together. Knot the yarn in the back of the medallion.

Step 4: To make a braided chain for the necklace, twist together two pieces of yellow yarn, two pieces of red, and two pieces of brown (each piece of yarn should be about 1 yard long). Then braid the three colors together. Add wooden beads while braiding by tying a knot in the braid, slipping on the bead and then tying another knot on the other end.

Step 5: Thread each end of the braided chain through the top holes on each side of the opening of the pouch and tie the ends together on the back.

Step 6: Create a design for the front of the medallion (sketch one on a separate sheet of paper first) and then use the permanent marker to draw the design on the felt. The Cub Scout can draw something that's meaningful to him or to the person to whom he plans to give the medallion. (He can also write a message and slip it inside the pouch.) These can be made and placed for each family member.

Cub Scout Place Markers

Materials:

- Spring-type clothespins
- "Painters" paint markers in a variety of colors
- Blue chenille stems
- Wire cutters
- Paper (for names)
- Scissors
- Base (cardboard square or Woodsie square), optional
- Tacky glue



Directions:

Use paint markers to draw the Scout on the clothespins. Be sure the head of the Scout is near the closed area of the clothespin.

Cut a piece of chenille stem and push through the hole in the spring to use as arms. Bend as shown in the photograph.

Cut a piece of paper or cardstock to use for the name.

Write the name on the paper and clip in the clothespin.

Glue the Scout, if desired, to the base to make him less likely to fall over.

NUT CUPS

Pinch Pot Favors <http://family.go.com/crafts/buildmodel/craft/pinchpots/>

The Native Americans made pinch pots out of clay to use for everything from storing grains to cooking over a fire. This Blue and Gold, they serve a more decorative purpose — as place markers filled with sweet treats.

Materials

- Self-hardening clay in moist form (available at crafts stores)
- Bowl of water
- Nontoxic acrylic paints
- Paper cupcake liners
- Candies



Step 1: Since clay can be hard for little hands to mold, an adult can make each pinch pot base by pressing her thumbs into a plum-size ball of clay.

Step 2: Roll some clay snakes and mold them around the formed bases to build up the pots. Once each pot has reached a satisfactory height, wet the clay with water and smooth the sides, kneading the clay so that there are no gaping holes.

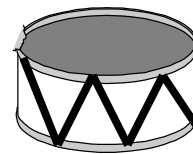
Step 3: When the clay has air-dried (this takes about twenty-four hours), decorate the outside of the pots with acrylic paints.

Step 4: Line the bowls with cupcake liners and then fill them with mints, chocolates and messages to tell your guests what you learned about scouting and Our Native Peoples.

DRUM NUT CUPS

Materials

- Tuna fish cans
- File
- Spray box
- Spray gold paint
- Blue paint



Wash and dry tuna fish cans

File the inside edge and make sure there are no sharp edges.

Place cans upside down in the spray box and spray paint the cans gold.

Let dry. When the cans are dry, paint blue diagonal lines to simulate drum lashings, or paint with Native American designs. Fill with goodies.

CENTERPIECES

TEPEE TREATS <http://family.go.com/crafts/season/craft/tepetreat/>

Historically, an Indian tepee was made from a cone of long poles and a hide covering that appeared shiny white until the hearth fire cured it. Construct a village of similarly handsome — though edible — tepees with this food craft

Materials

Sugar cones
Confectioners' sugar
Unsalted butter
Vanilla extract
Cake-decorating icing
Decorative candies
Toothpicks or pretzel sticks



Step 1: In a mixing bowl with an electric beater set at low speed, mix 2 cups of sifted confectioners' sugar, 1/4 cup of softened, unsalted butter, and 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla extract until smooth and spreadable. Stir in a bit of milk, if needed

Step 2: Use the icing to lightly frost eight ice cream sugar cones, then place them in the freezer for a few minutes until the icing hardens.

Step 3: Now use tubes of cake-decorating icing to draw linear patterns and images and glue on decorative candies. For lodge poles, insert toothpicks or pretzel sticks into the tip of each cone.

Step 4: Place on a plate or tray covered with green tinted coconut. (Place shredded coconut in a plastic Ziploc bag and add one drop green food coloring-shake bag. Add additional food coloring until desired tint is achieved)

FLOWER POT

Take a small flower pot.....paint with Native American symbols, then

Plug hole-add decorative sand-insert 3 taper candles

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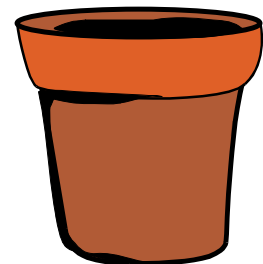
Add potting soil-plant several corn kernels about 1 month before Blue and Gold. And place in a bright window still-. At banquet time, Glue popcorn kernels around the outside top rim of the pot and around the rim of the drip saucer. Cover the soil with the kernels. You could also plant a sweet potato plant as well.

OR

Invert pot...wedge candle taper in hole or use as base for a larger candle. Use floral clay to secure the candles.

OR

Place floral foam inside and make an arrangement with silk blue and gold flowers.



BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET PIN

This project was contributed by: Scott Mehl

Parental supervision is recommended.

Materials:

About 60 Blue Perler Beads
About 60 Yellow Perler Beads
Perler heart-shaped form
Special ironing sheet (comes with the Perler beads)
Iron and ironing board
Hot glue gun
Pin backing



Directions:

Look at the photograph for the idea on how to lay out your beads on the heart-shaped form.
Iron the beads per the manufacturer's instructions.
Let cool completely.
Carefully peel off the heart from the form.
Hot glue the pin back to the side of the heart that has been ironed on.
Give to your mother to wear to the Blue and Gold Banquet, or any Pack Meetings.

ADDITIONAL PLANNING TIPS

- Plan early - remember, if you "fail to plan" then you "plan to fail"
- Reserve the meeting room well in advance
- Ask a few Boy Scouts to help serve and clean up
- Ask parents and guests to RSVP so you can plan food and seating accordingly
- Use all the resources (people, donations, equipment, etc.) available to your pack; check parent talent survey sheets
- Keep crafts (placemats, napkin rings, etc.) simple and ask parents to help with them
- Involve the boys; remember this banquet is for them
- Keep the songs and skits short and simple
- Keep good communications between the B&G Committee and the Pack Committee
- Ask Committee to write a report and suggestions; Add it to a folder for future B&G Committees

DON'T FORGET TO HAVE FUN!

The following pages were submitted by this year's instructors for the Pow Wow session on "Blue and Gold Banquets" and are part of their handouts for the class. The NCAC Steering Committee would like to thank them for their contribution!

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

The Blue and Gold banquet is the most exciting event on the Cub Scout calendar. It is the annual birthday celebration of Cub Scouting. Every family in the pack can take part in its planning and execution. The banquet is held in February, as this is the anniversary month of the Boy Scouts of America. The BLUE AND GOLD gets its name from the Cub Scout colors -- blue and gold.

Some packs make the banquet a potluck dinner affair, having each family bringing a covered dish. Other packs prefer buying the food, having it prepared by a parent's committee, and pro-rating the cost among those attending the banquet. Some packs have a formal dinner while some packs just do a cake and ice cream celebration.

What is important is that you celebrate Cub Scouting!

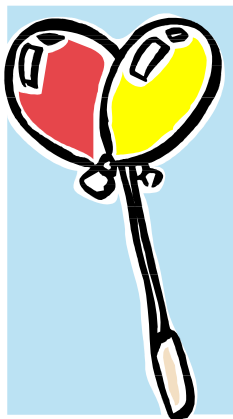


Table decorations may be elaborate or simple. Attractive menu cards or dinner programs can be made along with place cards and place mats, and table centerpieces. Make it elaborate or keep it simple....this is a decision for each pack.

For many packs, the highlight of the Blue and Gold Banquet is the recognition of leaders and other pack members that helped make the pack's year successful. Recognition ceremonies and wholesome family entertainment, couple with fellowship, are the prime ingredients to every successful Blue and Gold Banquets.

There are three important rules to follow to make your Blue and Gold Banquet a success:

- Remember that it is the celebration of Cub Scouting;
- It takes lot's of advance planning; and
- "Keep It Simple, Make It Fun".

Share the responsibilities of the planning and execution and get everyone in the pack involved. Let the boys share in making the decorations and have them do the banquet entertainment.

BANQUET PLANNING

To be successful, the banquet must be planned well in advance. A banquet chairman is selected by the pack committee. This chairman recruits parents (preferable non-leaders) to carry out the various responsibilities or organizing and putting-on the banquet.

STEPS TO PLANNING A BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

1. Select a date, time and place. The banquet usually takes place in February. It may be the pack's regularly scheduled February meeting or it may be a special meeting. It is up to you!
2. Select the place. Reserve your selected facility early, as popular facilities get booked months in advance. Give some thought to the following:
 - Is there adequate space for ceremonies, entertainment and displays?
 - Are the number of tables and chairs sufficient for your group?
 - What is the availability of on/off street parking, rest rooms, and coat racks?
 - Will a microphone, stage and dressing rooms be needed?
 - Is there a food preparation area? Food serving area?
 - Where are the fire exits? Is an emergency evacuation plan needed?
 - Are there any facility costs and how will they be paid?
3. Plan dinner
 - Select a meal plan
 - Determine serving and kitchen equipment needs for food preparation.
 - Determine the menu and estimate its costs.
 - Assign serving and cleanup functions.
4. Plan the evening's Program
 - Determine the entertainment: will the boys/leaders do the entertainment or will outside entertainment be arranged.
 - Make props for skits and ceremonies for recognition of boys and leaders.
 - Make assignments for various parts of the evening's program:
 - Invocation
 - Welcome and Introduction of Guests
 - Ceremonies
 - Recognitions
 - Entertainment
5. Make the decorations
 - Determine the theme, type, and kind of decorations for the Banquet hall and tables. Do not forget about the display table!
6. Publicity: Get the word out to about, time, place, and cost (if any) of your banquet.
 - Make and mail invitations -- Consider inviting guests, such as the Head of your Charter Organization, School Principal, Institutional Representative, Scoutmasters of your feeder Troops,



District and Unit Commissioners, District Executive, former Cubmasters and cub scouts, and Den chiefs.

7. Think about Clean-up: Successful banquets create trash...lots of trash. Have a plan to clean-up and return the facility to a condition that is acceptable to its owner.
 - Make sure you have a cleaning crew assigned to this task. And do not forget to bring garbage bags...lots of garbage bags.
8. Evaluate your Banquet: Write a description of what went into your Blue and Gold. Identify committees created, tasks required, and contacts made. Include examples of your invitation and program, pictures of the decorations and festivities, and your budget. Include a brief write-up of what when right and what when wrong, and what would be done differently, if you had more time. Put all of it in a three ring binder and give it to next year's committee.

Consider the following committees to help in arranging and putting on a Blue and Gold Banquet:

Physical Arrangement Committee

1. Makes arrangement for banquet location (no less than 6 weeks in advance of the event).
2. Checks seating capacity -number of tables available. Estimates attendance.
3. Checks lighting, stage, heating, and public address system.
4. Locates rest rooms - makes sure they will be open and are adequate for your group size.
5. Checks availability of coat room or coat racks.
6. Makes floor plan of tables, seating assignments, and head table (if desired).
7. Makes arrangements to get into building early on the day of the banquet.
8. Creates the evacuation plan, just in case of emergency!
9. Sets up tables and chairs for the dinner.
10. Informs dens what time they can decorate. (Make sure to allow time for people to get home and dress for dinner.)

Invitations Committee

1. Makes arrangements for invitations to be sent to each family through the dens. Every family should know the date, time, place, cost (if any), and what food they are to bring, (if any).
2. Sends written invitations to honored guests.
3. Follows-up to see how many guests plan to attend and notifies the physical arrangements committee so seating can be planned.
4. Serves as greeters at the door on banquet night, furnishing name tags for all guests and helping everyone find their assigned seats/tables.

Program Committee

1. Determines whether guests will be seated at the head table or with dens. Notifies physical arrangements committee so seating can be planned.
2. Selects the Master of Ceremonies.
3. Make assignments for various parts of the banquet's program.
4. Plans room and table decorations, exhibits and displays. (Table decorations should be handled by each den.)
5. Makes copies of program for people participating (or you may wish to have a printed program for everyone attending).
6. Includes a planned activity for small children so they may be entertained while ceremonies and recognitions are conducted.

Dinner Committee

1. Selects the meal's serving method: catered, potluck, or committee prepared.
2. If catered: plans the menu and determines the cost.
3. If potluck: decide if dens will plan their own menus or if each den family will bring food to contribute to an over-all menu. If dens plan their own menus, selects a parent from each den to act as dinner coordinator for the den.
4. If committee prepared: select menu, recruit committee to purchase and prepare the meal.
5. Decides if the pack will provide such things as serving pieces, salt, pepper, sugar, napkins, drinks, etc. If so, make arrangements to buy or have these items donated or have dens/families purchase or bring these items.
6. Decides on desert (cake or cupcakes are very appropriate as the celebration is Scouting' a Birthday!



TYPES OF BANQUETS

1. Potluck #1: Each den's families are asked to provide one main dish and one extra dish (salad, vegetable, or dessert). All food is placed on one table and served buffet style. The pack provides the beverages and breads. No charge is made for the meal.
2. Potluck #2: Each den's families are asked to provide either a vegetable, salad or dessert. The pack provides the meat, beverages and breads. All food is placed on one table and served buffet style. A charge is made to cover the expense of the purchased items.
3. Family Style Potluck: Each den's families are asked to provide one main dish and one extra dish (salad, vegetable, or dessert) and is served family style among den's families. The den may provide bread and beverages or the pack may provide them. No charge is made for the meal.
4. Cook your own: The pack decides on the menu, purchases the food, and distributes it to the dens for cooking and preparing. A charge is made for the cost of the food.

5. Box Supper #1: Each family is asked to bring one box supper for each family member. All boxes are exchanged for numbered ticket. Boxes are assigned a random number and returned to the family holding the number ticket to the box supper. The family members may eat together, sharing their box supper.
6. Sponsor Dinner: The Chartered Organization provides all food, beverages, and condiments. No charge is made for the meal.
7. Catered Meal: A local caterer is hired to provide, all or a portion of the meal. Costs determine the prices of the meal tickets. (Ticket prices need to be kept reasonable Usually children five and under are free.)
8. Cafeteria #1: A school cafeteria staff is hired to provide the meal, charging each person going through the line.
9. Cafeteria #2: The pack purchases the food, which is prepared by the cafeteria staff. charge is based on cost of food and charges for the staff, if not donated. Pack members can substitute for or assist the cafeteria staff, to cut costs.
10. Restaurant: A local restaurant is selected as the banquet site and a menu is chosen. charges are based on the menu. Be sure to secure the cost of the meal, plus tax and tip.
11. Birthday Party: No is served food -- instead cake and ice cream are served to celebrate Scouting's Birthday.

BLUE AND GOLD TIME LINE

SEPTEMBER: After school night for scouting: Select committee — one person from each den, and recruit either the treasurer, Cubmaster or Assistant Cubmaster as a member of the banquet committee.

OCTOBER: Choose banquet committee chairman, choose theme; set the date and time, put the banquet on the pack's calendar; set location and make reservations. Discuss a back-up plan.

NOVEMBER: Choose the type of meal, plan the menu and determine if its going to be catered, potluck, box supper, etc. Finally, decide if there will be a per person charge for the dinner. Hire caterers and outside entertainment, if needed. Decide on the type of entertainment (*Roundtable is a good place to find available groups*) and start looking to secure it. Confirm or make invitations. Form the guest list for special guests.

JANUARY: Finalize all plans:

1. Mail invitations
2. Confirm entertainment
3. Get dens to work on decorations
4. Elect clean up crew
5. Visit the banquet location to determine the event's needs

THREE WEEKS PRIOR: Count RSVP's; order food and supplies; reconfirm the location, time, and entertainment. Create a floor plan of for placement of the podium, all tables and chairs (including the head table), trash receptacles, display tables, award tables, and food serving tables. Check with caterers.

TWO WEEKS PRIOR: Check with Den Leaders on decorations and participation, gather advancements and pick up awards. Print the program. Decide seating chart. Check with the location to see when you can get in to decorate.

THE DAY BEFORE: Check on food and decorations. If possible, set up and decorate the facility. Organize awards and advancements.

BANQUET DAY: Final check in the morning and enjoy the banquet.

ONE WEEK LATER: Send thank you notes. Contact location for any problems they may have (you may need the facility for next year's banquet). Talk to Den Leaders and the boys for feedback. Complete financial accounting and evaluate actual expenses against the budget. Banquet committee report written to the Pack Committee Chairman on cost, challenges, problems, successes, and suggestions for next year.

RECIPE IDEAS

CELEBRATION SALAD

2 cups diced cooked chicken
2 cups diced cooked ham
2 cups diced celery
1 cup salted almonds
½ cup mayonnaise
1 hard-boiled egg
2 Tbls pimiento slices
Lettuce

Combine chicken, ham, celery, almonds & mayonnaise. Serve on lettuce leaves. Cut egg lengthwise into eighths. Garnish salad with egg wedges & pimiento. Serve with hot biscuits Serves 6.

BAKING POWDER BISCUITS

2 cups flour
1 tsp salt
2 Tbls sugar
2 Tbls shortening
4 t. baking powder
1/2 cup milk, or enough to make a stiff dough.

Sift flour, salt, sugar & baking powder into a bowl. Cut in shortening Add milk, a little at a time, to make a stiff dough. Turn out onto a floured breadboard. Sprinkle flour over the top if sticky & pat into a circle about 1 inch thick. Cut into rounds with a biscuit cutter dipped in flour. Place in a greased pan; bake in 400 degree oven 15 to 20 minutes. Serve hot with Celebration Salad or serve with butter & honey.

FRUIT PIZZA

1/2 pkg. yellow cake mix
 1/2 cup chopped pecans
 2 Tbls water
 2 Tbls brown Sugar
 2 Tbls butter
 1 egg
 Assorted fruit -- pineapple, grapes, bananas, strawberries

Combine cake mix, water, egg, butter and brown sugar. Fold in nuts. Pour batter into greased pans. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 minutes. Cool. Combine 8 oz cream cheese (soft) 1/2 cup Sugar, 1 tsp vanilla and mix well. Spread mixture over cake, arrange fruit in circular patterns. Heat 1/2 cup apricot, peach or strawberry preserves with 2 Tbls. water until melted. Cool. Brush on top of fruit to keep fresh, FREEZE, CUT AND SERVE FROZEN.

KOOL-AID SHERBERT

1 cup sugar
 1 package unsweetened Kool—Aid
 3 cups milk
 Dissolve sugar & Kool-Aid in milk.

Pour into freezer tray. Freeze until mushy. Spoon mush into a bowl; beat until smooth. Freeze for at least 2 hours. Makes 5 or 6 Servings.

PROGRAM IDEAS**Opening: The Meaning of Blue and Gold**

Eight boys line up holding large cards that are blank on one side. The first four carry blue cards and the second four have gold cards. As they speak their lines they turn over their cards spelling out BLUE and GOLD. The letters on the cards in the opposite color, such as blue on the gold cards and gold on the blue cards. Large pieces of construction paper with block letters cut out of the opposite color show up nicely.

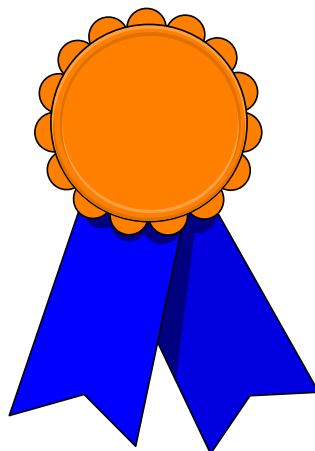
B Boys that are clad in blue and gold, you see,
L Live up to their promise, good Cub Scouts to be
U Under the sky above, striving for truth and spirituality.
E Each Cub Scout learns a steadfast loyalty.

G Giving good cheer as part of the law of the Pack.
O Obeying the Law, never to be slack.
L Living under warm sunlight, seeking joy in each day,
D Doing and learning, in the Boy Scout way.

Awards and Recognition

The Blue and Gold Banquet is also a time to recognize those fellow leaders who have gone the extra mile. These award should be simple and in fun & can be made with things around the house or found at a craft store.

For being a life saver (A package of life savers)
 For being Totally awesome (A box of Total)
 Un-measurable service (A ruler)
 For a blooming personality (A plastic flower)
 For being the apple of our eye (A plastic or real apple)
 For lighting up the meetings (A light bulb)
 For putting your best foot forward (A plastic foot)
 For a ducky job (A toy duck)
 For a over abundance of energy (A size D battery)
 For colorful ideas (A box of colors)
 For being tops with us (A toy top)
 For being #1 (A birthday candle that is a #1)
 A note of thanks (A toy musical instrument)
 Greatest scouting fan (A small fan)
 For raisin leaders (A box of raisins)
 For adding an extra spark (A spark plug)
 For being a sweetie (A candy bar)
 For being a joy to be around (An almond joy bar)
 For guiding us in the right direction (A compass)
 For being a good egg at helping (A plastic egg)
 For giving a helping hand when needed (A plastic hand)
 For refreshing ideas (A bottle of Listerine)
 For caring enough to give the best (A hallmark card)
 For being the official cheerleader (A box of cheer)
 For putting in a lot of time (A toy watch)
 For seeing that everyone was trained (A small toy train)



Gourdy Faces

These have infinite possibilities. Let your Cubs get into the act of designing decorations using these gourds.

Materials: Gourd, soapy water, enamel or poster paints, paintbrush

Directions:

Select a firm gourd with a fairly long neck.
Wash it with soapy water and dry thoroughly.
Paint a face on the gourd.



Fiesta Spash – A Placemat

Materials:

Construction paper (in light colors and large enough for a placemat)
Poster Paints (bright colors)
Rolling pin

Directions:

Place construction paper on top of newspaper or wax paper to prevent a mess. Drop spots of paint on the paper. Place same size sheet of paper right on top of spotted sheet. Use a rolling pin to roll over top sheet to create a “splash effect”. Makes two placemats at a time.

Tree Centerpiece

A very simple and easy project made of a tree branch. Insert the branch into a tuna fish can. Spray paint the branch gold and the tuna can blue. Cut out small images of ‘wolves’ and ‘bears’. Attach them to the tree.

Photo Place Card

For a memorable keepsake, draw outlines of as many ‘bears’ or wolves’ as are in your den. Take photos of each boy and cut the heads out. Cut a circular opening in the bear or wolf head. Glue the boy’s photo to each being sure to match each boy with his proper rank.

Corsage

Purchase one “gold” colored scrubber from the store. Shape into a flower. Stray with gold paint and add a blue ribbon.