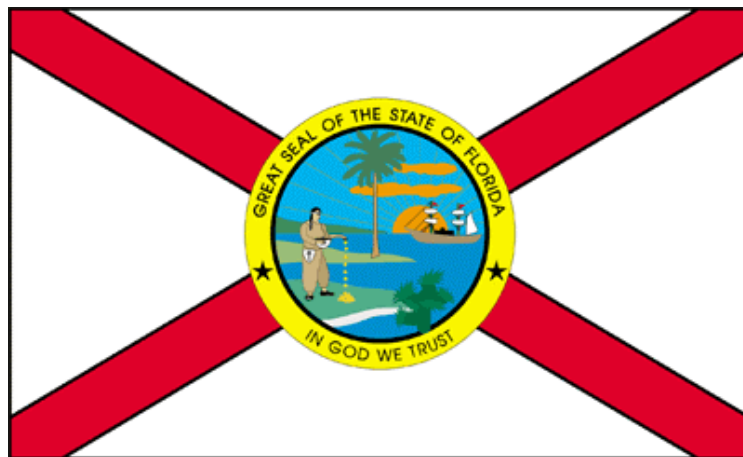


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## ***Preopening Activity: State Landmarks***

On a sheet of copy paper, draw a grid of 20 squares. In each square, write the name of a city, landmark, state park, tourist attraction, or other site in your state. Give each participant a copy of this sheet, then try to locate someone in the room who has visited one of these sites and ask that person to sign the square. Depending on the number of participants, try to not have any duplicate signatures.

## ***“State Pride Opening Ceremony”***

In a procession, Cub Scouts and leaders advance and post the US flag and the state flag. Have Cub Scouts each read one statement about the state flag, such as who designed it, when it was designed, what it symbolizes, etc. Additional Cub Scouts or leaders might also say one statement about the state and tell what it means to them-when did their family move to the state, famous relatives, settlers, etc. Sing your state song at the end of the commentaries.

***Prayer:*** “*The men and women who settled on our state saw more than land to build upon. They had a vision of what the land could be. We, as leaders of Scouts, have a vision of what our Scouts could be-leaders of tomorrow. Guide our words and our actions as we build for the future. Amen.*”

## ***Ice Breaker:***

Oklahoma Applause

All stand as if on stage ready to sing, fling out arms, sing “OOOOOkla...wait a minute! We live in FLORIDA!

## ***Song: “My Home State”***

Tune: “Jingle Bells”

Just sit right down and hear a tale of my home state. It may not be perfect, but I find it just great.

From men in industry, to cooks who stir the batter, just like every single state we have the things that matter.

Chorus:

My home state, my home state, land where I reside,  
All around the countryside the people show their pride.

My home state, my home state, friends and family,  
Oh, how great it is to live within her boundaries.

We have a governor and legislature, too.

Police and firemen, who protect you and me,  
Our farmers work real hard to plant and grow their crops.  
Their job is so important that it never really stops.  
Chorus

It takes a lot of folks to make a state a state,  
The doctor and the nurse, the judge and magistrate.  
The highway building crew, the men that guard the gates,  
I’m so glad they make life grand right here in my home state!

Chorus

## ***Game: “The Landmark Relay”***

Preparation: Draw an outline of your home state on poster board. Tape pictures of state landmarks at their approximate locations and number each picture. For each team, write the name of each site on a slip of paper and place the papers in a team container. Place the team containers in front of the map. At a predetermined signal, the first boy on each team runs to the container, removes a slip of paper, and returns to his team. Together they decide which number on the map represents that landmark and marks the slip accordingly. Younger boys may confer with adult partners or den leaders (who may give hints but not a direct answer). The next player then runs to retrieve another slip, the team agrees where the landmark is located, and the number is written on the slip of paper. Play continues until all teams have finished. The team with the most correct answers is rewarded with an appropriate cheer or applause by the rest of the pack.

## ***A State of Growth Transition Ceremony***

Cubmaster: We all grow up in a hometown.

Sometimes it is just a small village and sometimes it is a bustling city, but each one of these hometowns has something in common. Every big city in America started out as a small town. A youth’s growth in Scouting is much like the growth of a big city in our State.

Would all Tiger Cubs and their adult partners come forward? The Tiger Cub year is much like building the first street in a new town. The way has been paved for many new roads and adventures ahead for both these boys and their families as they continue on into a Wolf Cub Scout den. (Present recognitions)

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Would our Wolf Cub Scouts and their parents or guardians please come forward? The Wolf Cub Scouts year requires the cooperation of the boy, his family, and the den leader. They are like a block of streets and avenues that begin to grow into a neighborhood of like-minded citizens. Our young Scouts have worked with a group of caring adults that are committed to their future as they move into a Bear Cub Scout den. (Present recognitions.) Would our Bear Cub Scouts and their parents or guardians please come forward? Just as neighborhoods form into towns because of needs that can't be met within their own boundaries, the experiences that boys need to grow in strong young men must be challenging and rewarding. As a boy grows older there is a thirst for knowledge and skills that cannot always be filled by his surrounding neighbors. It is time to reach out toward new adventures as these boys are exposed to an ever-widening group of experiences as they move into a Webelos den. (Present recognitions.) Would our fourth grade Webelos Scouts and their parents or guardians come forward? In the Webelos program, just like with the first settlers of our state of Florida, there comes a time when you have learned enough to prepare yourself for bigger and bolder adventures. Only the far-off horizon limits the adventures ahead as these boys begin their final journey toward Boy Scouting. (Present recognitions.)



## **Separate Meetings: Tiger Cub Den Leaders and Cub Scout Den Leaders-**

Places to visit that relate to state history, culture, native habitats, etc. such as parks, forests, and other places where native trees, flowers, and plants can be observed. Don't forget to file tour permits and prepare for inclement weather.

## **Project: Spatter Prints**

Materials: old toothbrush; scissors; 12-inch square of wire screen; paper for prints; poster paint; four 1 1/4-inch lengths of 1-inch by 2-inch board; eight 1 1/2 inch nails; tacks or small nails; hammer, leaves



Lay leaf to be printed on a sheet of paper or card. Hold the prepared screen (see illustration) about four inches over the leaf. Dip toothbrush into paint and shake off the excess. Rub the brush over the screen, spattering tiny drops of color around and on the leaf. Remove the leaf, being careful not to smear the paint. Let dry.

### **Spatter Prints**



**To make a frame for the screen:** Form a square frame as illustrated. The frame should be about two inches high. Use two 1 1/2 inch nails to secure each corner. Tack the wire screen all around the frame.

## **Webelos Den Leaders:**



### **Outdoorsman Cooking**

Remind the Webelos den leaders that meals should be kept simple, especially on the first few campouts. Some preparation may be done at home, such as preparing the Foil Cooking Recipe. Stress proper sanitation and food handling. Encourage leaders to attend the next Outdoor Skills for Webelos Den Leader training to prepare for safe and fun outings with their boys.

### **Foil Cooking Recipe**

Materials: Heavy duty foil

Ingredients: Potatoes; onions; carrots; hamburger meat or boneless breast of chicken or turkey; quick-cooking rice, cream of mushroom or cream of celery condensed soup.

Layout foil to three times the length of the food. Lay slices of potatoes, onions and carrots on the foil, and then place meat on top of the vegetables. Sprinkle with uncooked rice and half a can of the soup. (Make sure soup is not reconstituted.) Fold over the foil and crimp the edges to form a tight seal. Have each Scout make a mark on the foil so he knows which packet is his. Place the packets on a shallow bed of glowing coals or on top of a

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propane-stove grid. Cook for 20 minutes, turning twice during cooking.

## **Boiled Omelets**

Who wants to spend most of their early morning campout cooking and cleaning up breakfast? But, on the other hand, you want to have a good breakfast to start the day. Here’s a great way to accomplish both.

Ingredients: Quart-size resealable plastic freezer bags; two or three eggs; slices of lunchmeat and cheese; mushrooms, peppers, or other vegetables, as desired.

Beat eggs and seal in a plastic bag with the other ingredients. Place in a large pot of boiling water. Cook about 10-15 minutes and pull out using tongs. Make sure the omelet is cooked by squeezing it to reveal any “liquid eggs.” When fully cooked, take the top part of the freezer bag and turn it “inside out” to make a bowl to eat from. When done, discard the bag and use the hot water to clean your silverware.

## **Cubmaster:**

Discuss the requirements of the National Summertime Pack Award.  
Project: Make Summertime Pack Activity Reminders that could be individualized and distributed to pack families as a reminder of summertime activity dates.



## **Pack Leaders:**

Selecting Leadership. Spring is the time to recruit your den and pack leadership for the fall, even for new dens that will not form until the fall. Stress the importance of selecting rather than recruiting leaders. Using Selecting Cub Scout Leadership as a resource, brainstorm methods for identifying potential leaders. Remind participants that it is the responsibility of the pack leadership to check the references on adult applications prior to their approval by the chartered organization.

**Project:** Play Building a Monument. Focus the discussion on the interrelationship of pack leadership positions and how the entire committee can be more



effective when they communicate and cooperate.

## **Run-ons:**

1. Announcer: We interrupt this program to bring you this message from the branch office.  
***Second boy runs on stage carrying a branch.***
2. Announcer: What is the worst month for soldiers?  
A long MARCH – Boys march off stage
2. Cub#1 What do baseball players eat on?  
Cub#2 Home plates!
3. Cub#1 Is this water healthy for swimming?  
Cub#2 Sure, it’s well water!

## **Closing Ceremony:**

### **Our Home State Cubmaster’s Minute**

Tonight our focus has been on our home state of Florida, a place we are all proud to call home. We have celebrated the natural beauty contained within our borders, the inspirational history of our past, the uniqueness of our people and culture. These are the very things that cause us to stand out from the crowd. It is those strengths that allow us to come together with 49 other home states and make up the greatest single nation that humanity has ever witnessed, these United State of America. To commemorate our home state’s place in our great nation, please rise and join me in singing “America the Beautiful”