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Opening Ceremony: News Desk

NARRATOR: Welcome! And not from the news desk of Pack No. _____, here’s (name).

REPORTER 1: Good evening. Tonight’s headlines include information about a wonderful group of boys-Cub Scouts!
Now to (name).

REPORTER 2: Thank you, (name). Cub Scouts is wonderful for boys; it’s “fun with a purpose.” And speaking of purpose, one of the purposes of Cub Scouting that we’ll be fulfilling this month is character development. That’s something you’re taught; it doesn’t just happen. Now to (name).

REPORTER 3: Thank you, (name). Another purpose of Cub Scouting is personal achievement-learning to set and complete realistic goals. Now to (name).

REPORTER 4: Thank you, (name). Let’s include fun and adventure this month, too. Boys of Cub Scout age are adventurous and like to have fun. And, they are fun to be with. Back to (narrator).

Narrator: Thank you, (name). As you have just heard, Cub Scouting is fun with a purpose. Always explore two or three of the purposes of Cub Scouting in your programs and events. And remember to include the core value of courage. This builds character. That’s our news broadcast for tonight. Thanks for joining us, Signing off until tomorrow-good night!

Prayer:

As we learn to communicate better with others, may we have the courage to always tell the truth. Amen.”

Television News Cheer:

Divide participants into three groups and assign each a broadcast news station. The first group stands and shouts out their letters; the second and

third follow. All stand together to repeat the-last line.

Group 1: C-B-S

Group 2: N-B-C

Group 3: A-B-C

All: They’ve Got News!

Song: “Cub Scout News”

Tune: “Cub Scout Spirit”

I’ve got a press pas in my Cub Scouting cap,
Cub scouting cap, Cub Scouting cap,
I’ve got a press pass in my Cub Scouting cap.
Now I can go and spread the news.
We have the Tiger Cubs doing search, discover,
share, Search, discover, share; search, discover,
share,
We have the Tiger Cubs doing search, discover,
share, now they can go and spread the news.
The Wolves are having fun in their dens,
Fun in their dens, fun in their dens,
The Wolves are having fun in their dens,
Now they can go and spread the news.
The Bears are choosing achievements to do,
Achievements to do, achievements to do,
The Bears are choosing achievements to do,
Now they can go and spread the news.
The Webelos are working real hard,
Working real hard, working real hard,
The Webelos are working real hard,
Now they’re prepared to join a troop!

Game: Newspaper Toss

Materials: Rolled sheets of newspaper secured with rubber bans, five per player, five targets per team-plastic hoops, boxes, or baskets

Mark a walking lane for each team the length of your meeting room. Place targets at intervals along the lane, about 6 feet away from the lane. Divide the

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group into teams; give each player five newspapers. The first person on each team walks/runs down the team’s designated lane and stops next to each target and tries to toss the newspaper into it. Upon reaching the end, he runs back and tags the next player. Score one point per successful toss. Score additional points for the order in which teams finish. (For example, if three teams are playing, the fastest team might get five points, the second team gets three points, and the team finishing last gets one point.)

Theme-Related Activity:

75th Anniversary Promotion. Invite a reporter from your local newspaper or television station to discuss how to promote an event and suggest some methods for promoting the 75th anniversary of Cub Scouting within your community. Topics should include writing press releases and radio spots and the advantages of photographs. Allow packs to share special events they have planned for Cub Scouting’s anniversary.

Arrow of Light Ceremony: The Seven Rays

Props: Enlarges replica of the Arrow of Light Award, seven candles, one arrow for each boy receiving the award. The arrow should have a point and be painted with stripes of color of the ranks each boy has achieved (orange stripe-Tiger, green-Bobcat, yellow-Wolf, blue-Bear, red-Webelos).

CUBMASTER: We’re gathered here today to celebrate Scouting and the accomplishments of our boys. Let’s take a look at several boys who have worked hard over the past year. They have completed the requirements to earn the highest award that a boy can earn in Cub Scouting, Not every boy who joins Cub Scouting earns this award; boys have to work hard for it. The Arrow of Light is the only Cub Scouting award that a boy can wear on his Boy Scout uniform.

I would like to introduce the candidates for the Arrow of Light Award. (As each boy is introduced,

he comes forward.) I would like to present each Webelos Scout with an arrow especially designed and prepared for him. Notice the color markings to indicate your advancement in Cub Scouting.

WEBELOS DEN LEADER: The arrow has a straight shaft so it will stay on the course upon which it has been set. The arrow point gives it direction, and the feathers help give it stability.
CUBMASTER: There are seven rays on the sun, just as seven of Cub Scouting’s core values are emphasized through the Webelos Scout activity badges. (Boys come forward and light candles as the values are read aloud.)

- **Perseverance:** Sticking with something and not giving up even if it’s hard.
- **Courage:** Doing what’s right regardless of how difficult it is or the consequences.
- **Health and Fitness:** Caring for our minds and bodies.
- **Responsibility:** Fulfilling our duty to take care of others and ourselves.
- **Respect:** Showing regard for the worth of everyone and everything.
- **Positive Attitude:** Setting one’s mind to look for and find the best in all situations.
- **Citizenship:** Contributing service and showing responsibility to local, state and national communities.

Separate Meetings:

Tiger Cub Den Leaders and Cub Scout Den Leaders- Activity: Tune Into Cub Scouts TV Centerpieces

Materials: Boxes of various sizes, black or gray construction paper, white paper for the TV screen, clear adhesive paper, square craft buttons (or something similar), glue, picture or Cub Scout. Wrap the box with dark paper, saving one side for the TV screen. Glue the white paper to that side; glue the buttons to the side, bottom, or top of the box to make a control panel. If desired, cover the control panel with a cardboard flap. For an extra



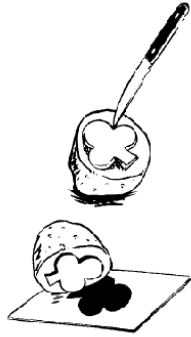
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decoration, roll aluminum foil into two long pieces and attach to the top to make an antenna. Stack the televisions on top of one another as centerpieces.

Potato Prints

Activity:

Potatoes make good block prints, if used right away. One potato makes at least two designs. Decide on a simple design. Cut out the design from heavy paper. Then cut a potato in half (adults only) and blot both surfaces on a paper towel or cloth to remove as much moisture as possible. With a pencil, trace the design on the potato’s cut surface. Cut away all parts of the potato that are NOT the design. (Adults may need to do this.) Be sure the design is raised at least ¼ inch higher than the rest of the potato surface. Again, remove additional moisture. Place clean paper on a pad of newspapers; press the potato stamp on a water-soluble printer’s inkpad. Transfer the design from the potato to the paper. Fuzzy edges will disappear after a few imprints.



Webelos Den Leaders:

Readyman Activity: Pressure Pad Relay



One boy lies about 30 feet in front of the team. Simulating arterial bleeding of the left wrist. On a signal, the first boy from each team runs up and applies a pressure pad (using his own neckerchief) over the simulated wound. When correct, the judge yells “off”, the boy removes the pad and runs back to the team, tagging the next boy, who repeat the operation.

Pack Leaders:

Remind you pack leaders of the importance of being creative in their use of announcements during pack meetings.

Activity:

Divide pack leaders into television, newspaper, and radio teams. Each team writes a press release, skit, commercial, or jingle for an assigned topic about which they might have to “spread the news” during their pack meeting. Topics could include recruiting, planning a blue and gold banquet, organizing a pinewood derby, holding a pack picnic, or renewing a charter.

Cubmasters:

Newspaper Neckerchief Slide (Activity):

Give each boy a 1-½ -by-2-inch piece of white poster board (or heavy paper). Boys write their own front-page headlines at the top edge of the poster board with a very fine point marker, and then add squiggles underneath in columns to complete the page. Cut pipe cleaners into 1-inch lengths and from them into circles to serve as the slide. Use a low temperature hot glue gun to glue one ring to the back of each “front page.”



Closing Ceremony

As we look at ways of getting the word out about Scouting, we need to remember that the boys we work with today will be the leaders of tomorrow.

We need to make sure-through spreading the news-that every boy has the chance to take part in what Scouting has to offer.”