



FIESTA

Cub Scouting January Roundtable

Theme: Fiesta!

Opening Ceremony:

“Bienvenidos al roundtable. Esta noche es la Fiesta!”

“A fiesta is a party celebrated with lots of good food, friendship and fun. We hope that you will find all these ingredients in our fiesta tonight.”

F-is for fun from far away lands.

I-is for incredible, our fiesta is going to grand!

E-is for excitement, we can hardly wait.

S-is for Scouting to help us learn while we play.

T-is for treats inside the piñata.

A-is for action, let the fiesta begin!

Prayer: “Scouting Thanks”

Para la vida y la comida, ofrecemos gracias.

For our lives, our food, and our friends here tonight, for all Scouts everywhere; for all our blessings, we give thanks. Amen.

Song: February is a time to celebrate the birthday of Cub Scouting. Children in Mexico do not typically sing “Happy Birthday.” Instead, they are serenaded with “Las Mananiitas”

Estas son las mananitas

Que cantaba el Rey David

Hoy por ser dia de tu santo

Te las cantamos a ti.

Despieta mi bien despierta

Mira que ya manecio.

Ya los pajarios cantan

La luna ya se metio.

Welcome and Introductions:

Game:

JaiAlai-materials: two 1-gallon plastic milk jugs or cartons and a sock rolled up like a ball cut the end off of a milk jug to form a scoop. Use the rolled-up sock as a ball. Divide the participants into two teams. Teams stand about 15 feet apart. The first player on one team places the “ball” in the scoop, holds it by the handle, and tosses the “ball” at the player on the other team. The other player must catch the “ball” with the other scoop. Using the hands to catch or throw the ball is not permitted. After one catch, the player passes the scoop to the next player and play continues until all players have participated. Any number can play, based on time. You might want to have several sets of the game available, as participants will want to have several turns!

Separate Meetings:

Tiger Cub Den Leaders and Cub Scout Den Leaders- Use Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs as a resource. Activity: In Mexico flowers are displayed and sold from decorative ox carts. Unique family designs and paintings, similar to a coat of arms, are used to decorate the carts.

Project:-Decorative Ox carts:

Materials- medium size shoe box, construction paper, streamers, markers four 5 inch cardboard circles, one pipe cleaner cut into four equal lengths. Cover the shoebox with construction paper. Decorate using markers and streamers. Poke a small hole in the center of each circle. Poke a hole in the two long sides of the box about

two inches in from the corner and about two inches from the bottom of the box. Attach the circles and align the holes. Insert the pipe cleaner and twist to secure. Fill the “cart” with colorful paper flowers. Use as a centerpiece at your fiesta.

Webelos Den Leaders: Boy Scout Troops: Parent Orientation and Scoutmaster Conference, Invite a Scoutmaster to lead a discussion about what to expect at a parent orientation meeting. Also discuss that a Scoutmaster conference allows leaders to prepare boys to be members of a troop and will help ease any fears of anxieties they may have. Briefly discuss other requirements for the Arrow of Light Award.

Scholar and Engineer-review the requirements for these activity badges.

Project: Demonstrate the purpose of anchorages and towers in Suspension Bridges

Many of the border crossings between Mexico and the United States are suspension bridges. A suspension bridge is special because it actually suspends the roadway from enormous cables that stretch from one end on the bridge to the other. These cables stretch across high towers in the middle of the bridge and are secured at each end by anchorages. The towers allow the cables to be draped over long distances. Most of the weight of the bridge is carried by the cables to the anchorages, which are imbedded in either solid rock or massive concrete blocks. Inside the anchorages, the cables are spread over a large area to evenly distribute the load and to prevent the cables from breaking free. To understand the role of the anchorages, have the Webelos Scouts try this experiment. Tie two loops of string around the tops of two hard cover books of similar size. Place books about 10 inches apart. Tie a third piece of string to each loop so that it hangs loosely between the books. What happens when you press down on the center string? Remove the strings from the books; stand them in the same position. On the outside of the two “bookends” place a stack of heavy books atop one end of a 3-foot length of string to secure it to the table. Then drape the string over each book, once again allowing some string to hang loosely between the books. Place a second stack of books on the other end of the string outside the second “bookend.” Push once again on the center of the string. What happens this time? The string (cable) is sturdier because the anchorages (stacks of books) help to stabilize the bridge.

Pack Committee: Selecting and Inspecting Meeting Places.

*The unit’s chartered organization must provide adequate meeting facilities, but the pack committee is responsible for inspecting the facilities. Use the Guide to Safe Scouting as a resource. Remember also to discuss adequate restroom facilities, parking, location, handicap accessibility, and safety issues.

Project: Colorful flowers are a common sight in Mexico. Flowers are used in ceremonies, as decorations and are often sold on street corners. A traditional Mexican craft is to make paper flowers. Practice making Tissue Paper Flowers. The flowers could be used as decorations at the blue and gold banquet. **Materials:** squares of colored tissue paper, dimensions depending on desired size of flower; pipe cleaners; scissors. Place three to four squares of various colors of tissue paper in a stack. Fold the pile of squares back and forth, accordion style. Twist a piece of pipe cleaner around the center of the pleats. Pull layers of the tissue paper toward the center to make flowers “blossom.”

Cubmasters: Planning Transition Ceremonies. Using Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs as a resource.

Project: Make Piñatas. Use them as props for the advancement ceremony found in 2003-2004 Cub Scout Program Helps (2 FEB 2004).

Closing: “The fiesta theme is rich in celebration, and festivities. However, at the end of the Fiesta it is important to remember, “Que bonito es no hacer nada, y despues de no hacer nada descansar.” How nice it is to do nothing, and after doing nothing rest.”