



November 2016

Scout Law/Theme: A Scout is Cheerful / Celebration

Interest Topic: Working as a Team

Webelos Topics: Moviemaking, Build it, Maestro

Ben Oliphant
R.P. Warby

435-882-2020
801-935-0537

bobosolo44@outlook.com
redshirt04@comcast.net

District Website: <http://www.deseretpeakcubscouting.com>

INTEREST TOPIC – WORKING AS A TEAM

Presented by Ben Oliphant

Teamwork for a Webelos Den

Webelos are in dens, this is their team. It's to help them work together. All of the advancement are easier if the boys work together. We are to encourage this by showing them the troop method that is used in Boy Scouts. We can also encourage have mastered a skill, teach the other boys what they know. This also instills some leadership skills.

You can also take a requirement and have them learn to do it together, before they have to learn to do it as individuals. An example of this could be, if you were doing fire starting with flint and steel (for the castaway adventure), you could have all the boys try the flint and steel and have them decide which one does the best sparks. Then have them all see which one can blow evenly and the longest and have them ready to do the blowing. Other jobs are making the nests out of the tinder, catching the sparks with the char cloth. After they have each tried these jobs, have work together to start the fire. When they try it individually, they can see that is works and encourage each other. If the scouts learn to teach each other, your job is done....see what a good scout leader you are!

Teamwork for the Leaders

As Webelos den leaders, we are also on teams and need to work together. Our team is our packs other Den Leaders, Committee Members, & Cub Master. Because Webelos are next to be Boy Scouts, your team must also be the Boy Scout Troops and their leaders, Scout Masters, Committee Members, etc.

We are also part of a team here at Roundtable. It is important for all of us to show up because we teach and help each other. How many times have you come here and someone in our section has given you an idea. Sometimes, for those of us who have been in scouting a long time, we feel like we run out of ideas. So, helping each other out here at Roundtable is so important for the success of all our Webelos dens.

Our goal as leaders is help these boys become young men we can be proud of. So, let's together with as many people as it takes to accomplish this goal.

WEBELOS/ARROW OF LIGHT ELECTIVE - MAESTRO!

Presented by Ben Oliphant

This is a fun elective, especially for those who play a musical instrument or take musical lessons of some sort. Make sure you let your families know about this, because those who play, almost earn this pin without any extra effort.

The holiday season is upon us! There will be lots of Christmas performances in our community. Maybe their family goes to the symphony, or a musical play such as “The forgotten Carols” or the ballet. In town, there is a performance for “The Messiah”, various school orchestra concerts, etc.

If you are doing this in the summer time, take advantage of the Friday’s on Vine Free concert series.

There are lots of inexpensive or free musical performances, you just need to keep an eye and an ear open for them.

Making instruments is lots of fun for kids. I’ve shared some links for some fun ideas:

<http://www.allfreekidscrafts.com/tag/Music>

<http://laughingkidslearn.com/wind-pipe-instrument/>

<http://www.kinderart.com/teachers/9instruments.shtml>

<http://cubscoutideas.com/2247/how-to-make-a-pvc-pipe-kazoo/>

Learning a new song and performing it for your den is a breeze with this Songbook I found online. It was a Wood Badge ticket item and is downloadable:

<http://scoutermom.com/17018/cub-scout-song-book/>

Boys could perform their song at a campfire program, a den meeting, a pack meeting. Don’t forget about the shy ones. They don’t always like the spotlight on them, so make sure they are in a group setting so they don’t feel uncomfortable or embarrassed. Let the boys take the lead though, it’s all about leadership, teamwork, and fun!

Moviemaking

Presented by RP Warby

What I enjoyed most from doing this activity was to see certain characteristics from each scout. So, let them be themselves. It really is a lot of fun to watch.

Cameras

A tablet or phone will work just fine, so don't worry about not having the right equipment. There are many applications either at cost, or no cost, that can edit video directly. That makes it nice.

If you decide to install a costless application, be weary of software that asks for a credit card. Free software, may also cleverly include additional applications or services that you may not want.

Alternately, you can also take a series of photographs and then present them so they transition quickly. That means that an ordinary camera can also be used if a video camera is not available.

Themes

I think it's a great idea to use one, or a couple of ways that the boys live by the scout law.

Story boarding

I have a whiteboard that I sometimes use in our meetings. I divided this into 6 boxes and then walked the scouts through each part of a story. You could also use pieces of paper; that would work just as well.

There are so many applications that you could use. Personally, I've tried one called Lightworks. I like it, but really it's up to you. If you wish to read up on a few, I've included an article that I think has some good information. Just be aware, that I haven't tried them all.

<http://www.techradar.com/news/software/applications/the-best-free-video-editor-1330136>

Build it

Presented by RP Warby

This project is one of my favorites. As a cub, myself, I always looked forward to being a Webelos scout because of all the things I saw my older brother build. It really is a lot of fun.

Hopefully, this project will get the boys involved in a project, and interested in tools, and construction. It's important that we encourage them to use tools sensibly and carefully.

The first thing you'll have to do is gather up all your tools. Just the basics are needed. If you need some help, it shouldn't be too hard to find.

Step 1 Preparing for your project

The boys need to see some basic tools, including a tape measure, screwdriver, and hammer and nails etc. One idea would be to create a match game, linking a specific task to the required tool. For example:

If you had a loose handle you would use a...

Screw driver

If you had to cut a board to 12 inches, you would use a...

Measure, saw

Another idea could be to bring and show various types of safety equipment. Write and match the following questions on cards:

This protects my head from falling objects

This saves my ears from being damaged by loud noises

This keeps sawdust or nails out of my eyes.

This prevents my toes from getting smashed by heavy equipment.

This keeps tools steady in my hand and protects my skin.

This keeps me from breathing in dust that can harm my lungs.

This keeps my nice clothes from getting dirty, even though my mom told me several times to change before going to scouts.

Or show them various tools and ask. If I were using this tool, what would I wear?

Hammer and nail	Gloves, Safety glasses
Hand saw	Gloves, Safety glasses
Framing	Safety helmet
Sanding	Mask

Step 2 Select a project

Tool boxes or paper towel holders are okay. It's not the only thing you can do though. Hobby stores and big box stores do have kits available at cost, or at no cost. You don't necessarily have to use a kit, but it can generate some ideas. You may want to gauge what the boys are capable of, and then select a project they can complete. Have a few ideas in mind, and choose something they are interested in.

Here, I've taken a bird house, and then modified its design some. There was a bit of preparation, cutting out the wood, and drilling nail holes; overall, it wasn't too difficult. Most of the boys got it pretty quick and had fun. I let them do the sanding after.

Of course, they immediately wanted to paint it. That I wasn't prepared for. So, you may need to break this into segments and complete it on different days. Just something to think about.

Suggestions for an illustrious project

Make a prototype. This gives them something to look and hold, and is much better than shouting directions.

The simpler it is, the smoother it will go. You're not going to want to spend a lot of time cutting and sanding with the boys. If this can be done ahead of time, it will make your experience easier. I think it should be completed in about 20 to 30 minutes.

Pre-drill the nail holes. Not every kid knows how to hit a nail straight. I would anticipate many of the boys have never handled a hammer. Pre-drilling helps the nail go in straighter, and less of a chance of hitting your thumb.

Be patient. Yes, you'll have to start over a few times. This is okay. Have some hefty pliers around to pull out a bent nail.

Don't expect perfection. Your expectation of how the project should look, is not going to be the same as the boys. They don't care if glue drips all over.

Bring help. Inevitably, every boy is going to want your attention at the same time. It's nice to have a den chief and additional leaders there to help out. And, you might learn something too.