



PACK RESOURCE SHEET

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Core Value For October

Responsibility: Fulfilling our duty to God, country, other people, and ourselves. Being responsible is being dependable and doing what you say you will do. Cub Scouts will have fun learning about responsibility while pretending to be on a campout.

Preopening Activity: Camping Responsibilities

Materials: Cards with symbols of typical campout activities such as tent pitching, cooking, outdoor games, hikes, and campfire. If the group is large, the campfire can be divided into songs, skits, and fire building.

As people arrive, give each person a card. Instruct them to go around the room and find others who have the same symbol. After they organize themselves, have them talk about what they need to do to accomplish their task. Cheers for everyone for their responsible attitude.

Opening Ceremony: Being Responsible

Personnel: Narrator and a den of boys

Arrangements: The lines for the Cub Scouts below are examples. It is best if each boy says something for which he is actually responsible. Each boy carries something that symbolizes his responsibility.

NARRATOR: Being responsible means doing what you said you would do.

CUB SCOUT 1: I finish my homework without being told.

CUB SCOUT 2: I feed my dog at the same time every day.

CUB SCOUT 3: I pick up my dirty clothes and put them in the laundry.

CUB SCOUT 4: I always call my dad when I get home so he won't worry.

CUB SCOUT 5: I clean my room once a week.

CUB SCOUT 6: I recycle paper, plastic, and cans.

CUB SCOUT 7: I water the garden regularly.

NARRATOR: Now let us all remember our duty to our country by repeating the Pledge of Allegiance.

Song: At Our Overnighter

Tune: "Here We Go Around the Mulberry Bush"
(Accompany each task with pretend action.)

This is the way we pitch a tent

Pitch a tent, pitch a tent

This is the way we pitch a tent at our overnighter.

This is the way we wash our plates

Wash our plates, wash our plates

This is the way we wash our plates at our overnighter.

This is the way we clean our site

Clean our site, clean our site

This is the way we clean our site at our overnighter.

This is the way we pitch a tent

Wash our plates, clean our site

These are the ways we do our chores at our overnighter.

Recognition Ceremony: Responsible Bobcats

Materials: Bobcat badges, safety pins

CUBMASTER: Being Cub Scouts means many things. It means making new friends, having fun and adventures, strengthening friendships and family ties, working hard toward advancement, and doing your best. It also means making promises and keeping them.

(Call forward the Bobcat candidates and their parents.)

The first rank earned by every boy in Cub Scouting is Bobcat. To become a Bobcat, a boy must complete eight requirements. One of them is to learn the Cub Scout Promise. Making a promise and keeping it means being responsible. These boys have learned the Promise and are ready to become responsible Cub Scouts.

Bobcat candidates, please make the Cub Scout sign and repeat the Cub Scout Promise with me. *(Repeat the Promise with the boys.)*

(Give each boy the Cub Scout handshake. Hand the Bobcat badges to the parents so they can pin them on their sons' shirts.)

Congratulations!

Recognition Ceremony: Leader Induction

Personnel: Chartered organization representative, all leaders in the pack

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE: There is a special group of people here that the boys and parents of Pack ___ wish to honor at this time. These people are the adult leaders of the pack. *(Ask all leaders to come forward, calling each one by name and giving his or her pack position.)*

These volunteer leaders not only guide their own boys through Cub Scouting, but believe strongly enough in the program that they are willing to devote extra time and effort to making the dens and the pack go. For this the Cub Scouts and families of Pack ___ salute you. *(Lead a round of applause.)*

These leaders wear the badges of office on their uniform. The badges represent many things. Responsibility—for their responsibility as our leaders will be great. Hard work—for that's what makes the pack go. Enthusiasm—for it is contagious and accomplishes much. And gratification—for that will be the reward of their efforts.

Parents in the audience, please rise and repeat after me:

As parents we pledge you our wholehearted support.

Cubmaster's Minute: Being Responsible

"Being responsible means you do what you say you will do. If you say you'll take the trash out once a week, you'll do that. If you say

you'll feed your dog, you'll do that. What happens if you get sick and can't feed your dog? Can you skip it? No, because your dog depends on you. Maybe you ask your brother to do it for you but you have to make sure the dog gets fed, no matter what. When you go camping you are responsible for cleaning up after yourself, no matter what. Sometimes being responsible sounds like a lot of work and not much fun. But remember, being responsible means being dependable. If you are dependable, you get to do more things like going on a fun campout. So boys, be dependable and be responsible and get to do more things. That's what growing up means."

Closing Ceremony: Interpretation of the Cub Scout Promise

Arrangement: Six Cub Scouts hold cards, on which are printed parts of the Cub Scout Promise and the explanation as shown below. Each Cub Scout holds up his card in turn and reads the explanation written on the back of his card.

NARRATOR: In Cub Scouting we keep the Cub Scout Promise.

CUB SCOUT 1: I, _____, promise. A promise is a solemn vow.

CUB SCOUT 2: To do my best. Your best is giving all you've got when you have something to do, and working on it with all your heart and with all the strength and devotion you have.

CUB SCOUT 3: To do my duty. To do the task, to meet the responsibilities, to do what must be done, not just halfway, but completely and fully so you're proud of what you've done.

CUB SCOUT 4: To God and my country. Do your duty to God. Fulfill your religious responsibilities and uphold your religious beliefs. Do your duty to country. Try to be a good citizen of this free country we are lucky to live in.

CUB SCOUT 5: To help other people. To help—it doesn't say how much. It could mean saving a life or changing a bicycle tire or carrying a bag of groceries. To help other people—not just your own family. The best time to help is when you have to go out of your way to do it.

CUB SCOUT 6: To obey the Law of the Pack. So we will all remember just what this Law includes, will you please stand and repeat it with me?

(Cub Scouts give the Cub Scout sign and lead audience in saying the Law of the Pack.)

Game: Campsite Cleanup

Materials: Chairs, boxes, clean trash in various sizes (paper wrappers, empty bottles, bits of paper, etc.), a bag for litter for each player

Before the game, stress to the boys the importance of leaving a place better than how they found it. Explain the concept of the sweep. Boys line up shoulder to shoulder and carefully scan the ground in front of them. They are responsible for picking up any litter. The entire line then takes a step forward and scans the next section of ground.

Divide the room into two. In each area arrange chairs and boxes, and scatter clean trash. Divide the group into two teams. Make sure teams are balanced in age of the players. Provide each player with a bag. Teams stand on one side of the room. On signal, they put away the camp equipment (chairs and boxes) in designated areas. Then they line up and perform the sweep.

Judge each team for speed, thoroughness, and cooperation.

If this game is played outdoors, provide the boys with disposable gloves.



Character Connection: Responsibility

What does it mean to be responsible? Why is it important that you act responsibly when you go on a campout? What can happen if you don't act responsibly and don't clean up after yourself at

the pack overnighter? During the next week, let's pay attention to those things you are responsible for and make sure you do your best. How can you do that?

See *Fun for the Family*, No. 33012, for family activities related to this month's core value, responsibility.

Game: Who's Responsible?

Materials: Set of simple questions written on a card

Examples of questions:

- Where do you live?
- How old are you?
- What's your name?
- Which school do you go to?
- Which den do you belong to?

Players sit in a circle. One player is "it" and stands in the center. "It" points at a player and asks one of the simple questions written on the card and immediately begins to count to 10, while looking only at the boy he points at. But the boy who is really supposed to answer the question is not the one "it" is pointing at, but the third player on the left of that boy. It is his job to answer for the boy whom "it" is pointing at. If he fails to answer the question, he goes to the center and becomes "it." Explain to the boys before the game that it is always the third one on the left who is responsible to answer the question for the boy who is pointed at.

Snack: Fruit Wraps

Ingredients:

- Flour tortilla
- Honey (if desired)
- Slices of apple
- Dried dates, pineapple or other fruit
- Almonds or walnuts
- Shredded cheese

Spread thin layer of honey on tortilla. Place ingredients of choice on tortilla. Fold up one end to keep ingredients from falling out of the bottom, and roll.

Note: Be aware of food allergies and diet restrictions.

Did You Know?

"Say Yes to Reading!" Contest. A Cub Scout can write a one-page report titled "The Best Book I Read This Year" and enter it in the *Boys' Life* "Say Yes to Reading!" contest. The book can be fiction or nonfiction, but the report has to be in the reader's own words and must be 500 words or less. There are three age categories: 8 years old and younger, 9 and 10 years old, 11 years old and older. Everyone who enters will receive a free patch, which can be worn on the right pocket of the uniform as a temporary patch. Entries must be postmarked by December 31. For more information, check *Boys' Life* or go to www.boyslife.org.