

# 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.



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AUGUST 2012

## Core Value For August

**Honesty:** Telling the truth and being worthy of trust. Cub Scouts will gain a better understanding of the importance of following the rules, playing fair, and being trustworthy in games and in daily life.

## Preopening Activity: Mistaken Identities

As each person enters the room, randomly give him or her a name tag with someone else's name on it. Then ask each person to circulate around the room and find the person with his or her name tag and make a switch. Continue until at least half the participants have their own name tag.

## Opening Ceremony: Honesty

**Materials:** Large cards with the letters to spell out "honesty."

CUBMASTER: Listen as we list some words that describe honesty.

CUB SCOUT 1: H is for honor.

CUB SCOUT 2: O is for openness.

CUB SCOUT 3: N is for nobleness.

CUB SCOUT 4: E is for encouraging.

CUB SCOUT 5: S is for sincerity.

CUB SCOUT 6: T is for trust.

CUB SCOUT 7: Y is for yourself.

CUBMASTER: As you live this value, you will find these words to be part of your life. Please join us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Applause: Stamp and Clap Applause

Stand, stamp feet three times, clap hands three times, stamp feet three times, clap hands three times, and shout "Yea!" at the end.

## Recognition Ceremony: Den Chief Induction

**Materials:** Den chief cords (or Webelos den chief cords, as needed), one for each den chief being honored

**Personnel:** Cubmaster, den leaders

CUBMASTER: Tonight we would like to recognize some very special new leaders in our pack. Will the following Scouts please come forward? (Call the names of den chiefs. Den chiefs come to the front and line up facing the audience.) These young men have been selected to serve as den chiefs for Pack \_\_\_\_ this year. They have been selected because they have shown leadership skills. They will help the dens they work with by setting a good example in attitude and uniform, being a friend to the boys in the den and helping them achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting.

*(Face the den chiefs.)* We, the leaders and families of Pack\_\_\_\_, welcome you to our leadership corps. Your troop has presented you the badge of office. We would now like to present you the den chief cord, which is worn on your left shoulder. Den leaders, please place the cord on the den chief who is working with your den.

We thank you for the service, enthusiasm, and the fun you will bring to your dens. Let us honor these Scouts with the Stamp and Clap Applause (page 63).

## Recognition Ceremony: Compass Den Chief Recognition

**Materials:** Certificate of appreciation, compass, one flashlight for each Cub Scout in the den

**Personnel:** Cubmaster, den leader, den chief, Cub Scout den

*(Turn down the room lights and ask everyone to stand. Have the Cub Scouts form two lines facing each other. They shine their flashlights at an angle on the floor so the beams cross. The Cubmaster calls the den chief forward to walk the lighted pathway. The den leader presents the certificate.)*

DEN LEADER: It is my honor and pleasure to present this certificate to you along with this compass. The boys chose a compass because of the direction you gave them while guiding them in their den and on their Cub Scouting trail. The boys of your den would now like to do their den yell for you. *(Boys do their den yell.)* Thank you for your dedication, enthusiasm, and leadership!

## Cubmaster's Minute: Honesty

"Everyone has heard the story of George Washington and the cherry tree. Like so many stories, part of the story is true and part is exaggerated. It was exaggerated to make a point about his good character. That's honesty. Have you ever done something not very acceptable and didn't want to be honest about it? Have you ever been tempted to lie? It sits heavy right here *(point to chest)*, doesn't it? I bet that George was feeling bad about not wanting to tell the truth. He must have been feeling quite guilty and wanted to hide. But he had the courage to be honest. Being honest isn't always easy, but there won't be a weight right here *(point to chest)*. And what else? People will believe you and trust you. Isn't that important, to be trusted? So, boys, remember to be honest at all times."

## Closing Ceremony: Cub Scout Game Show

**Materials:** Large bell, horn, kazoo, etc.

**Arrangement:** Cub Scout 1 acts as a game show contestant. Cub Scouts 2-5 ask him questions. They hide noise makers in their pockets and, after the last question, make loud noises.

CUB SCOUT 2: You are at a store and find a five-dollar bill on the floor. What will you do?

CUB SCOUT 1: I turn it in to the store manager.

CUB SCOUT 3: You are having a huge problem solving one of the test questions. The kid sitting next to you has his test really close to you. Will you try to look?

CUB SCOUT 1: No, I must do the test all by myself.

CUB SCOUT 4: You are playing a game with your younger brother. It's so easy to cheat and win the game. Will you?

CUB SCOUT 1: No, of course, not. I must be fair to everyone.

CUB SCOUT 5: You broke your mom's favorite vase, which you were not supposed to touch to begin with. Nobody's around. What do you do?

CUB SCOUT 1: (*Gulp.*) I'll tell my mom and apologize.

(*Cub Scouts 2–5 make loud noises.*)

CUB SCOUT 2: Congratulations, you just won the Honest Cub Scout Award!

CUB SCOUT 1: Cub Scouts are honest and do the right thing even when no one is watching.

ALL: Let's remember to be loyal, honest, and true!

## Closing Ceremony for the End of the Year: Let's Remember

**Arrangement:** Five Cub Scouts read two lines each.

Let's remember the service projects we did

The awards we earned, the fun we had

Let's remember the skits we put on

The games we played, the songs we sang

Let's remember the food we shared

The hikes we hiked, the problems we solved

Let's remember the friends we've made

The derby we raced, the banquet we had

Another Cub Scouting year's gone by

Its memories stored forever in our hearts and minds.

## Game: I've Got It!

**Materials:** A small object that can be held within a boy's hand (small rock, eraser, etc.)

Cub Scouts form a circle. One player is "it" and stands in the center of the circle with his eyes closed. One of the players in the circle holds the object in his hand. Players pass the object around the circle while "it" counts to 10. "It" knows the starting point, but not the stopping point. When the count of 10 is reached, all Cub Scouts shout out "I've got it!" "It" tries to guess which boy has the object. If his guess is correct, the boy who has the object becomes "it." If "it" does not make a correct guess after three tries, the last one "it" pointed to becomes the next "it."



**Character Connection:** Honesty

What does honesty mean? Is honesty an important quality? Is it always easy to be honest? Is it fun to play a game with people who cheat? How do you feel when someone cheats? How important is it to play fairly? Which is more important, to win or to be honest? What can you

do to help others play fairly? Can you show by example that it is better to play fairly?

## Game: Pass the Message

Divide the players into teams of eight to 10. Distribute members of each team some distance away from one another. Adult leaders or den chiefs whisper a message to the first players, who then go to the next players and whisper the same message, and so on. When all teams are done passing the message, the last players repeat it out loud. Judge teams for speed and accuracy.

To make this game more challenging, make the distance between the players longer and see how fast and how accurately they can deliver the message. The longer the distance and the more breathless (thus less articulate), the more forgetful the players become.

Include family members in this game.



**Character Connection:** Honesty

Sometimes what someone tells you may not be true. Gossip and unkind words are not only hurtful but they are also often untrue. Do you know what being honest means? What about when you thought you were repeating what you

had heard but may not be. One part of being honest means not telling a lie. What would you feel if someone says something about you that is not true? Is repeating gossip an honest and honorable thing to do? What can you do in your dealings with others at school, with friends, or at home?

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

## Snack: Mini Cheese and Vegetable Kabobs

**Ingredients:**

- Cheese cubes
- Baby carrot
- Soft vegetable pieces such as grape tomatoes, zucchini, cucumber, celery
- Dip:
  - Yogurt dip—8 oz. plain yogurt mixed with a small amount of vegetable soup mix
  - Ranch dressing

Place cheese and vegetable pieces on a toothpick. Cut a baby carrot in half and put one at the end of the toothpick. Serve with your choice of dip.

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

## Did You Know?

**ScoutParents Program.** A ScoutParent is a parent or adult mentor of a Scout who enthusiastically participates with their Scout and helps other volunteers provide the best quality program experience to all youth in every unit. For more information about ScoutParents, including an e-book called *Growing Up Right, Growing Up Strong . . .* Parents, Kids, and Scouting, go to [www.scoutparents.org](http://www.scoutparents.org). Units are encouraged to appoint at least one ScoutParents unit coordinator. Training for the ScoutParents unit coordinator is available through the Online Learning Center, <http://olc.scouting.org>. For responsibilities of the ScoutParents unit coordinator, see the *Cub Scout Leader Book*.