

# DESERET PEAK DISTRICT #8

## Den Leader Section

May 2017 Roundtable Handout for June:

SCOUT LAW:

**Brave**

THEME:

**Roaming Reptile**

**Alert**



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## Brave

A Scout is Brave. Cub Scout Leaders, along with parents, teach young Cub Scouts to be brave at an early age. Whether it is to overcome their fear of sleeping in the dark or whether it is to help them overcome their fear of making new friends, bravery is key to a young person's character. Soon they will need to be brave in making more difficult decisions in life that will have a lasting effect on them and their families.

*Source: Adam Mauchley, Deseret Peak District, Tooele, UT*

## Roaming Reptile Alert

Creepy crawly reptiles are often a main attraction at any event, especially an event made up of Cub Scouts. Some Cub Scouts have no problems holding a reptile but others will need to practice their bravery and overcome their fears of slippery reptiles. A Cub Scout leader can easily implement this theme by taking a short trip to your local pet store and focus more on the snakes, lizards, and other reptiles that may be in abundance.

*Source: Adam Mauchley, Deseret Peak District, Tooele, UT*

## GATHERING

As usual, there are many gathering activities you may find online if you can't draw on those creative parts of your brain. Some useful websites may be the following:

### Reptile Crafts

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/reptiles.html> - I found on this website many quick crafts that can keep your Cub Scouts busy while waiting for others to show up. That is the purpose of a gathering activity... From snakes and dinosaurs to dragons and turtles, they will for sure be entertained, and many of the ideas cost very little. *Note - Due to their copyright rules I could not include images or instructions but please visit their website and enjoy.*

Don't forget to display their projects during Pack Meeting!

### A Whole Lot of Reptile

<http://www.childfun.com/themes/animals/reptiles/> - I found on this website many more interesting ideas relating to reptiles. These ideas are arts and crafts, games and activities, recipes and snacks, songs, poems, and more! *Note - Due to their copyright rules I could not include images or instructions but please visit their website and enjoy.*

### Brave THIS!

Another idea will require some preparation by you as the Leader, and **bravery** from your Cub Scouts. I will not take ownership to this idea as I have seen it done many times during Halloween events. Simply gather some shoe boxes and carve a hole just big enough that a Cub Scout can fit their hand in. Fill the box with cold cooked spaghetti noodles, frozen peeled grapes, pine cones, snake skin that has been shed (if you have it), etc. The skies the limit. If you have an insignificant budget then fill the boxes with items around your home. Line the boxes up and instruct them to place one hand inside the box without looking inside the box and write down what they think it is on a sheet of paper. Collect the papers and read them aloud and see what interesting things the boys imagined were in the box. Some boys will flinch as they are unsure what they are

feeling but then they develop courage and fulfill the task. Make sure you have paper towels available to clean their hands and make sure they do not pull out the items in the box for others to see until the event is over. You may have to tell them not to squish what they touch as well.

## **CEREMONY**

### **Flag Retirement**

Lower the colors or unfold the flag. Have 1 scout at each corner of the flag.

You can do this for multiple flags simultaneously, each flag needing 4 more scouts.

Leader: This flag has served well and long. It is no longer a fitting emblem to display, so we are respectfully retiring it today.

(The lead scout is at the lower-right corner of the flag. He cuts off the bottom stripe while 2 scouts continue to hold the top 2 corners of the flag and the 4th scout collects the bottom stripe as it is cut away.)

(The 4th scout deposits the stripe on the fire. While he is depositing the stripe, the next stripe is cut off.)

Leader: The 13 stripes stand for the original 13 colonies which are; Massachusetts, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and New Jersey.

(Scout retrieves the next stripe and deposits it.)

Leader: The white stands for purity

(Continue with each of the 13 stripes...)

Leader: The red stands for courage

Leader: "Give me liberty or give me death"

Leader: "One if by land, two if the sea"

Leader: We the scouts of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution of the United States of America.

Leader: We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal. They are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights. Among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Leader: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

Leader: Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech or press.

Leader: "Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth to this continent a new nation."

Leader: The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

Leader: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

Leader: "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

(Now, only the blue field and stars are left)

Leader: Each state is being represented by a star on a field of blue, which signifies a new constellation being formed.

As we place it in the fire, let it burn brightly and remind us how well our flag represents our country.

Leader: Scout salute!

Leader: Join me in the Pledge of Allegiance. I pledge allegiance...

(After the pledge of allegiance, have bugler play Taps)

Leader: Two! Scouts dismissed.

[http://www.boyscouttrail.com/content/ceremony/flag\\_retirement\\_1-1263.asp](http://www.boyscouttrail.com/content/ceremony/flag_retirement_1-1263.asp)

## **CHEERS**

**Frog Cheer:** Crouch down. Jump Up. "Ribbit! Ribbit!"

[https://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Scout\\_Cheers](https://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Scout_Cheers)

**Weightlifter:** Attempt to lift bar-bell and say "AAAaagh!" as you get the weight up above the head, then drop it to the floor saying, "THUD!"

**Supersonic:** Wave arms wildly and open mouth as if yelling, then wait quietly for a few moments, then yell loudly.

**Foil Dinner:** "RAW, RAW, RAW!!"

**Mad Doctor Cheer:** Scalpel, sponge, sponge, sponge, oops.

<http://insanescouter.org/c/145/Cheers.html>

## **OUTDOOR ACTIVITY**

During this time of the year the zoo would be a perfect place to go to see reptiles and other animals. Make sure you don't miss the close and personal sideshows that might include reptiles. For some Cub Scouts, it will be there very first time touching a snake or lizard...how fun it is to see their faces light up with happiness when they do.

Wasatch Reptile Expo - May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of 2017 \$10 admission. Utah State Fair Grounds; 155 N 1000 W, SLC UT - <https://www.facebook.com/wasatch.reptile.expo/>

ReptiDay – Event date TBA Davis County Fairgrounds Legacy Event Center; 151 S 1100 W, Farmington UT - <http://www.reptiday.com/saltlake.html>

Lizard Tag:

The object of the game is to be the last lizard with a tail. Give each boy a foot-long length of green streamer to stick in his back pocket for a tail.

When the leader calls “Go,” the boys chase one another, trying to collect tails. If a boy loses his tail, he freezes in place for the rest of the game. The last boy with a tail wins.

[www.scoutermom.com](http://www.scoutermom.com)

## **RESOURCES**

<http://www.deseretpeakcubscouting.com>

This is for our district. Find past issues of our district roundtable handouts, announcements, upcoming events

<http://www.saltlakescouts.org>

This is for our Council (we are the Great Salt Lake Council) – find local and current events. Find info on activity & trail patches by finding programs on the left, then cub scouts, then activity and trail patches.

<http://www.scouting.org>

This is the BSA official website.

<http://cubscouts.org/>

Need a little inspiration? Check out the Cub Hub! Posts from all sorts of social media about Cub Scouting all gathered in one place.

[www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org)

This is the official website to track your leadership training accomplishments like “Youth Protection” and “Leader Specific Training”.

<http://www.scouting.org/STEM.aspx>

This is the website for all of the essentials to the STEM program for all families of scouting.

## **CRAFT PROJECTS**

### **Beaded Coral Snake:**

- Googly eyes
  - Glue
  - Red, yellow, and black pony beads
  - Chenille craft stems
  - Glue
  - Scissors (It would be better to cut all the pieces needed beforehand.)
  - Tags with the rhyme
1. Cut red chenille stems into fourths.

2. Make a loop out of one end of the chenille stem to create the head. Thread beads in the following order: red, yellow, black, yellow, red, yellow, black, yellow until you reach the end.
3. Fold a piece of red craft stem over the end of the loop and twist it to create the snake tongue.
4. Glue on eyes.
5. Add a tag with the following verse: “Red and yellow, kill a fellow; “Red and black, friend of Jack.

Source: Virginia Graff, Deseret Peak District, Tooele, UT

## **BREAKOUT TRAINING: Cub Scout Camping**

As summer approaches, Cub Scout Leaders should have an understanding of what an age-appropriate Cub Scout camping activity is, activities that are offered by their council and district and have the appropriate leader training completed prior to Cub Scout camping. Here are some BSA camping links that might help:

### **Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities**

[www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416\\_Insert\\_Web.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416_Insert_Web.pdf)

### **Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award**

[www.scouting.org/Home/CubScouts/Leaders/Awards/](http://www.scouting.org/Home/CubScouts/Leaders/Awards/)

### **Cub Scout Camping**

[www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Activities/Adults/camping.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Activities/Adults/camping.aspx)

The BSA has definite rules regarding what activities may be offered as Cub Scout camping activities. The following are the camping opportunities available for Cub Scouts:

#### **Day or Twilight Camps**

Day camp lasts for one day to five days. It's for Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos Scouts. Day camps are held during the day or early evening. Campers do not stay overnight.

#### **Council Resident Camps**

A council resident camp is an activity offering multiple nights of camping. Generally these are three-day, two-night events, but each council may vary the length. Every year, the resident camp has a different theme and different adventures. These camps are to be directed by council-approved, nationally certified volunteers with the help of council personnel. This is a great chance for a Cub Scout to experience an overnight campout as well as a stepping stone in preparation for Boy Scout summer camp in the future.

#### **Webelos Den Overnight Campouts**

Webelos dens go on overnight campouts. Each Webelos Scout camps with his parent or guardian. The campers learn the basics of Boy Scout camping under the direction of the Webelos den leader. Sometimes, leaders from a Boy Scout troop may join you. A Webelos den leader who has completed Cub Scout leader position-specific training and Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders is trained to take his or her Scouts camping as a den. Webelos dens also have joint overnight campouts with a Boy Scout troop. Each Webelos Scout also has a parent or guardian with him on these joint campouts.

Cub Scout camping offers many learning opportunities for leadership, skill development, meeting new challenges, and family and peer bonding—as well as the chance to reinforce the ideals contained in the Scout Oath and Law.

Camping is fun and can be very successful provided the units follow the policies given by the Boy Scouts of America. It is important that all units have leaders who are aware of the policies and have strong camping skills to keep the Cub Scouts safe and having fun.

## **ADVENTURE TRAINING AND DISCUSSION**



This adventure will help boys develop appropriate emotional responses, engage in shared decision making in group settings, and encourage an active and healthy lifestyle.

3. Make up a new game, and play it with your family or members of your den or pack.



We will fulfill requirement #2 and create an imaginary dinosaur. Come prepared to share with the rest!



We will review the BSA beginner swim classification. See requirements below:

Beginners pass this test:

Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, and swim 25 feet on the surface. Stop, turn sharply, resume swimming and return to the starting place. Anyone who has not completed either the beginner or swimmer tests is classified as a non-swimmer.

The non-swimmer area should be no more than waist to chest deep.

<https://www.aquaticscamp.org/BSASwimmerTest>