

This month Cub Scouts will turn recycled items into treasures and learn about conservation at the same time. Build artistic masterpieces of your own design using items that would normally go in the trash or recycling bin. It's amazing what some recycled bottles and paper can do when combined with glue, glitter, and a little imagination. Have a gallery opening at your pack meeting and display all your art. Boys can work toward completion of the Art belt loop and pin.

PACK PLANNING

The pack meeting for March gives Cub Scouts a chance to shine with their recycled creations. Appoint the following committees:

Decorations Committee. Create a pack art gallery to display the wonderful things boys make at den meetings. Have a specific place (table for sculptures, wall space for posters and pictures) for each den to display their masterpieces. Be sure each piece is labeled with the artist's name. Award ribbons to each participant.

Welcome Committee. Welcome everyone and direct boys to the gallery area to display their works of genius. Of course, families will want to look at the artistic talents displayed. Hand out items needed for the gathering activity, explain the activity, and encourage each family to participate.

Program Committee. Assemble trophies needed for The Glitter Awards opening ceremony (2 MAR). Provide flashlight "spotlights" if needed for the ceremony. Collect and prepare lids for Lid Toss game (3 MAR) and provide supplies for activities. Set up the game area and plan to supervise the games.

Some of the purposes of Cub Scouting developed through this month's theme include:

- **Citizenship.** Boys provide service to their communities as they clean up the environment and recycle limited natural resources.
- **Character development.** Boys learn about reusing and recycling, and then try their best to do it.

This theme is designed to promote character development by emphasizing these core values:

- **Citizenship.** Boys learn that providing services related to recycling and reusing can help them be good citizens of their neighborhood, town, state, country—and the world.
- **Resourcefulness.** Transforming discarded items into things of value is a good example of resourcefulness for Cub Scout-age boys to experience.

Pack Meeting

BEFORE THE MEETING

All committee members arrive early at the meeting place to set up the gallery area for the dens to display their Litter to Glitter projects, set up the Lid Toss game (3 MAR), and have gathering activity supplies ready to hand out.

GATHERING

Greeters from the welcome committee greet pack members as they arrive and show them where to display art projects in the gallery. Other welcome committee members hand out items for the What Can You Do With It? gathering activity (2 MAR) and encourage all families to participate.

MAIN PART OF THE MEETING

Opening

Conduct the Litter to Glitter opening ceremony (2 MAR) or choose an alternate ceremony from *Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs*.

Prayer

Call a preselected Cub Scout forward to share the Use Our Resources prayer

(2 MAR). Invite all pack members to join in prayer, meditation, or silence as is their custom.

Icebreaker

Ask pack families to share some of their answers from the What Can You Do With It? gathering activity. Award prizes if desired. Lead The Trash Monster audience participation stunt (3 MAR).

Welcome and Introductions

Welcome all pack families and any special guests. Thank committee members for making the pack meeting sparkle this month.

Song

The song leader leads "We Can Do It" or "Re-Use" (2 MAR). Provide large posters with the words printed on them so everyone can see them.

Den Demonstrations

Dens share their artwork and tell what they did to turn litter into glitter. Dens can also share den activities, service projects, field trip stories, etc.

Game

Play Lid Toss (3 MAR).

Recognition

Use The Glitter Awards opening ceremony (2 MAR) to present badges to Cub Scouts. Present glittery homemade awards to leaders who really shine as they help the boys turn litter to glitter.

Announcements

A pack committee member dressed as a magician does a simple magic trick to introduce the theme of next month's meeting, Abracadabra. Be sure to tell the date, time, and place of the magical meeting.

Cubmaster's Minute

The Cubmaster shares the Walt Disney Cubmaster's Minute (3 MAR).

Closing

Designated Cub Scouts present the Looking at Things Differently closing ceremony (3 MAR), or choose an alternate ceremony from *Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs*.

Cubmaster Corner

GAMES MAKE PACK MEETINGS SHINE

Games promote teamwork, good sportsmanship, and physical fitness. But most of all, games are fun! When choosing a game for pack meetings, consider games that can be played with a large group of boys, parents, and leaders. And don't forget little brothers and sisters! Consider the physical arrangements. Is the room or playing area large enough? Remove all hazards from the playing area and set up boundaries if needed. Consider the number of boys involved and know their abilities. Make sure you have the needed equipment. Prepare more supplies than necessary, because it's always better to be safe than sorry.

Be sure you know and understand a game before trying to teach it. Practice with your family or friends before the pack meeting. To introduce the game, name it, demonstrate it, ask for questions, and then start it. If the game goes badly, stop it, explain it again, and then start play once more. *Always* insist on fair play. Don't overplay the game. A successful game will be more in demand if it is stopped while it is still being enjoyed. Keep a notebook or game file to jot down games your pack enjoyed and may want to play again. Create a pack game box with simple, inexpensive, or recycled materials that can be used to play games. Now go out there and play!

Ceremonies, Games, Songs, Stunts

GATHERING ACTIVITY: WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH IT?

Materials: Paper, pencil, clean recyclable objects, prizes

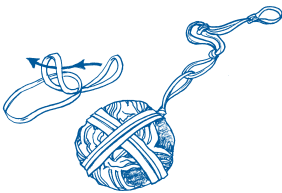
As the pack families enter, give each family something that is usually used then thrown away, such as milk cartons or jugs, aluminum cans, paper plates, paper towel tubes, newspapers, etc. (Be sure the item is clean. Avoid glass items for safety reasons.) Give each family a paper and pencil and challenge them to write down as many ideas of things that can be done with their item. Let each family share some of their ideas during the pack meeting. You can give prizes for the longest list, the most original idea, the craziest idea, etc.

NEWSPAPER YO-YO

Materials: Newspaper, rubber bands, tape

Connect several rubber bands (larks head knot works well). (Start with three and then add more.) Ball up the newspaper as tight as possible. Put the newspaper ball inside of the rubber band at the end of the rubber band chain and secure it well with tape. On the other end, make a loop for a finger.

Bounce the ball toward a bull's-eye drawn on paper. Try to hit the bull's-eye. Add more rubber bands to your chain as you become more skilled. Now can you do it with your other hand?



OPENING CEREMONY: LITTER TO GLITTER

Equipment: Cards that spell L-I-T-T-E-R—one letter on each card. Cards can be decorated with litter-like materials (wadded up paper or tinfoil, bottle caps, torn labels). One card with the letter G on it, decorated with glitter.

The first six Cub Scouts stand in a line with cards. In turn, each boy steps forward, holds up his card, and says his line. Boy No. 7 is offstage.

- L LOOK all around you, there's junk everywhere.
- I IT'S all over the ground, it's a real nightmare.
- T TRASH like newspapers, bottles, and cans,
- T TRASH everywhere, we must have a plan!
- E EVERYONE can pitch in to clean up a street,
- R RE-USE and RECYCLE—it can't be beat.

(Boy 7 enters, stands at the first position in the line, and displays his sign.)

- G Turn litter to GLITTER and you will see, a good citizen and hero you will be.

PRAYER: USE OUR RESOURCES

We feel gratitude every day for this world we live in. We hope for the commitment to reuse and recycle in our homes and neighborhoods, to use our resources wisely, and to keep the world clean and beautiful. Blessed be, amen.

SONG: WE CAN DO IT

Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
R-E-C-Y-C-L-E,
We can do it, you and me.
Paper, jars, and milk jugs can
Be recycled—lend a hand,
We can do it, you and me:
R-E-C-Y-C-L-E.

SONG: RE-USE

Tune: Bingo
Sing through one time; then replace the first letter with a clap, like in the song "Bingo." Continue singing, picking up speed, until all the letters are replaced by claps.
We'll make the world a cleaner place and
reuse all we can.
R-E-U-S-E,
R-E-U-S-E,
R-E-U-S-E,
And re-use all we can.

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY: THE GLITTER AWARDS

Equipment: For each award to be presented, make a trophy out of recycled materials. Glue cardboard tubes or clean aluminum cans together, spray paint gold or silver, and cover with glitter. Embellish the trophies with stickers or names of the boys receiving the awards. Pin the badge to a colorful ribbon, and hang the ribbon over the trophy.

The presenter of the awards should shine in bright clothes decorated with anything sparkly—rhinestones, sequins, beads, aluminum foil, etc. Add a pair of sunglasses.

The room can be darkened and flashlights used as spotlights.

ANNOUNCER: Welcome to the first-ever Pack [No. _____] Glitter Awards! And here is your host, Spark Lee Guy/Gal!

CUBMASTER: Thank you! I'm so happy to see all of you at the first-ever Pack [No. _____] Glitter Awards! In fact, I'm beaming! (*Gives audience a great big smile.*) The Glitter Awards honor those boys in our pack who really shine! The boys we honor tonight radiate the Cub Scout spirit. They sparkle as they do their best to live the Cub Scout Promise. They gleam as they serve others and help the pack go. They positively shine as they work to advance in rank. So, let's light up the night with the brilliant deeds of our Cub Scouts!

First, let's spotlight our Cub Scouts who have earned their Bobcat badge. They have followed the path of Akela and learned the fundamentals (with that emphasis on fun!) of Cub Scouting. (*Calls forward boys receiving Bobcat badges along with their parents or guardians. Present "trophy" to adults who hang award ribbons around boys' necks. Cubmaster gives "sparkling" compliments to each boy. Follow this pattern for all other badges.*)

Tiger Cubs have been brilliant as they searched, discovered, and shared the world around them. (*Presents awards.*)

Next, the spotlight shines on the Wolf den. These boys have glowed and sparkled as they completed their 12 achievements and obtained the rank of Wolf. (*Presents awards.*)

The Bear Cub Scouts bask in the glow of the spotlight tonight! These boys were absolutely radiant as they learned about God, country, family, and self. They brilliantly completed 12 achievements to earn the rank of Bear. (*Presents awards.*)

Now, I'm proud to introduce our brilliant Webelos Scouts! These loyal Scouts are in the spotlight as they worked all month to earn their activity badges. (*Presents badges.*) Some of our Webelos Scouts have really sparkled, and they are now ready to step into the spotlight and accept the Webelos badge. (*Presents awards.*)

This brings the first-ever (and maybe the last) Pack (No.)_____ Glitter Awards to a sparkling conclusion. Let's give our recipients a round of applause. (*Leads appropriate applause.*) Remember, these boys are the light of our future. And their future is so bright, they have to wear shades! I'm your host, Spark Lee Guy (Gal), wishing you a shiny good night—and brilliant Scouting.

When using flashlights in ceremonies, always remind boys to be careful that they don't shine the light in anyone's eyes.

GAMES

Lid Toss

Equipment: Variety of plastic lids, permanent marker, tape or string

Collect a variety of plastic lids from containers such as margarine tubs, yogurt containers, coffee cans, nut cans, milk jugs, etc. With a permanent marker, mark half the lids with the letter C for Cub and the other half with the letter S for Scouts. Divide the group into two teams, the Cubs and the Scouts. Give each team the appropriate set of lids. Use tape or string to mark two target circles about 15 ft. away from a baseline. Each team must stand behind the baseline and sail their lids into their target. Award a point for each lid that lands in the target. Take away a point if a lid lands in the opposing target.

If you have a large group, you can use more lids and add more teams, such as B for the Blue and G for the Gold. Try this game as a relay, with one boy from each team running up to the baseline, tossing his lid toward the target, and then running back and tagging the next player.

CUBMASTER'S MINUTE:

WALT DISNEY

I'm sure all of you have heard of Walt Disney, the father of Mickey Mouse and the creator of Disneyland. Walt Disney wanted Disneyland to be a clean place for families to visit. Whenever he saw any bit of trash at the park, he picked it up and put it in the garbage. He thought keeping the world clean was so important that he asked all of his employees to follow his example and pick up trash whenever they saw it. This month, let's follow Walt Disney's example and take the time to pick up trash when we see it and dispose of it properly.

CLOSING CEREMONY: LOOKING AT THINGS DIFFERENTLY

Equipment: Cardboard tube, sheet of newspaper, paper plate, sock

CUB SCOUT 1: This month we've tried to look at things differently.

CUB SCOUT 2 (*holds up cardboard tube*): This may look like just a cardboard tube, but I can use it to look at the stars.

CUB SCOUT 3 (*holds up sheet of newspaper*): This may look like just a sheet

of newspaper, but I can use it to make a hat.

CUB SCOUT 4 (*holds up paper plate*): This may look like just a paper plate, but I can use it to make a mask.

CUB SCOUT 5 (*holds up sock*): This may look like just a sock, but I can use it to make a puppet.

CUB SCOUT 6: Try to look at things differently, and you'll be surprised what you can see. Remember, one person's trash is another person's treasure.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: TRASH MONSTER

Divide the audience into five groups. Assign each group a word. When that word is read, the group must respond with the designated sound.

Monster: "GRRRRRRR!"

Paper: "Crinkle, crinkle"

Cans: "Crunch, crunch"

Bottles: "Clink, clink"

Boxes: "Square, square"

Trash: Everyone makes their sound together

In my neighborhood, and maybe in yours, there is an empty lot. At first glance it looks like there is nothing there. But look carefully, and you'll see the home of the TRASH MONSTER. He starts out as a little guy, but he keeps growing. Just add a few sheets of PAPER. "Yum," says the MONSTER as he slurps down the PAPER. Someone throws some empty soda CANS into the lot, and the MONSTER is happy. CANS are one of his favorite snacks. He loves the taste of BOTTLES and BOXES for breakfast. With every piece of TRASH that is added to the lot, the MONSTER grows bigger and bigger. When the lot is totally filled with TRASH, the MONSTER has grown so big, he covers the whole lot.

Well, I don't know about you, but I certainly don't want a TRASH MONSTER living in my neighborhood. So I asked a Cub Scout pack to help me defeat that MONSTER. One Saturday morning a bunch of Cub Scouts, armed with work gloves and garbage sacks, met at the lot. The TRASH MONSTER was not happy to see them. The Cub Scouts picked up the PAPER, the CANS, the BOTTLES and the BOXES. The MONSTER became angry. He tried to hide some of the CANS, but the smart Cubs found them. He asked his friend the wind to blow the PAPERS all around, but the quick Cubs grabbed the PAPERS out of the air and then stuffed them into the garbage sacks. The MONSTER hid the BOTTLES under the tall grass and tried to squash the

BOXES. But those Cub Scouts had eagle eyes and found every BOTTLE and BOX.

The Cubmaster looked around. “Well done, boys,” he exclaimed. “Let’s get this stuff to the recycling center.” The TRASH MONSTER

looked around. All his beautiful TRASH was gone. He was shrinking, shrinking, shrinking, and soon he was gone. The Cubs promised to keep the lot clean from PAPER, CANS, BOTTLES, and BOXES,

and any other TRASH that might show up there. The TRASH MONSTER would never again come to my neighborhood. Three cheers for the Cub Scouts!

March Pack Program Page: Litter to Glitter

ACADEMICS AND SPORTS PROGRAM

Academics

Art. Fulfilling requirements for this belt loop and pin will help Cub Scouts develop their powers of observation and their appreciation of the world they live in.

Wildlife Conservation. Fulfilling requirements for this belt loop and pin will help your boys understand why conservation is an important responsibility of every good citizen.

Sports

Roller Skating. This sport provides a good physical workout for boys and can be done both indoors and outdoors.

Table Tennis. If weather permits, move the table outside for Cub Scouts to practice their skills as they gather for the den meeting. Rotate players as the boys arrive.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Becoming a good citizen includes accepting responsibility within our communities and our own homes. This month would be a good time to encourage families to work on the “Developing Responsibility” section in *Cub Scouting’s BSA Family Activity Book*. Some suggested activities include developing a family chores chart, making a family rules chart, and holding family planning sessions to plan the week’s events.

DID YOU KNOW?

CUB SCOUTING’S LEAVE NO TRACE FRONTCOUNTRY GUIDELINES

As more people use parks and recreation facilities, Leave No Trace guidelines become even more important for outdoor visitors. Leave No Trace is a plan that helps you, your Cub Scouts, and their families to be more concerned about their environment and to help them protect it for future generations. Leave No



Trace applies in a backyard or local park (frontcountry) as much as it does in the wilderness (backcountry).

We should practice Leave No Trace in our attitude and actions wherever we go. Understanding nature strengthens our respect for the environment. One person with thoughtless behavior or one shortcut on a trail can spoil the outdoor experience for many others.

GOOD TURN FOR AMERICA

This is a good month to plan a field trip to take the Litter to Glitter theme one step further. The pack could sponsor a recycling project to collect cans or milk jugs or glass to take to your local recycling center.



BSA RESOURCES HIGHLIGHT

Requirements for boys to earn the Cub Scout Leave No Trace Awareness Award are in the Cub Scout handbooks for each rank. Additional information and requirements for leaders to earn this same award are on the national BSA Web site at www.scouting.org/cubscouts/resources/13-032/index.html and in the Cub Scouting’s Leave No Trace Frontcountry Guidelines (No. 13-032), available at many local council service centers.



PACK LEADERS’ PLANNING MEETING

Pack leaders meet one or two weeks before the pack meeting to review the final details for this month’s meeting and to review plans for April’s meeting.

Evaluate last month’s pack meeting.

Make sure appropriate materials will be available for the What Can You Do With Me? gathering activity and The Glitter Awards advancement ceremony.

A guest speaker may be invited, perhaps an artist who uses recycled materials in his

or her art or someone who uses recycled materials to create different products.

Plan April’s Abracadabra pack meeting. You may want to invite a magician to speak about the art of illusion and demonstrate a few tricks.

Promote day camp, resident camp, and family camping opportunities. Have information and registration forms available for all pack families.

Conduct Unit Leadership Enhancement No. 11, “Pack Meetings,” to review the excitement each pack meeting provides for pack families. Choose a topic from the *Cub Scout Leader Book* for next month that meets the current needs of your pack.

LOOKING AHEAD

If you hold your pack space derby next month, distribute the space derby kits to Cub Scouts at this month’s pack meeting so they will be ready to participate in the derby in April.

Begin planning for summertime activities by gathering suggestions from the pack families.

PACK TRAINER HIGHLIGHT

Fifth-grade (or 10-year-old) Webelos Scouts are graduating into local Boy Scout troops. This will mean a loss of many adult members of the pack. Now is the time to recruit for any vacant positions.

Review the *Guide to Safe Scouting* (available online at the national BSA web site, www.scouting.org) with leaders. Emphasize that different events are appropriate for different age levels. Encourage them to take a Scouting Safety Begins with Leadership course in your area.

OUTDOOR IDEAS FOR EVERYONE

Tiger Cubs. Tiger Cubs and their adult partners will enjoy a trip to a tree farm.

Wolf Cub Scouts. Take a bicycle ride with the den (and don’t forget helmets!).

Bear Cub Scouts. Participate in a local tree planting or cleanup.

Webelos Scouts. Gather aluminum cans during a neighborhood hike.

Litter to Glitter: Tiger Cub Den Meetings

Each Tiger Cub and his adult partner should attend all meetings as a team.
Dens may meet in the evenings or on weekends.

Full or partial credit may be received for the following advancement possibilities highlighted in this month's meeting plans.

WHEN	FIRST WEEK	SECOND WEEK	THIRD WEEK	FOURTH WEEK
The Tiger Cub den leader shares leadership with a Tiger Cub adult partner. This team should review plans before each meeting and check equipment needed.				
BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS	Have materials for collages and for By the Numbers (6 MAR), U.S. flag.	Have materials for Cleanup Treasure Hunt (6 MAR); gather materials for litter sculptures.	Call the Go See It destination to confirm arrangements, times, fees, etc.	Host team writes a thank-you note to the destination of last week's Go See It.
Den leader may collect dues. Den leader checks boys' books for completed advancement requirements and records them on Den Advancement Chart. Boys record own advancement on den doodle, if den has one.				
GATHERING	Make a collage of pictures of things that can be recycled.	Divide boys into two groups. Give each a box with recyclables such as paper towels rolls, milk jugs, foil, cans, water bottles, etc. Boys use tape and scissors to create a sculpture.		
OPENING	Recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Say the Cub Scout motto.	Practice the Public Service Announcement (<i>Elective 20</i>).		
SHARE	Discuss ways to complete <i>Achievement 1F</i> at home.	Do the Cleanup Treasure Hunt (<i>Elective 33</i>).	GO SEE IT: Visit a dump, landfill, or recycling center.	Participate in the monthly pack meeting by sharing the Public Service Announcement and information about the den's Go See It.
DISCOVER	Have boys bring items for next week that can be recycled (<i>Elective 47</i>). Create a Public Service Announcement (6 MAR) about recycling. Make and play By the Numbers.	Share the items boys brought and how they are recycled (<i>Elective 47</i>).	At the end of the trip, lead a reflecting discussion with boys and adult partners about their outing.	Tiger Cubs and adult partners sign the thank-you note.
SEARCH	Discuss plans for the Go See It.	Finalize plans for the Go See It.		
CLOSING	Create a circle by putting hands together in the center. Yell "Do your best!"	Tiger Cubs give a big "R-o-a-r-r-r!"		
This month's shared leadership team reviews the meeting. The den leader should meet briefly with the Tiger Cub and adult partner who will share leadership at the next den meeting.				
AFTER THE MEETING	Den leader files tour permit with local council service center for Go See It.	Talk to Tiger Cub team in charge of the next month. Offer resources or ideas as needed.	Den leader fills out den advancement report for the pack leaders' meeting.	Den leader mails the thank-you note.
CHECK WITH YOUR PACK TRAINER OR CUBMASTER FOR ROUNDTABLE DATES AND OTHER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES.				

Tiger Cub Den Activities

Advancement possibilities highlighted in this month's meeting plans: Achievement 1F; Electives 20, 33, 47

It may not be pretty or even smell sweet, but the lessons to be learned about trash and litter will encourage boys to reduce, reuse, and recycle after they have visited their local landfill. Many advancements can be springboards to the Litter to Glitter theme. Boys working on Achievement 1F, Making My Family Special, can do chores like putting items in recycling bins.

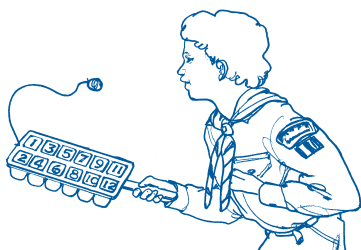
GAMES

Play Catch

Materials: Two plastic milk jugs that have the bottoms cut off, foil rolled into a ball or an old tennis ball

Tiger Cubs and adult partners stand several feet apart, each holding the handle of a milk jug. The Tiger Cub tosses the foil or tennis ball to his adult partner using the milk jug. The adult partner tries to catch the ball with his/her milk jug.

By the Numbers



Materials: Bottom of an egg carton, marker, paint stick, 15-in. string, aluminum foil, duct tape

Write numbers 1 through 12 in the bowls of the egg carton. Ball up a small piece of foil around one end of the string. Make sure the string is securely attached to the ball. Make a hole on one end of the carton and attach the string. Tape the paint stick on the bottom of the carton. Hold the paint stick, fly the ball into the air and catch it. See how many points you can earn within a given time. Adult partner can help keep the score.

Paper Pile Race

Materials: Old newspapers, string

Have a contest to see which Tiger Cub and adult partner can work together to make the highest stack of newspaper. Adult partners hold the papers while Tiger Cubs make a stack 8 to 12 in. high and tie string around it. Set a time limit to see which team makes the highest stack. After learning about recycling

(Elective 47), boys can take the bundles of newspaper to a recycling center.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

(Elective 20)

Get the word out! With your den, make a public service announcement about the pros and cons of recycling. Show what your neighborhood would be like if no one recycled. Then show what it would be like if everyone recycled. Give information on where the nearest recycling centers are located. Explain for the finale that you learned these things as a Tiger Cub and encourage others to join your pack.

CLEAN-UP TREASURE HUNT

(Elective 33)

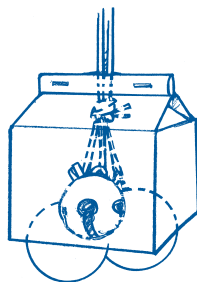
Materials: Gloves, trash bags, treasure hunt list, pencils

Create a treasure hunt list of items to find that can be recycled or disposed of properly. Divide into teams of three or four. Go outside and try to find as many items on your list in the time allotted. In addition to the suggestions provided in the *Tiger Cub Handbook*, you may find straws, straw wrappers, gum wrappers, envelopes, and even small change.

MILK CARTON WIND CHIME

Materials: Half-gallon milk carton top, two metal pieces (frozen juice can lids, jar lids, old spoons, etc.), one bell (½ in. or larger works best), three string pieces at least 18 in. long, scrap fabric, glue, glitter, stapler

Cut the carton about 6 in. from the top. Wash the top piece and dry it well. Decorate the carton top with fabric pieces (like a collage) and glitter glue. Attach string to the bell and metal pieces. Adult partner can help if it is

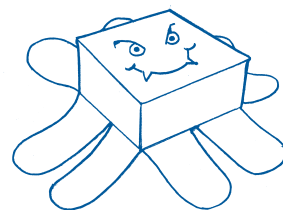


necessary to make a hole in the metal pieces. Tie the string pieces together—the knot should be placed just below the top of the carton with part of the metal pieces showing from the bottom. Place the string pieces in the center of the opening of the carton. Close the carton top and staple it shut. Hang it in a windy place but out of the rain. Or use this as a “doorbell” for a bedroom.

Note: Adult partners can prepare the carton top ahead of time.

If you use glitter for a craft project, mix it in glue first; then you won't have glitter all over the floor during or after the activity. School white glue works better than tacky glue. Homemade glitter glue does not look like commercially made glitter glue. Don't worry: the glue will dry clear. Be generous with the glitter.

JUMPING SPIDER



Materials: Half-gallon milk carton bottom (4 to 5 in.), scissors, permanent markers

Draw a spider face on the bottom of the carton. Make slits on each side to about 1 in. from the bottom. Bend each leg outward, taking care not to make a crease. Cut the corners of each leg as shown. Place the spider on a smooth surface and then poke it to make it jump or move. Can you make it jump high? How about a race with other spiders?

Note: Use the part of the milk carton left over from the Milk Carton Wind Chimes. Any size milk carton will work.

Litter to Glitter: Wolf Den Meetings

Dens may meet after school, in the evenings, or on weekends.

Review the theme pages before planning den meetings.

Full or partial credit may be received for the following advancement possibilities highlighted in this month's meeting plans.

WHEN	FIRST WEEK	SECOND WEEK	THIRD WEEK	FOURTH WEEK
Den leader, den chief, and denner review plans before each meeting and check equipment needed.				
BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS	Have materials for Recycling Neckerchief Slides (8 MAR); print out the Outdoor Code; have a soccer ball.	Have supplies for Potato Chip Cookies, Recycled Bowling (both 8 MAR), and making posters.	Call the destination of your field trip to confirm arrangements, times, fees, etc.	Denner writes thank-you note to last week's destination. Have materials for Soda Bottle Animals and Recycle Chair Scramble (both 8 MAR).
Den leader collects dues.				
WHILE CUB SCOUTS GATHER	Start the meeting outdoors with a game of soccer.	Collect permission slips. Talk about the MyPyramid Plan of nutrition (<i>Achievement 8a</i>).	Collect permission slips.	Boys sign thank-you note. Play Recycled Bowling (8 MAR).
OPENING	Lead the Leave No Trace Pledge (<i>Wolf Handbook</i>).	Den chief demonstrates an outdoor flag ceremony and raises the flag (<i>Achievement 2e</i>).		Form a semicircle around the flag and say the Pledge of Allegiance.
Den leader checks boys' books for completed achievements and electives and records them on Den Advancement Charts. Boys record own advancement on den doodle, if den has one.				
BUSINESS ITEMS	Talk about recycling and review <i>Achievement 7, Your Living World</i> . Discuss what boys can do for advancement at home this month.	Review requirements for Cub Scouting's Leave No Trace Awareness Award (<i>Wolf Handbook</i>). Make a poster of the Leave No Trace Pledge.	Visit a recycling center or water treatment plant. At the end of the trip, lead a reflecting discussion with boys about their outing. Stress the importance of clean water and what they can do to not pollute our waterways.	Boys practice how they will share their posters at the pack meeting. Let boys know what order to stand in. This practice will help them feel more comfortable when they get in front of the pack.
ACTIVITY	Lead the Character Connection on Citizenship (8 MAR). Make Recycling Neckerchief Slides. Play Outdoor Code Game (8 MAR).	Create bowling pins for Recycled Bowling. Make Potato Chip Cookies. Ask boys where cookies would go on the MyPyramid.		Make Soda Bottle Animals. Play Recycle Chair Scramble (8 MAR).
CLOSING	Remind boys to bring 20-oz. bottles for next week. Do a closing flag ceremony (<i>Achievement 2b</i>). Send home permission slips for the field trip during the third week.	Go outside for a closing flag ceremony (<i>Achievement 2f</i>). Remember that the flag should be lowered slowly and with respect.		Sing "Cub Scout Vespers" (<i>Cub Scout Songbook</i>).
Denner supervises putting away equipment. Den leader, den chief, and denner review the meeting and check details for the next meeting.				
AFTER THE MEETING	Den leader files local tour permit with council service center for field trip planned for third week.		Den leader fills out den advancement report for the pack leaders' meeting.	Den leader mails thank-you note.
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Wolf Den Activities

Advancement possibilities highlighted in this month's meeting plans: Achievements 2b, 2f, 7, 8a; Elective 12c

Who can take a liter bottle, save it, earn an elective by adding coloring to it, and make it a game?—Wolf Cub Scouts, that's who. This month, as the weather is getting warmer, the den will venture outside to play some games and run. Being outdoors reminds them of the Leave No Trace Awareness Award and the importance of the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace guidelines. Leaving the environment in good shape for those who will come later is a good sign of responsible citizenship.

Encourage Cub Scout families to work on additional achievements and electives that support this theme such as:

- *Achievement 11*, Duty to God: Boys can start working with their religious leader to earn the religious emblem for their faith.
- *Elective 12a*, Be an Artist: Boys have started learning about how colors are combined; they can take it one step further and make a freehand sketch of a person, place, or thing.
- *Elective 17d*, Tie It Right: Recycle newspaper the right way and tie a string around the stack.

CHARACTER CONNECTION: CITIZENSHIP

When we started our meeting we recited the Cub Scout Leave No Trace Pledge.



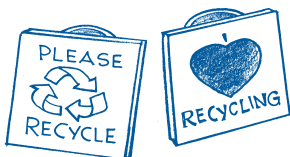
- What do you think the pledge means?
- Do you know what *citizenship* is?
- How is the Cub Scout Leave No Trace Pledge related to citizenship?
- How do you practice good citizenship related to the outdoors? How can you be a responsible citizen during the week ahead related to the outdoors and recycling?

POTATO CHIP COOKIES

Ingredients: ½ C. crushed potato chips, ¾ C. flour, ¼ C. sugar, ½ C. unsalted butter, ½ t. vanilla

Mix sugar and butter until smooth. Add vanilla, then flour. Finally add crushed potato chips. Drop by teaspoons on a greased cookie sheet. Bake 7 minutes at 350 degrees. Yield: 2 dozen.

RECYCLING NECKERCHIEF SLIDE



Materials: Craft foam sheets, paper for drawing designs, 1-in. length pieces of ¾-in.-diameter PVC pipe

Boys reproduce the pictures shown onto 2-in. squares of white paper. Cut out the drawing and glue them onto 2-in. squares of craft foam. Glue the piece of PVC pipe to the back.

GAMES

Outdoor Code

Materials: Two copies of the Outdoor Code, cut into strips of one line each.

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.

Divide into teams. The first boy takes one piece of paper, goes to a table, and lays it down. The next boy takes a second piece and places it in the spot where it should be within the Outdoor Code. Continue until one team has put the pieces together to form the correct Outdoor Code. The den chief can check for accuracy.

Recycled Bowling (Elective 12c)

Materials: Ten 20-oz. soda bottles, water, food coloring, glue, soft plastic ball

Start this project by asking the boys what happens when you mix primary colors. Fill bottles with water and have one Cub Scout add three to five drops of food coloring and shake. Next, allow a second boy to take a different primary color and add. Watch what happens to the water. Make three color combinations: red and yellow to make orange, red and blue to make purple, and blue and yellow to make green.

Brush white glue on the threads of the bottle cap and screw on the cap. Allow it to dry in place until the next meeting.

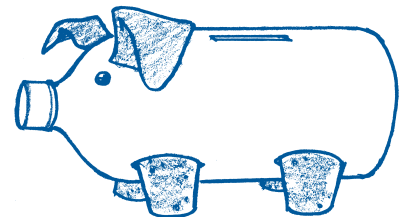
To play: Set the bottles up in a traditional bowling pin pyramid shape, approximately 10 ft. away from a start line. Each boy gets two rolls to try to knock down the pins. Score 1 point per bottle knocked down.

Recycle Chair Scramble

Materials: Chairs placed in a circle (have one chair for each player, less one); foam stick, such as a pipe insulator or swimming pool toy

Players sit in a circle on the chairs. "It" is in the center holding the stick. Players leave their chairs and walk around in a close circle saying "Reduce, Reuse" (repeat). "It" goes through the motions of picking up things with the stick (as a litter stick). Suddenly, when no one is expecting it, "It" taps the stick three times, shouts "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!" and runs for a seat. All players run to find a chair different from the one they had before. The player left out is the new "It."

SODA BOTTLE ANIMALS



Materials: 20-oz. soda bottles, cork pieces, paint, felt pieces

Boys choose an animal to create out of a soda bottle. Cut holes to attach legs (corks). Add felt pieces in shapes for ears, eyes, tails, etc. Cut a small hole in the top and it becomes a coin bank.

Litter to Glitter: Bear Den Meetings

Dens may meet after school, in the evenings, or on weekends.

Review the theme pages before planning den meetings.

Full or partial credit may be received for the following advancement possibilities highlighted in this month's meeting plans.

WHEN	FIRST WEEK	SECOND WEEK	THIRD WEEK	FOURTH WEEK
Den leader, den chief, and denner review plans before each meeting and check equipment needed.				
BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS	Find out the guidelines for recycling in your area; copy the Outdoor Code; have materials for papier-mâché masks (<i>Elective 10a</i>) and Hit the Heights (10 MAR).	Have U.S. flag. Prepare Recycle Run (10 MAR).	Call the destination of your field trip to confirm arrangements, times, fees, etc.	Purchase note paper made from recycled paper. If permitted by den meeting location, have supplies for pocketknife use (including Whittling Chip cards.) and pocketknife available for each Scout.
Den leader collects dues.				
WHILE CUB SCOUTS GATHER	Start papier-mâché masks by tearing paper into strips.	Collect permission slips. Denner helps boys sort the recyclable items they brought.	Collect permission slips. Collect recycled items to take to the recycling center.	Each boy writes a thank-you note or card to last week's destination (<i>Achievement 18e</i>).
OPENING	Give each boy a copy of the Outdoor Code. Recite it aloud together.	Denner leads the boys in the Pledge of Allegiance.		Turn off the lights and shine a light on the U.S. flag and sing "God Bless America" (<i>Cub Scout Songbook</i>).
Den leader checks boys' books for completed achievements and electives and records them on Den Advancement Charts. Boys record own advancement on den doodle, if den has one.				
BUSINESS ITEMS	Talk to the boys about the Litter to Glitter theme. Ask them to save cans, bottles, and newspapers and bring them to the den meeting to recycle as a den.	Remind boys of any recycling activity that the den will support at the pack meeting.		Discuss the den contribution to the pack meeting this month. Lead a discussion on the use of a pocketknife.
ACTIVITY	Make a papier-mâché mask. Play Hit the Heights.	Decorate the papier-mâché masks started last week. Play Recycle Run. Sing "The Color Song" (<i>Cub Scout Songbook</i>).	Visit a recycling center and recycle the items the boys have gathered. Have a representative of the recycling center teach the boys why recycling is important and what happens to their recycled items (<i>Achievement 6c</i>).	Make a carving with a pocketknife (<i>Achievement 19c</i>). Boys can use plastic knives first to practice carving, using all the skills they learned earlier.
CLOSING	Boys give their den yell. Set papier-mâché masks aside to dry. Send home permission slips for field trip during the third week.	Form a Living Circle. Denner leads the boys in the Law of the Pack. Discuss arrangements for boys to have their pocketknives at the den meeting in two weeks, as permitted by meeting site.	At the end of the trip, lead a reflecting discussion with boys about their outing.	Den lines up before the U.S. flag. In turn, boys step forward, salute the flag, and step back. Boys observe a moment of silence.
Denner supervises putting away equipment. Den leader, den chief, and denner review the meeting and check details for the next meeting.				
AFTER THE MEETING	Den leader files local tour permit with council service center for field trip planned for third week.		Den leader fills out den advancement report for the pack leaders' meeting.	Den leader mails thank-you notes.
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Bear Den Activities

Advancement possibilities highlighted in this month's meeting plans: Achievements 6c, 18e, 19c; Elective 10a

Boys are reusing newspapers to make a fun mask. See the *Cub Scout Leader How-To Book* for helpful hints. Don't hesitate to ask parents for hands-on help this month. When adults see how much fun the den meetings are, you may have a hard time keeping them away! They can help with the mask making and guidance in creating the Recycle Run game. Boys earning their Whittling Chip card represents many triumphs: following directions, respecting others, following rules, and fulfilling advancement requirements.

Encourage Cub Scout families to work on additional achievements and electives that support this theme such as:

- *Achievement 14a, Ride Right*: Boys will be venturing out on their bicycles with warmer weather, so now is the time to review safe bicycling practices.
- *Achievement 17a, Information Please*: Boys can watch a television show with their family and then talk about it.
- *Elective 1a, Space*: Before evenings get shorter, now is a good time to venture out at night with a parent to observe stars and identify constellations.

GLITTER CANDLE JAR

Materials: Small glass jar, colored tissue paper in three to four colors, glue, fine glitter (optional)

Cut the tissue paper in any shape, but not too small (1 to 2 in.). Dilute glue with about an equal amount of water. Apply a small amount of the glue mixture onto the jar. Stick on a piece of tissue paper, making sure the piece gets wet but not dripping. Apply another piece overlapping the first. Keep applying overlapping tissue pieces. Colors will run, blurring the edges of individual tissue pieces. When the jar is covered with the tissue paper, you may want to rub on some glitter glue. When dry, place a tea candle inside the jar.

Note: For fire safety, avoid gluing tissue pieces to the top edge of the jar.

GAMES

Hit the Heights

Materials: A quantity of clean aluminum cans

Divide the boys into teams. On a signal, the teams grab aluminum cans from the supply and stack them as high as possible. The team with the can that reaches the highest spot wins. (This can also be played as an individual competition.)

Recycle Run

Set up a "course" with yes-no questions about recycling. Have the question written on a card and two other cards, one with YES written on it and one with NO. Boys choose a YES or NO card and turn it over to find out whether they are right. If they choose the right card, boys score 5 points and move to the next station. The den chief and assistant den leader will be very useful to ensure that each boy answers the question by himself without the next boy watching over his shoulder. Another

way to run the course would be to have boys working with partners to answer the questions.

Question 1: Can you recycle all plastic?

Yes: Wrong answer. Some communities don't recycle plastic yet. And some communities recycle only certain kinds of plastic. Look at the recycle sign and number on the bottom of the plastic.

No: Right answer. Plastic can be recycled only in some communities. And they must have a recycle sign and number on the bottom of the jug.

Question 2: It's a waste of time to recycle newspapers.

Yes: Wrong answer. It is always a good idea to take the time to recycle newspaper, which takes up as much as 13% of the space in U.S. landfills.

No: Right answer. Recycled newspaper can become many things and helps keep our landfills from filling up so quickly.

Question 3: Old refrigerators and other appliances take up the most space in U.S. landfills.

Yes: Wrong answer. Plain old paper takes up the most space—on average, more than 40% of landfill space! That's why recycling is so important.

No: Right answer. Plain old paper takes up the most space—on average, more than 40% of landfill space! That's why recycling is so important.

Question 4: The very first Earth Day in the United States was celebrated on April 22, 2000.

Yes: Wrong answer. Earth Day started more than 35 years ago, in 1970, and continues every year. Today, millions of people from 174 countries annually celebrate International Earth Day on April 22.

No: Right answer. We've celebrated Earth Day since 1970—more than 35 years!

Go to <http://www.earthday.gov> to find out more.

Question 5: EPA stands for Earth Protection Attitude.

Yes: Wrong answer. EPA stands for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which is responsible for the protection of the environment and helping preserve it for future generations.

No: Right answer: EPA stands for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which is responsible for the protection of the environment and helping preserve it for future generations.

The web page of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (<http://www.epa.gov>) has lots of resources about recycling as well as children's educational pages.

RECYCLED CRAYONS

Materials: Old crayons, muffin tin, aluminum foil

Remove the paper wrappers from old, broken stubs of crayons. The brighter colors produce the best product. Line a muffin tin with a piece of foil in each cup. Fill the cup approximately half full with crayon pieces. Bake the crayons in a 300-degree preheated oven for five or six minutes. They should melt just enough to blend the colors, but not to melt together.

An adult removes the tin from the oven and lets the crayons cool for at least 30 minutes. When the colors are cool, remove from the tin and peel away the aluminum foil. Color with your new crayons!

Note: Whittling Chip cards are earned by learning the safety rules as well as the proper use and care of a pocketknife. See the *Bear Handbook*, Achievement 19, Shaving and Chips, and the *Cub Scout Leader Book*.