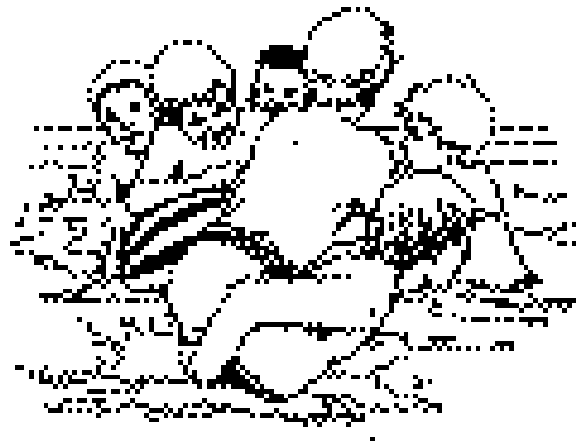


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## *Voyagers Opening Ceremony:*

CUB SCOUT 1: America was once wild and free,  
No phones, no cars, no televisions to see.

CUB SCOUT 2: The voyagers who live in those  
days were brave and strong in many ways.

CUB SCOUT 3: Because there were no roads to  
use, They traveled rivers in their canoes.

CUB SCOUT 4: They explored the unknown wild  
lands, and traded with the native bands.

CUB SCOUT 5: The Cub Scout trail we all explore;  
Each day we learn a little more.

CUB SCOUT 6: If the way gets hard, we will not  
rest, we'll keep on trying to do our best.

ALL: Please join us in saying the Outdoor Code.

### **Outdoor Code**

As an American, I will do my best to-  
Be clean in my outdoor manners,  
Be careful with fire,  
Be considerate in the outdoors,  
And be conservation-minded.

## **Prayer:**

We give thanks for the journey that we as leaders  
are privileged to take with our boys. We hope to be  
the leaders they need to show them the way today,  
that they may become young men of character  
tomorrow. Amen.

## **River Cheer:**

Hold both arms straight out to your left and move  
them across in front of you, making the water  
“flow” by moving your fingers. As you move your  
fingers to the right suddenly the river falls off as a  
waterfall with a large splash.

## **Song: “Blow, Blow, Blow Your Boat”**

Tune: “Row, Row, Row Your Boat”

Blow, blow, blow your boat  
Gently down the gutter,  
Making sure it doesn't tip,  
And doesn't lose its rudder.

Cheer, cheer, cheer your den  
Watch the sailboat race,  
Down the gutter they will fly,  
At a winning pace.

Puff, puff, puff your sail,  
Do not take arrest,  
Moving toward the finish line,  
Always do your best.

## **Game**

### **Draw a Voyager Relay**

Form two teams. Hang two pieces of poster board  
on the wall, and give each team a marker and a  
paper sack containing words describing a voyager  
(such as beard, three-button coat, fur hat, boots,  
paddle, string of five beads, cook pot, canoe, pants,  
face, belt, etc) The first player on each team runs to  
the poster board, pulls a word from the sack and  
draws that part of the voyager on the paper. He  
runs back and tags the next player. Play continues  
until the voyager is completely drawn.

### **Crossing the River Game**

Materials: Masking tape, a section of newspaper for  
each Cub Scout.

Use two tape lines to establish the banks of a  
“river.” Divide the boys into teams and give each a  
section of newspaper. (It must be fairly thick so it  
doesn't tear.) This will be the “canoe.” At the signal  
“Cast off!” the first participant puts his canoe in the  
river, and by shifting his weight back and forth, he  
“floats” his canoe across the river. Once he reaches  
the other side of the river, he gets off his canoe,  
turns around and yells back to his teammates, “All  
ashore!” At this signal, the next boy puts his canoe  
in the river and floats across.

### **Skit: Fishing**

Props: The water is a blue plastic tablecloth held up  
by staff members to provide screening for the props.

One or two staff members hide behind the “water”  
to fasten the “fish” onto the fishing lines. Fishing  
poles are sticks or dowels with string fastened to  
one end. Use a spring clothespin as the hook so the

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“fish” can be clipped on. When the participants fish, they drop their lines over the tablecloth screen-don’t cast them out, for safety’s sake.

CUB SCOUT 1: I really like fishing!

CUB SCOUT 2: What a great way to spend the afternoon!

CUB SCOUT 3: Wish we’d catch something.

CUB SCOUT 1: I think I got a bite! (He pulls out his line with a poster board fish on it with an electric cord coming out of the back.) Look! I caught an electric eel!

CUB SCOUT 2: I caught something too! (He pulls out a large star.) Oh, it’s a starfish!

CUB SCOUT 3: Me too! He pulls out a poster board fish with wings.) I caught a flying fish!

CUB SCOUT 1: Wow! That’s great. Hey I got another bite! (He pulls out a square of poster board with a large eye drawn on it.) It’s a walleye!

CUB SCOUT 2: Look! (He pulls out a Tiger Cub cap.) It’s a tiger fish!

CUB SCOUT 3: I got something again, too. (He pulls out a poster board tire). Hey, let’s go home. I’m getting a little tired.

## *Theme-Related*

### **Advancement Ceremony: Riverways**

**Materials:** A piece of rain gutter or a wallpaper water tray decorated to look like a river and filled with water. Include signposts along the way for each rank to be awarded. A small boat upon which to place the advancement earned this month.

CUBMASTER: Rivers are a great way to travel.

They were the first routes across our nation.

Marquette and Jolliet were the first Europeans to travel on the Mississippi River. Lewis and Clark discovered the Pacific Ocean by traveling up the Missouri River and down the Snake and Columbia Rivers. Canals connecting rivers were used to transport raw materials and finished goods before the railroad was invented and built.

As people travel on rivers, so Cub Scouts travel on the Cub Scout trail. As one moves along a river, the scenery is always changing. So it is with the Cub Scout. His activities are always changing. We are

here tonight to recognize our Cub Scouts as they travel along the river of Cub Scouting. (Set the boat sailing down the gutter, stooping at each rank to be awarded. Our Tiger Cubs are at the headwaters of the river. They have just begun their journey. Would those boys who have earned the Tiger Cub badge please come forward with their adult partners? (Take the badges off the boat and present them to the adult partners, who present them to the Tiger Cubs; do this with each rank, presenting the badge to the adult to present to the boy.) The Wolf Cub Scouts have moved a little way down the river. Would those boys who have earned the Wolf badge please come forward with their parents or guardians? Our Bear Cub Scouts have come halfway down the Cub Scout river. They have found new and exciting things to do along the way. Would those boys who have earned the Bear badge please come forward with their parents or guardians? The challenges in this part of the river are much greater for our Webelos Scouts. But they are ready, through hard work and perseverance, to meet those challenges. Would the boys who have the Webelos badge please come forward with their parents or guardians?

We have now reached the delta of the river where it flows out into the ocean. The boys who have gotten this far have earned the highest rank in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light Award. They are now ready to explore that wonderful ocean of Boy Scouting. Would those boys who have earned the Arrow of Light Award please come forward with their parents or guardians?

## *Separate Meetings:*

### *Tiger Cub Den Leaders and Cub Scout Den Leaders-*

#### **Project: Boats in a Bottle**

**Materials:** 2-liter bottle and cap, craft foam, toothpicks, low temperature glue gun, scissors.

Cut a section out of the side of the bottle; this will be the reservoir for the boats. To make the boats, cut a 2-by-1-inch rectangle out of craft foam. Cut one end in the shape of the bow of a boat. Cut a



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toothpick in half; cut out a triangle for a sail. Use the point of the toothpick to poke a hole in the center of the boat. Hot glue the sail to the narrow end of the toothpick and stick the fat end of the toothpick in the hole you made. Hot glue the toothpick on the underside of the boat and put a bead of hot glue lengthwise down the boat. The bead of glue will give it the ballast it needs to right itself when it tips over. Make two or three boats to float in the bottle.

Fill the 2-Liter bottle half full of water. If desired, add a drop or two of blue food coloring to the water. Slide the boats into the bottle and screw on the cap. Have fun watching your boats float.

## *Webelos Den Leaders:*

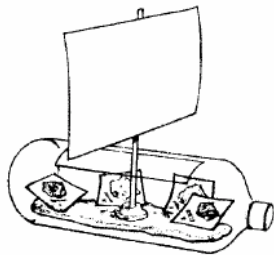
**Webelos Sportsman Activity**  
**Project: Golf ball**  
**Neckerchief Slide**



Materials: Golf ball-sized foam ball, sliced in half; white paint, paintbrush, pipe cleaner, foam glue. Using a small-handled paintbrush, poke holes into the ball, evenly covering the surface. Paint with white paint, making sure to get into each hole for complete coverage. Use the pipe cleaner for the back of the tie slide, with a little glue on the back to secure the pipe cleaner.

## *Ceremony Prop: River Advancement Boat*

Materials: 2-liter bottle with cap, dowel or pencil, lump of clay, craft foam, markers, waterproof paint, and paint brushes.



Cut a section out of the side of the bottle, so that you can place the advancements on the inside of the boat. Make a sail out of the craft foam and glue it to the dowel or pencil. Using the clay, attach the dowel or pencil to the inside bottom of the boat being careful to place it directly in the center so that the boat floats straight. You may want to add some extra clay

along the middle line of the bottom for ballast. Decorate the sail and the boat.

## **Cubmaster’s Minute: Voyageurs**

During the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, back when there were only 13 European colonies in this country, voyageurs traveled the inland waters of this continent. They were mainly French-Canadian fur traders and traveled the Great Lakes, the Minnesota/Canadian boundary waters, and went as far west as the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers. They traveled in 16-person canoes, with eight paddlers to a side, so teamwork was absolutely essential for staying on a straight course. In Cub Scouting, dens are teams like the voyageurs’ canoe crew were teams. The den develops as a team to learn how to stay on a straight course toward the team’s common goals such as advancement and becoming better young men. When it seems tough trying to work and play with the other members of your team, think of the voyageurs, who pulled together because everything they did depend on working together to get where they wanted to go.

