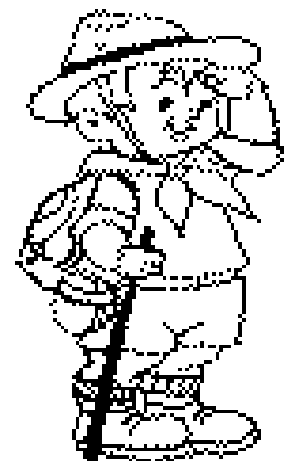


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Come and Visit Opening Ceremony:

Materials: Roll of craft paper, printed announcement, picture of a national park. Use about a 2-foot section of the craft paper, tri-folded like a travel brochure, with the announcement printed on the inside and the picture and name of the park facing the audience.

CUB SCOUT 1: Welcome to our pack meeting.

We’re going to travel east to west, stopping at some of our favorite national parks. Our den of “rangers” is now going to tell you a bit about some of their favorite national parks and recreations areas.

CUBV SCOUT 2 Welcome to Gateway National Recreation Area located in Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island, New York, and Monmouth County, New Jersey. This part of the Jersey shore is called Sandy Hook. We offer auto touring, biking boating, and horseback riding, to name just a few activities. Fort Hancock and the Sandy Hook Lighthouse are interesting historic sites to visit. Our campgrounds are for groups just like Scouts!

CUB SCOUT 3: Welcome to Hot Springs National Park in Arkansas. This park is nicknamed “American Spa” because people of all walks of life used the springs for treating health ailments.

American Indians used the springs more the 500 years ago. It was named a federal reservation in 1832 to help protect the 47 hot springs there. Then it was designated a national park in 1921.

CUB SCOUT 4: Welcome to Big Bend National Park in Texas, named that because it borders Mexico along a big bend in the Rio Grande. In desert landscape or rugged mountains, hiking is the best way to see this park, which was designated a national park in 1944.

CUB SCOUT 5: Welcome to Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado, which means “green table” in Spanish. From a.d. 600 to 1300 people lived in communities here, eventually building elaborate villages called cliff dwellings in the canyon walls. Mesa Verde was designated a national park in 1906.

CUB SCOUT 6: Welcome to Mount Rainier National Park in Washington. This mountain is an active volcano encased in more than 35 square miles of snow and ice, surrounded by old-growth forests (forests that have never been logged) and stunning wildflower meadows. You’ll find

challenging hikes and mountain climbing here. Mount Rainier was designated a national park in 1899.

CUB SCOUT 1: That’s just a small sample of the hundreds of national parks and recreation areas throughout the United States. Each is unique, with lots of interesting activities to do there and things to explore.

Prayer for our Parks:

May our land be blessed and protected.

May our park rangers be blessed and protected.

May our wildlife be blessed and protected.

May all who enter our parks be blessed and protected.

Amen.

Compass Quiz

Answer true or false.

1. A compass is magnetized.
2. The red part of the compass needle points to Earth’s magnetic South Pole.
3. A compass works best when held parallel to the ground.
4. Since magnetic fields affect a compass, it needs to be used away from iron and steel objects.
5. The compass housing cannot be turned or rotated.
6. The scale of the compass is 0 to 360 degrees.
7. The cardinal direction points of N, S, E, and W correspond to degrees: north is 0 or 360, south is 180, east is 90, and west is 270.
8. Orienting lines help you line up the compass with a glove.
9. The compass needle is painted two colors (red-north, white-south).
10. Good compasses have a fluid-filled housing filled housing that allows the needle to move slowly.
11. The parallel lines inside the dial are known as orienting lines.

Answers to the Compass Quiz can be found on page 5.

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Song: “Old Faithful”

Tune: “I’ve Been Working on the Railroad”

I’ve been sittin’ by the geyser,
All the live-long day.
I’ve been sittin’ by the geyser,
Just to see “Old Faithful: spray-
Can’t ya hear the water boilin’,
Risin’ to meet the sun?
Can’t ya hear the water boilin’
Look there (point) here it comes!
Old Faithful, won’t you spray,
Old Faithful, won’t you spray,
Old Faithful, won’t you spray up high-igh-igh!
Old Faithful, won’t you spray,
Old Faithful, won’t you spray,
Spray up into the sky!

Cliff Drawing Storytelling Game:

Cliff drawings are found throughout the West, and also at Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado. This activity will help Cub Scouts learn how people told stories using simple drawings. You can also use it for Webelos Artist activity badges.

Material: Roll of craft paper, markers

Divide boys into teams. Give each team a long sheet of paper about 3 feet long. Instruct the teams to tell a short story using simple drawings (such as stick figures) instead of words. Allow four to five minutes for the story drawing. After teams have finished drawing their story, direct the audience in a guessing game to determine the story based on the drawings.

Theme-Related

Map and Compass Skills: Discuss copies from the Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide on map and compass skills. Discuss how to complete requirements for the belt loop and pin. Invite a guest knowledgeable in compass use and/or orienteering to explain basic compass skills. Go over the Compass Quiz to see how much you already knew!

The Magnet of Our Pack Cubmaster Recognition Ceremony

CUB SCOUT 1: Tonight we are recognizing our Cubmaster. He/she is kind of like a compass. Here’s how we see it.

CUB SCOUT 2: Our Cubmaster is always pointing us in the right direction, like a compass on a hike.

CUB SCOUT 3: Our Cubmaster turns and rotates at all degrees to keep the program fun, like the housing on a compass.

CUB SCOUT 4: Our Cubmaster is a magnetic person! He/she has the dynamic ability to get involved in everything.

Just like the magnetic works of a compass.

CUB SCOUT 5: Since we’ve decided that our Cubmaster points us all in the right direction, turns and rotates the program so it’s fun for all, and is a magnetic person, we would like to present him/her with this hiking staff embellished by they boys and adult leadership of our pack. Thanks for all your hard work and being there for us!

Training Highlights:

Leave No Trace. Invite a ranger from a local camp or park, or a member of your council or district camping committee, to discuss the “Leave No Trace: Frontcountry Guidelines” that can be found online at www.Scouting.org As time permits, discuss possible conservation service projects that could be pursued in your council camp or park.

Separate Meetings:

Tiger Cub Den Leaders and Cub Scout Den Leaders-



Ranger-in-Training Booklets:

Materials: Construction paper, magazines, scissors, glue, tape, colored pencils, hole punch, jute or twine to tie booklet together.

Each den leaders designs a booklet for his or her den. Use the construction paper and cut out pictures

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from the magazines to make it attractive. Select three activities suitable for the makeup of your den. Complete the requirements and become an official “ranger-in-training.” Some activities are based on the Cub Scout Academics and Sports program. Choose what’s available in your area for the current season. Possible activities: Cycling, fishing, hiking, stargazing, swimming, bird watching, skiing, photography

Tent/campground
Wheelchair accessible
Recycling
Picnic Area
Ranger Station
Bike Trail

Equestrian Trail
Dogs allowed on leash
Hiking Trail
Amphitheater
Restroom
Fishing

Example: Hiking, bird watching, photography

1. Review the parts of a compass.
2. Prepare and pack for a hike.
3. Den goes on a hike using compass skills.
4. Watch and record direction changes on the compass.
5. Stay on the trail
6. While on the hike, observe birds.
7. Record what birds you see, when, and where.
8. Take photographs while on the den hike.
9. Take photographs of the birds you see.
10. Make a scrapbook of the den hike. Earn a “ranger-in training” certificate of Den No. ____ of Pack No. ____.

Webelos Den Leaders:

Webelos Traveler Activities

Travel Stickers

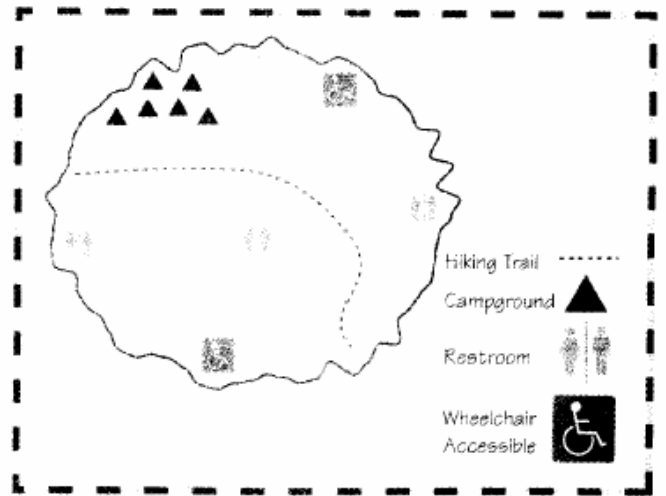
Materials: Label or name tag stickers from a stationary store, pencil, markers.

Decide on a design or motto from a favorite den trip or family vacation. Or how about a place you dream traveling to? Use a pencil to draw your design on the sticker, and then color it in. Put the travel stickers on your suitcase.

Park Maps: Symbols and Legends

Materials: Maps of local, state, or national parks.

Review some of the symbols that are found on the map of your park. Webelos Scouts can design some new symbols that they would add to the legend or some new logos for existing symbols. Symbols might include those for the following:



Cubmasters:

First Aid Kits

Materials: Two 2-liter plastic bottles, scissors, squares of hook-and-loop fastening material such as Velcro®, a strip of elastic binding about 2 inches long, clear-drying nitro cellulose household cement (such as Duco® brand), two stick-on labels, water-resistant marker, duct tape, appropriate first aid kit contents. Cut off the top of one bottle about 2 inches down. Discard the top. The rest of this bottle will be the kit container. Cut off the bottom of the other bottle (about two inches up); this will be the lid. Discard the rest of the second bottle. Run duct tape around the rims of the container and the lid to make the edges smooth. Attach the loop side of the fastener material around the outside top of the container and the hook side around the inside of the lid. This attaches the lid snugly. Make a 2-inch slit down from the top of the container. Slide the elastic through the slit and glue to the inside of the bottle. Attach the other end to the lid in the same way. (The elastic will keep the lid from falling to the



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ground whit it is opened.) Write “First Aid Kit for Pack ___ (or Den ___) on one label and put the label on the container. List the kit contents on the other label and place it on the back of the contents on the other label and place it on the back of the container for easy reference. If desired, you can make two slits on the side of the bottle almost side-by-side and slip a belt or backpack strap through them.

Closing Ceremony:

Sing “America the Beautiful”

Snack Ideas for your dens/packs

Fish in the River

Ingredients: Celery stalks, cream cheese or other cheese spread (tinted blue or green if desired), fish crackers. Trim and wash celery and fill with cheese.

Top with crackers and serve.

Old Faithful Fizz

Ingredients: Fruit juice, club soda

Fill a glass 2/3 full with your favorite fruit juice.

Add club soda and stir briefly. For variety, mix two or more fruit juices before adding soda.

Answers to Compass Quiz: 1-T; 2-F; 3-T; 4-T; 5-F; 6-T; 7-T; 8-F; 9-T; 10-T; 11-F
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