



## **October 2016**

**Scout Law/Theme:** Courteous/Cubs in Shining Armor

**Interest Topic:** Family Involvement in Scouting

**Webelos Topic:** Project Family

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# Scout Law/Theme

## Courteous/Cubs in Shining Armor

### Opening Ceremony

Knights of the Roundtable

Materials: Crown for King Arthur, tunics for Scouts (pillowcases or large paper bags with head and arm holes, to be worn over uniforms), poster with the Scout Law printed large enough for all to see

King Arthur: "We need to recruit new knights to join our Round Table. Come hither, recruits!" (Scouts enter.)

King Arthur: "Each of you, tell me two things about you that is like a knight."

Cub Scout 1: "I am trustworthy, loyal."

Cub Scout 2: "I am helpful, friendly."

Cub Scout 3: "I am courteous, kind."

Cub Scout 4: "I am obedient, cheerful."

Cub Scout 5: "I am thrifty, brave."

Cub Scout 6: "I am clean, reverent." King Arthur: "Our Round Table is complete. Together you uphold the knight's code, known to all here as the Scout Law. (Holds poster with the Scout Law for all to see.) Let us all stand and say it together with fingers held high."

### Opening Prayer

"We pray that we will always be ready to serve and defend those who need us, that we will be courteous to all as chivalrous knights."

### Pre-Opener

Dragon Bowling

Decorate six empty plastic bottles with paper, glue, and markers to make them look like dragons. Set them on the floor like bowling pins. Scouts take turns bowling with a small ball to see how many dragons they can knock

### Audience Participation

The Cub Scout Becomes a Knight

Whenever the words "Cub Scout" are read, Webelos families respond, "Do Your Best."

When the word "knight" is read, Bear families respond, "shining armor."

When the word "courteous" is read, the Wolf families respond, "Be polite."

When the word "king" is read, Tiger families respond, "Hail to the king."

Narrator: "Once upon a time there was a Cub Scout who wanted to be a knight. He knew that for a Cub Scout to become a knight, he must be courteous to all and complete a special challenge determined by the king. "The Cub Scout who wanted to be a knight went to see the king. The king asked the Cub Scout who wanted to be a knight if he was courteous. The king explained that being courteous meant always being polite and showing good manners to everyone. "The Cub Scout said he was always courteous, so the king gave the Cub Scout a

challenge. The king told the Cub Scout that if he wanted to be a knight, he must bring the king a dragon scale from a fierce dragon. The Cub Scout really wanted to become a knight, so he decided to bring the king a dragon scale. "The Cub Scout knew a fierce dragon lived in a cave that was only about an hour's hike away. So the Cub Scout prepared for the hike. He asked his buddy to go with him and gathered supplies for them to share on their journey. Being courteous, the Cub Scout asked his mother for permission to search for the dragon's scale. His mother cautioned him to be very careful and gave him permission to follow the task set forth by the king.

November—Courteous 3 "The Cub Scout and his buddy went to the cave of the dragon. When they got there, they were very scared. But the Cub Scout really wanted to be a knight, so he entered the cave to carry out his task. Being courteous, the Cub Scout politely asked the dragon for a scale. The dragon was so impressed that the Cub Scout would ask rather than just take that he gave him a big shiny silver scale. "The Cub Scout took the scale back to the king. The king asked the Cub Scout how he acquired such a beautiful dragon scale. The Cub Scout explained that he had asked the dragon for a scale and the dragon gave him one. The king was very impressed with the courteousness of the Cub Scout. The king explained that just like Cub Scouts, knights always act politely. The Cub Scout passed the king's test of courtesy and became a knight because true courtesy is being polite, even to dragons!

"The End"

# Encouraging Family Involvement in Cub Scouting

by RP Warby

Many of the activity requirements involve and encourage participation with each boy and his family. The values learned in the scouting program are very much the same in a family, so it makes sense to utilize them together.

For leaders, that's us, it may be challenging to know how to invite and encourage your boys to participate with their families. Usually, at-home assignments are quickly forgotten, and handouts somehow transform themselves to paper airplanes before they make it home.

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One idea, is to hold a family night. It should require more preparation than a regular Scout meeting, and you'll probably want to announce it several weeks in advance. This way, it can be something to look forward to, and families can make arrangements to be there. You may want to include a theme; for example, sharing family traditions.

Invite each boy to think of a family tradition to share with everyone. One tradition, that we just started, is to have Swedish meatballs, with lingon berries, at Thanksgiving. So, ask the families, if there's something that they can bring or show.

Or consider; part of the project family adventure encourages sharing of a family story, so this too would be a great idea for a family night.

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Also, I would encourage you to let mom and dad know of all the activities you have planned, and what they can do. So, if someone has a rock collection, they can bring it to one of the Earth Rocks meetings. You may have an outing that requires transportation. You can present a sign-up list to help drive.

Nobody should feel ambushed; but rather, feel included as part of Webelos. Think of whatever you may need throughout the year, and communicate it. Additionally, always remember to personally thank families for their help.

Finally, each family is different and unique. It may include grandparents, an uncle, or a brother. Remember, whoever a scout's family is, that is who should be involved. The main idea is to provide a connection for each boy. Making a connection with the Scouting program, by involving the family, will reinforce values of the Scout Law. You will see more success, and enjoy your time as a volunteer.

## Webelos Elective: Project Family

By Ben Oliphant

In Requirement 1, the Cub Scout get to learn some family history from someone close to them. On page 504 of the handbook, the scout could ask. Here are a few more:

\*Where did you go to school when you were my age?

\*Did you ever serve in the Military? When? Where?

\*Tell me about the other family members you grew up with?

\*What jobs have you done?

\*What was your favorite T.V. show or Radio show when you were a kid?

Requirement 2 uses the word “or” a lot and is all about the family culture and making a presentation for the den or pack. Let the scout and his family do almost anything to explain about the family traditions or names or culture. If you are Scottish, like me, you can go online and search and learn about your family name, tartan, clan affiliations, and which kings they fought for and against, and a lot more stuff you would not believe until you look. I am sure many other cultures have proud traditions and helpful websites too.

In Requirement 3, the scout lists his chores and chores of other family members. Then he is supposed to chart 3 of his cores for 2 weeks, I like the chart in the handbook for this, page 508.

Requirement 4 is laid out with **chores to help the family**. I think if the scout did something that was ok with their parents and it helped the family, that should be ok. It should not be a chore that takes care of only the Cub Scout, ex: clean room, personal hygiene, etc.

Requirement 5 & 6 is pretty well laid out for you. On Requirement 6 there is a checklist in the handbook on page 511-512. They also have to fix a problem. It could be something as simple as picking up a rake, taking care of hose or another trip hazard.

Requirement 7 & 8 go together, plan a family activity and then do it and tell about it! How fun! Encourage you families to do this and include the scouts in the planning. They could do something together for a cause. I have a friend whose family does a 5K race for cancer every year and they try to raise money for it. They could do Pokémon Go or go Geocaching, just a few extra ideas.

See next page for website helps.....

Below are some fun resources/Websites I found to help you out.

Webelos Meeting plans: Project Family

<https://cubscouts.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Project-Family.pdf>

Faith and our Ancestors Game: Project Family

<http://scoutermom.com/14513/faith-and-our-ancestors-game/>

Home Safety Checklist for Scouts: Project Family

<http://scoutermom.com/571/home-safety-checklist-for-cub-scouts/>

My Story Mystery Game: Project Family

<http://scoutermom.com/10170/story-mystery-game/>

Family Tree Template: Project Family

<http://scoutermom.com/10169/family-tree-template/>

Four Facts Game: Project Family

<http://scoutermom.com/10265/facts-game/>

Search for Tartans: Project Family

<http://www.house-of-tartan.scotland.net/house/tfinder.htm>

# First Responder

By: Alicia Chadwick

The definition of first aid is help given to a sick or injured person until full medical treatment is available.

Talk with the scouts about the importance of knowing what to do in case of an accident. Be sure to explain the necessity of them being strong, calm, clear and careful. Talk to the scouts about being brave when they face a medical emergency. Explain to your scouts that if they are calm then the patient will remain calm. They need to understand that they need to be careful when treating the patient so they injure them more or possibly injure themselves. The scouts need to understand they need to think clearly to help the patient. They also need to remain calm and clear to give directions to the emergency personal that will be coming to help. They need to be strong to be able to control their emotions so they will be able to help those in need. Make sure they know the information 911 needs to know when they call for help.

With your scouts create an emergency readiness plan for your meeting location. Have the boys make one for their home also. Make sure to include escape routes, meeting place and contact information. Have the boys draw a simple floor plan of their home. You can play a game with this. Describe a scenario and have them show the escape route and meeting place. Go over few different ones so they can see that they will need to have different plans to escape. On the back of the floor plan help them write down emergency contact numbers they may need at home.

## First Aid Kits

The American Red Cross suggests the following be in a first aid kit. The list below is for a family of four. The requirement is to put together a home first aid kit. The boys need to explain each one and how to use it correctly. Another way to do this requirement is buy a prepackaged first aid kit.

- 2 absorbent compress dressings (5 x 9 inches)
- 25 adhesive bandages (assorted sizes)
- 1 adhesive cloth tape (10 yards x 1 inch)
- 5 antibiotic ointment packets (approximately 1 gram)
- 5 antiseptic wipe packets
- 2 packets of aspirin (81 mg each)
- 1 blanket (space blanket)
- 1 breathing barrier (with one-way valve)
- 1 instant cold compress
- 2 pair of non-latex gloves (size: large)
- 2 hydrocortisone ointment packets (approximately 1 gram each)
- Scissors
- 1 each, roller bandages (3 inches, and 4 inches wide)
- 5 each, sterile gauze pads (3 x 3 inches, and 4 x 4 inches)
- Oral thermometer (non-mercury/non-glass)
- 2 triangular bandages
- Tweezers
- First aid instruction booklet