

# PACK RESOURCE SHEET

JANUARY 2012

## Core Value For January

**Positive Attitude:** Being cheerful and setting our minds to look for and find the best in all situations. Through participating in various activities at the pack meeting and pack talent show, boys will gain a better understanding of the importance of having a positive attitude whether they are part of the audience or as the center of attention on stage.

## Preopening Activity: Stars of the Pack Posters

**Materials:** Cardstock for each Cub Scout in the pack with his name on it (photos may be attached to the poster); pens; list of positive statement examples such as the ones below.

**Arrangement:** Place cardstock posters on tables around the room. Post positive statement examples on the wall.

As families arrive, hand each person a pen. Instruct people to go around and write something special and positive on the Cub Scout posters. They can refer to the examples of positive statements for ideas but suggest making the statement as specific to the particular boy as possible.

Designate several adults to circulate and make sure each child's poster has a few positive things written on it. They should encourage people to participate in the activity. They can help people, especially young children, to come up with positive statements of their own as well.

After the preopening activity, put the posters on the wall. Present the posters to the Cub Scouts during the meeting.

Examples of positive statements:

- Always cheerful
- I'm glad we are friends.
- I like you!
- I'm glad you're in my den! (my pack, school, etc.)
- You're neat!
- Super!
- I'm proud of you!
- Fantastic!
- Helpful
- Great sportsman
- Powerful swimmer
- Talented musician
- Outstanding!
- A good listener
- Great sense of humor
- You always do your best.

## Opening Ceremony: Positive Attitude Flag Ceremony

**Materials:** Three cards with one word written on each, "do," "your," "best." Write script on the back of each card.

**Personnel:** Cubmaster, three Cub Scouts, color guard

CUBMASTER: Remember to be cheerful and set your minds to look for and find the best in all situations.

CUB SCOUT 1: Do. Remember to do good for others with a cheerful heart.

CUB SCOUT 2: Your. Remember it's your positive attitude that will make a difference in the lives of others.

CUB SCOUT 3: Best. Remember to find the best in all situations.

CUBMASTER: Always do your best to have a positive attitude, and share it with those around you. Please join us for the presentation of the colors.

## Applause: Bravo Applause

Everyone shouts, "Bravo, Bravo, Bravo!" gradually getting louder. End with huge clapping.

## Recognition Ceremony: Stars of the Show Advancement

**Materials:** Awards attached to paper stars

CUBMASTER: Welcome to our pack recognition show tonight! Our first act is starring a group of young men who have been practicing their lines. They worked hard and are ready to receive the great honor of their Bobcat badge. Will the following stars and their parents, please come forward? (*Name boys who are receiving the award.*) This is the first of many performances in your Cub Scout career. I will ask your parents to present the badge to you. (*Do so.*)

Our next act is by awesome Tiger Cubs. Will the following stars and parents come forward to our stage? (*Call up Tiger Cubs and parents.*) These stars have been perfecting their act with their den, with their families, and on their Go See It trips. They worked hard and have earned the Tiger Cub badge. (*Parents present the awards.*) Some of these stars have learned extra lines and songs. I will present their Tiger Track beads to their adult partners, who will present them to you. (*Do so.*)

Our third act has been practicing for several months and they are terrific! Will the following stars and parents come forward? (*Name the Wolf badge candidates.*) These stars had to learn 12 acts in the Wolf Handbook. They finished rehearsing their scenes and are ready to receive the Wolf badge. (*Parents present their sons the award.*) Some of these stars have learned extra lines and songs. They will now receive their Arrow Points. (*Parents present Arrow Points.*)

Our next act is super! Will the following stars and their parents come forward to our stage? (*Name the Bear badge recipients.*) These stars have also learned 12 acts, but these acts come from a more difficult script called the Bear Handbook. Their rehearsals are done, and they are ready to receive the Bear badge. (*Parents present the awards.*) Some of these stars have learned extra lines and songs. They will now receive their Arrow Points. (*Parents present Arrow Points.*)

And now, ladies and gentlemen, we have a stupendous act which takes much skill and requires work and patience. These performers have been practicing very hard to attain stardom. Will the following stars and their parents please come to the stage? (*Call up Webelos Scouts and parents.*) These stars have attained the rank of Webelos. They have worked hard with their den leaders and activity badge counselors. We honor their great achievements tonight. (*Parents present the awards.*) They must continue to practice for one more award, the prestigious Arrow of Light Award. We'll watch breathlessly as they continue to pursue their shining careers.

Congratulations, all!

## Recognition Ceremony: Acknowledging Someone's Effort

CUBMASTER: Songs and music are a combination of sounds that produce a harmonious result. In our pack, we have a nice variety of talents that blend together well. Tonight, I wish to recognize [name]. His/her contribution in [organizing or participating in a particular event] added a very special note to [explain].

*(Have the individual stand and be applauded. Present the honoree with a kazoo or a large cardboard cutout of a music note.)*

## Cubmaster's Minute: I Know You Can

"You all know the story of the Little Engine That Could. How does it go? The little engine knew that if he didn't at least try, he would never know what he could do. He started out saying, 'I think I can, I think I can.' Then he did it! He said, 'I thought I could, I thought I could.' Boys, I know that you can. Believe in yourself and do your best. When you grow up you will be able to say 'I knew I could.' Now, everyone, close your eyes and think of something that you want to accomplish. It could be a dream you've always had or your own secret. Maybe it's something you want to be when you grow up. *(Take a short pause.)* Have you thought? Now everyone will shout, 'I know I can, I know I can.' *(Shout with the boys.)* Do your best!"

## Closing Ceremony: Positive Aims of Scouting

CUB SCOUT 1: May I grow in character and strengthen my values every year.

CUB SCOUT 2: May I always honor my parents and be a good citizen.

CUB SCOUT 3: May I keep my body, mind, and spirit in good health.

CUBMASTER: As we leave our meeting tonight, may each one of us do our best to keep a positive attitude and follow the Cub Scout motto, Do Your Best, in our daily lives.

## Skit: The Best You Can Do

**Setting:** Two Cub Scouts are on stage. Two more come on the stage.

CUB SCOUT 1: *(Looking downcast)* I can't do it.

CUB SCOUT 2: I'm worried, too.

CUB SCOUTS 3 and 4: *(Coming up to the two boys)* Hi, guys.

CUB SCOUT 3: What's wrong?

CUB SCOUT 1: We're supposed to be part of the skit for the pack meeting next week.

CUB SCOUT 2: And we're worried we'll make mistakes.

CUB SCOUT 1: Or forget our lines.

CUB SCOUT 2: It's kind of scary.

CUB SCOUT 1: Yeah.

CUB SCOUT 3: Oh, come on, guys. You can do it.

CUB SCOUT 4: Remember the best.

CUB SCOUT 1: The best?

CUB SCOUT 3: Yeah, nothing more and nothing less.

CUB SCOUT 4: The best you can do is to do your best.

CUB SCOUTS 1 and 2: Huh?

CUB SCOUT 3: Like this. Stand in front of people. *(They all face the audience.)*

CUB SCOUT 4: And look at them and say . . .

ALL: The best you can do is to do your best!



## Character Connection: Positive Attitude

What does it mean to have a positive attitude? Why is it important? Have you been in a skit or a play before? What can make it difficult for you to be part of a skit or a play? How does having a positive attitude help you? What can you do to improve your attitude? How can a positive attitude help you do your best at school and in other areas of your life?

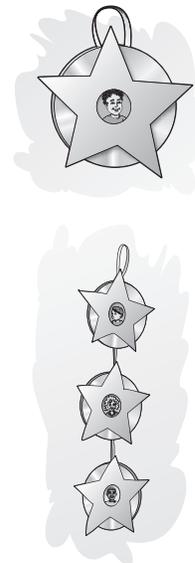
See *Fun for the Family*, No. 33012, for family activities related to this month's core value, positive attitude.

## Project: Star Photo Frame Sun Catcher

**Materials:** Two old CDs, ribbon, craft foam, small photo, glue, scissors, permanent markers, stickers

Cut 6 inches of ribbon for the hanging loop. Glue two CDs together with the ribbon between them, making sure there is enough loop showing. Cut a star from craft foam so that half an inch to an inch of each point extends beyond the CD. Cut a hole in the center for the photo. Glue the photo to the back of the star and then glue the star to the CD. Decorate the reverse side of the sun catcher with markers and stickers. Optionally, the reverse side can also be a star frame with another picture.

For a family of stars, make a string of sun catchers with a piece of ribbon glued between CDs.



## Snack: Nutty Numbers and Letters

**Ingredients:**

- ½ cup margarine, softened
- 1 cup flour
- ¼ cup honey
- 1 cup wheat germ
- Chopped nuts

Mix all the ingredients except nuts. Shape into numbers or letters on a cookie sheet (make "snakes" and shape them into numbers or letters). Cover with chopped nuts. Gently press. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Serves six to eight.

Letters could be an S for stars or each boy can make a few random letters and have other boys come up with positive words that begin with each letter.

**Note:** Be aware of food allergies and diet restrictions.

## Did You Know?

**BSA Online Learning Center, <http://olc.scouting.org>.** This site provides a variety of training materials, from quick references to complete courses, all designed to help BSA members improve leadership skills and deliver a quality program. The courses offered on this site include, but are not limited to, Cub Scout Leader Fast Start, This Is Scouting, Leader Position-Specific Training, Youth Protection training, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, and Den Chief Training.