



**Core Value:
Honesty**

Core Value of the Month

Honesty: Telling the truth and being worthy of trust.

A Scout is honest. As boys have fun and interact in their den and pack, they learn that honesty can simply be defined as a refusal to lie, cheat, or steal in any way. Honesty is simply the truth.

Pack Planning Meeting

Pack leaders meet one or two weeks before the pack meeting to finalize plans for August and develop plans for the September pack meeting.

Pack Committee

- ▶ Report on plans decided at the annual pack program planning conference and prepare a complete calendar to distribute to the pack members at the meeting this month or, at the latest, next month. New families joining the pack will want to know the dates of meetings and special activities.
- ▶ Discuss plans for fall recruiting. Decide on a date and place to have a roundup and review the materials in the *Cub Scout Leader Book* for a well organized presentation.
- ▶ The August pack meeting is a good time to bring families together in the outdoors, and it's a good month for Cub Scouts to invite friends to the pack meeting. Have a pack family picnic and fishing derby or a raingutter regatta. For rules and tips on how to run a raingutter regatta, see the *Cub Scout Leader How-To Book*. Make sure there are enough kits for all the boys, their guests, and siblings.
- ▶ Make certain that all parts of the meeting have dens or leaders responsible for them. Ensure that all props and supplies for the preopening activity and ceremonies are ready for the meeting.

Cubmaster Corner

Volunteer Involvement. The success of the Scouting program depends on the involvement of parents, grandparents, and other family members. Our responsibility as leaders is to let parents and volunteers know how important they are to the program.

- ▶ We must make sure we are sharing the fun and excitement that naturally happen when we're Scouting. Whether it's in a small way or a big way, every bit helps and is important to the program's success.
- ▶ When recruiting volunteers, make sure you have a list of all areas where help is needed. Use the Family Talent Survey Sheet found in the *Cub Scout Leader Book* to help fill your positions.

Pack Trainer

- ▶ With the recruitment of new boys and leaders next month, be prepared with the dates, times, and locations of all training opportunities, including the Youth Protection training refresher for current pack leaders.
- ▶ Encourage all pack leadership to attend your district's Cub Scout leader roundtable to gather information on fall recruiting, get support, and learn about district and council events. Obtain the date, location, and registration information for your council's pow wow or University of Scouting for Cub Scout leaders.
- ▶ Identify any new leaders entering the pack and develop a training plan for each.
- ▶ Inventory of training of current leaders and provide to Cubmaster. Share with the pack planning team if appropriate.
- ▶ Conduct the Unit Leadership Enhancement No. 5, Family Involvement, to help leaders find ways to strengthen parents' involvement in den and pack activities in the coming year. Or select a topic that best meets the current needs of your pack. See the *Cub Scout Leader Book* for detailed outlines. Choose a topic for next month.



Program Highlights

Academics and Sports

The Cub Scout Academics and Sports program is a great way to help fulfill the aims of Scouting—building character, developing citizenship, and encouraging mental and physical fitness. This month you might feature these belt loops and pins.

- ▶ **Photography:** Cub Scouts learn the features of a camera and take pictures of their den or family outings, pets, or even scenery. They present the memories to their den or pack.
- ▶ **Fishing:** A lazy summer day spent fishing can be a memory to cherish and a new skill to enjoy for a lifetime.

See the *Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide* for more information.

Outing in Scouting

- ▶ **Cub Scouts.** Go fishing at a fish farm or lake, or take a walk on a beach and observe the ecosystem.
- ▶ **Webelos Scouts.** Earn the Aquanaut activity badge or the Cub Scout Sports pin for swimming.

Resource Highlight: *Power Pack Pals: Four Rules for Personal Safety*

This installment in the youth protection comic book series featuring Akela, Baloo, and T.C. includes scenarios that advise kids about the dangers of strangers, and inappropriate behavior by adults toward children, and what to do in scary situations.



The August Pack Meeting

Honesty

BEFORE THE MEETING

Make sure all the items necessary for the opening, recognition, and closing ceremonies are available and ready. Set up the raingutter regatta track in a visible area, yet removed from other activities to avoid accidents.

GATHERING

Greeters welcome each member, leader, and guest as they arrive.

Preopening Activity

School of Fish

Have cutouts of swordfish, tuna, trout, catfish, etc. ready. As people arrive at the meeting, tape pictures of fish on their back. On a signal, they are to see which “school of fish” can assemble first.

OPENING

Opening Ceremony

Preparation: Prepare cards with the letters H-O-N-E-S-T-Y on them. Write the lines below on the back of the cards.

NARRATOR: Being honest means many things. The dictionary states that an honest person will not lie, cheat, or steal. Other words associated with honesty are:

CUB SCOUT 1: Honor your word.

CUB SCOUT 2: Obey the law.

CUB SCOUT 3: Never cheat.

CUB SCOUT 4: Everyone’s property deserves respect.

CUB SCOUT 5: Stand for what’s right.

CUB SCOUT 6: Tell the truth.

CUB SCOUT 7: You can be trusted.

NARRATOR: You are on the right track to happiness if you practice being honest. Please stand and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prayer (Cub Scout or Leader)

“We give thanks for being together outdoors. Please help everyone be safe during our meeting and on the way home.”

Welcome and Introductions

Welcome the Cub Scouts, parents, and leaders. Make sure all special guests are introduced and welcomed. Explain the plans for the pack meeting and how the raingutter regatta will be run.

PROGRAM

Start the raingutter regatta. Throughout the regatta, emphasize the importance of participation.

Den Demonstrations

Each den shares a skit, a song, or an explanation of what the den has done during the month.

RECOGNITION

School of Fish Advancement

Equipment: A blue poster board or sheet imitating water gradually getting deeper, five different size fish made of cardboard, awards.

Setting: Cubmaster is in front of room with water behind him.

CUBMASTER: The small fish starts out in shallow water (*place smallest fish in shallow water*) and the first step is to learn how to maneuver in the water, just as our beginning Scout is becoming familiar with Cub Scouting. The first part of becoming a Cub Scout is that of a Bobcat. Would the following boys please come forward with their parents? (*Award badges.*)



TIGER CUB DEN LEADER: As our small fish grows (*place the next fish further out in the water*), he moves a little further into the water finding new adventures and discovering new areas. Just as our fish is developing, so are our Cub Scouts. The next step is that of the Tiger Cub. Would the following boys please come forward with their parents? (*Cubmaster presents awards.*)

WOLF DEN LEADER: As our small fish becomes stronger and larger (*place the next fish further out in the water*), he moves further into the water and becomes more acquainted with the other fish. Just as our fish, the Cub Scout is becoming more acquainted with the pack. The next step is that of the Wolf. Would the following boys please come forward with their parents? (*Cubmaster presents awards.*)

BEAR DEN LEADER: Our fish has grown into a larger fish (*place the next fish further out in the water*), and has moved out further into the water and is learning to maneuver faster in the water. Just like the fish, the Cub Scout is learning and meeting more challenges. The next step is that of the Bear. Would the following boys please come forward with their parents? (*Cubmaster presents awards.*)

WEBELOS DEN LEADER: Our fish has finally reached the stage where he can go into the deepest water (*place largest fish in the deepest water*), and has learned quite a lot about the water and what lies in it. This stage of growth is like that of the Webelos Scout. The Webelos Scout has matured and learned much about the pack and is ready to move on into Boy Scouting. Would the following boys please come forward with their parents? (*Cubmaster presents awards.*)

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: Just as the fish has developed and has gone out into deeper water, we know our Cub Scouts have learned and developed as we send them on into Boy Scouting and beyond.

CLOSING

Announcements

Distribute copies of the newsletter and the calendar for the coming year. Highlight the date, time, and location of next month's pack meeting.

Cubmaster's Minute

Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, said, "Honesty is a form of honor. An honorable man can be trusted with any amount of money or other valuables with the certainty that he will not steal it." When you feel inclined to cheat in order to win a game, just say to yourself, "After all, it is only a game. It won't hurt me to lose." If you keep your head this way, you will often find that you are a winner after all.

Closing Ceremony

Gather everyone in a circle. All pack members, families, and guests join together by crossing their arms and grasping the hands of the people on either side of them. Offer a closing thought about the fun of the past year, the fun of the year to come with new Cub Scouts who will join, and new adventures for everyone. Ask each person to turn to their left and say good night, then turn to their right and say good night. The Cubmaster then announces that the meeting is over.

AFTER THE MEETING

- ▶ Refreshments
- ▶ Cleanup