

PACK RESOURCE SHEET

JULY 2012

Core Value For July

Courage: Being brave and doing what is right regardless of our fears, the difficulties, or the consequences. Cub Scouts will learn that courage means making the right choice and doing what is right no matter what their friends are doing.

Preopening Activity: Scouts in Action Puzzles

Preparation: Paste “Scouts in Action” pages or copies of the pages on cardboard (file folders, cereal box). Dry them flat. When dry, cut each page into six to eight irregular shapes.

As people arrive, give each person a puzzle piece. Explain that they are to go around the room and assemble the puzzles. When their puzzle is complete, encourage participants to read the stories together.



Character Connection: Courage

What do you think courage means? Courage is more than just about danger; it also is about doing what is right. How did the Scouts in the “Scouts in Action” stories show courage? How do you feel when you hear about people who have shown courage? Do you think you could

show courage at home? How? What about at school?

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

Opening Ceremony: Courage

Materials: Large cards with the letters to spell out “courage” on one side and the script on the other.

CUBMASTER: May we have courage to do what is right regardless of our fears, the difficulties, or the consequences.

CUB SCOUT 1: C stands for citizenship. May we have the courage to act as good citizens and do what is right.

CUB SCOUT 2: O stands for obstacles. May we have the courage to face obstacles and challenges, and do what is right.

CUB SCOUT 3: U stands for the United States. May we honor the courage of our great leaders who faced tough choices to do what is right.

CUB SCOUT 4: R stands for rights. May we have the courage to stand up for the rights of all and do what is right.

CUB SCOUT 5: A stands for armed forces. May we honor the courage of those who fight to protect our country and our freedom, and do what is right.

CUB SCOUT 6: G stands for God. May we have the courage to keep our faith and respect the beliefs of others, and do what is right.

CUB SCOUT 7: E stands for emergencies. May we have the courage to be brave, be calm, be clear, and be careful to do our best to help others no matter our fears, and do what is right.

CUBMASTER: Let’s stand and join together for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Applause: Grand Applause

While sitting, stomp feet four times, slap knees four times, clap hands four times, and stand up and yell HURRAH!

Recognition Ceremony: Courage

CUBMASTER: Courage means not being afraid to do what you believe is right. A courageous person is a person who wants to make things better for other people. He is usually prepared and trained to do the job. And he will do his best even if he is afraid because it is important to him to do what is right.

The following boys demonstrated that they have courage. They have chosen to work hard and prepare themselves in life by learning the Cub Scouting ideals. They are learning to be independent and successful and happen to have a lot of fun along the way. Please join me in congratulating the Cub Scouts who have earned [name of the award]. (*Call forward the boys and their parents. Briefly describe what boys did to earn the award. Present the award.*)

(*Continue in a similar manner for other awards and recipients.*)

Congratulations! (*Lead the pack in the Grand Applause—see above.*)

Recognition Ceremony: Pack Heroes Adult Recognition

Preparations: Make creative awards to present to leaders and parents to recognize and thank them for their contributions. Be creative! See some examples below. Alternatively, boys could make Thank-You Pins (page 60).

CUBMASTER or COMMITTEE CHAIR: In our pack, we have many heroes. They are den leaders, committee leaders and parent helpers. Tonight we would like to recognize our pack heroes. We want you to know that we appreciate all the time and effort that you put forth. You are helping to shape these boys’ lives and building the leaders of tomorrow. We would like to present the following awards.

- First aid adhesive bandage on a wooden plaque: To someone who fixes our pack’s problems.
- Fireman hat or badge: To someone who always comes to the “rescue.”
- Small glove glued on wooden plaque: Helping Hand Award to the person who always lends a helping hand.
- Rope tied into square knot glued on a wooden plaque: Golden Knot Award to our Cubmaster, pack leaders, or den leaders (or to someone who is dedicated to teaching knot-tying).
- Heart-shaped object glued on wooden plaque: Big Heart Award to someone who has put his or her heart into the Cub Scout program.
- Teabag stapled onto a paper circle with ribbons hanging below to look like an award medal: To someone who has been tea-riffic!
- Package of Lifesaver candy glued on wooden plaque: Life Saver Award to the person who stepped up to help when the pack (or event) faced a crisis.

- Two carabiners linked together glued on wooden plaque: To the leader who has helped prepare the second-year Webelos Scouts for their Webelos-to-Scout transition.
- Tiny light bulb glued on wooden plaque: Bright Idea Award to the person who always has good ideas.
- Plastic gold spoon tied with ribbons: Golden Spoon Award to the blue and gold banquet coordinator.

Cubmaster's Minute: Let's Be Lions

"This month's core value is courage. Courage doesn't mean you have to risk your life to save someone's life, though that's certainly courageous. Courage means knowing and doing what's right. In Cub Scouting you try new things, work on service projects, build self-confidence, and learn to make wise choices. These things will strengthen your courage to do what is right while you are young. And it will carry forward and help you have the courage to do what is right in your adult lives. Remember that the skills you learn in Scouting will help you overcome obstacles and challenges with courage and character throughout your lives."

Closing Ceremony: Thank You

Material: Index cards with script for the boys to read

CUB SCOUT 1: Thank you to the brave men and women who had the courage to sail across the ocean and start a new colony at Jamestown.

CUB SCOUT 2: Thank you to the founding fathers of our nation who had the courage to fight for our independence.

CUB SCOUT 3: Thank you to the American pioneers, who had the courage to lead the westward expansion across the nation.

CUB SCOUT 4: Thank you to the many leaders of our country, and in industry, business, science, and social fields who had the courage to pave new ways and make new discoveries and inventions for the next generation.

CUB SCOUT 5: Thank you to all the adults in our lives who help us have the courage to do the right things as Cub Scouts should.

CUBMASTER: You will find thousands of Scouts in industry, business, science, and social fields. One famous Scout, Neil Armstrong, had the courage to take the first step on the moon, and he said, "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Remember, the skills you are learning in Scouting are giving you the courage and character to succeed throughout your lives.

Game: Through the Forest

Material: Blindfolds

Have the Cub Scouts spread out over the playing area to become "trees." A blindfolded "hiker" starts at one end of the playing area, while a "guide" standing at the other end talks the "hiker" through the Cub Scout forest. The trees are not allowed to move. If the hiker collides with a tree, he becomes a tree, the tree becomes the guide, and the guide becomes the hiker. Have several hiker-guide pairs start at the same time. If hikers collide with each other, they switch places with their own guides.

Make it more difficult by starting hikers at opposite ends going in two directions or at four ends going in four directions at the same time.

Switch places so everyone has a chance to play a hiker.

Skit: The Unknown Legend

Preparation: This skit is suitable for Bear Cub Scouts. The skit can be used to recognize a leader. Adjust gender and number of pronoun indicating the "unknown legend." Don't let the Cub Scout leader know about this ahead of time but make sure he is in the room and paying attention to the skit.

(Boys are standing around talking.)

CUB SCOUT 1: I hear the unknown legend is here! Have you seen him?

CUB SCOUT 2-6: No.

CUB SCOUT 3: He's strong but not as strong as Paul Bunyan.

CUB SCOUT 4: But as courageous as Casey Jones.

CUB SCOUT 5: Can't shoot as well as Davey Crockett, though.

CUB SCOUT 6: But can be as wild as Pecos Bill.

CUB SCOUT 1: And he's better than all those heroes put together.

ALL: Here he is *(point to a Cub Scout leader)*.

Project: Thank-You Pin

Materials: Cub Scout decal, balsa wood square larger than the decal, glue, fine-tip marker, pin-back, or half-inch PVC pipe section



Glue a Cub Scout decal or other symbol of Cub Scouting on a square of balsa wood. The wood piece should be larger than the decal. Write a message on the border with a fine marker. Glue a pin-back or a PVC pipe section on the back. Give to leaders or parents who have been helpful.

Each Cub Scout can make these for their parents and give them as a thank-you.

Snack: Fish in the River

Ingredients:

- Celery stalks
- Cream cheese or other cheese spread
- Fish crackers

Trim and wash celery and fill with cheese. Top with crackers.

Note: Be aware of food allergies and diet restrictions.

Did You Know?

Heroism Award. The Heroism Award may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save life at minimum risk to self. Recognition may be given to a youth member or adult leader. The action taken need not involve attempts of rescue or risk to self but must put into practice Scouting skills and/or ideals. It was first awarded in 1923.

