A Scout is Kind. How does “Creepy Crawlers” relate to this point of the Scout Law?  2015-2016 Pack Meeting Plans: October: Kind – Creepy Crawlers A Scout does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason. This month, explore creepy crawlers and discover the world of insects. The Scouts will learn that creepy crawlers are important to our world, and they will learn how to be kind to our crawling friends.

NOTE TO CUBMASTER 2015-2016 Pack Meeting Plans: October: Kind -- Creepy Crawlers Pack Meetings are best when they are no more than an hour and a half in length. Pack Meeting plans are guides which can be adjusted to fit the needs of your pack.

GATHERING ACTIVITIES
Inchworm Pencil Craft

2015-2016 Pack Meeting Plans:
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As the boys arrive, have them each make an inchworm pencil craft or come up with another insect craft to have them make.

Materials:
• Card stock or craft foam
• Hole punch
• Pencils
• Low-temperature glue gun or glue dots
• Chenille stems
• Large and medium pompoms
• Googly eyes
• Markers to decorate strip of paper
• Paper cutter or scissors

Instructions:
• Cut strips of card stock or foam 12 inches long by 1 inch wide.
• Use a hole punch to punch holes 1 inch apart down the center of the strips. Make several punches in each hole to make it large enough to push a pencil through. You can decorate the strip of paper if you choose.

5. Twist a chenille stem around the metal binding holding the pencil eraser to create the antennae. Glue small pompoms to the ends of chenille stems with hot glue (under adult supervision) or glue dots.

OPENING / FLAG CEREMONIES

Opening Ceremony
Creepy Crawlers 2015-2016 Pack
Meeting Plans: October: Kind – Creepy Crawlers
The flag ceremony is led by a predetermined den, who will present the colors and lead the pack in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Setup: Make large cards with pictures of each creepy crawler listed below on the front. Have the boys’ parts written on the back in LARGE print so they can be read easily. Flags for the flag ceremony

Cub Scout 1: “Spiders eat insects and help our gardens.”
Cub Scout 2: “Ants help turn soil, allowing water and oxygen to reach plant roots.”
Cub Scout 3: “Bees help pollinate plants and make honey.”
Cub Scout 4: “Caterpillars eat many plants, many of which are weeds.”

Cub Scout 5: “Insects are an important part of our world. Each one plays a part in making a difference in our economy.”

Cub Scout 6: The American flag is also important because it is a symbol of the United States. This flag represents freedom. Join us now in the Pledge of Allegiance.”

ADVANCEMENT & RECOGNITION CEREMONIES

Spider Web Ceremony
Pow Wow Book
Props: Spider web made of paper, string fish net, Halloween net, etc: spider or bug made of plastic or paper for each Cub with recognition attached, then hooked into the web.

Cubmaster: We’ve been having a lot of fun this month with bugs and other creations in nature. Tonight, we want to honor those in our pack who have really “stuck to the task” of advancing. They didn’t “bug out” when things got too tough. They just kept crawling along until they completed their goals. Let’s honor the following boys for their advancement achievements. (Call up each rank in turn. Let each boy take his bug from the web, give the badge to the parents to present. Give a “bug-like” cheer to each as deserved.)

CUBMASTER’S MINUTE

Cubmaster’s Minute 2015-2016 Pack Meeting Plans: October: Kind – Creepy Crawlers

“In our lives, we encounter many people and have many chances to make an impact on their lives. Showing kindness in small ways might make a difference for someone who really needs it. Don’t wait for the perfect moment to do something kind for others; do what you can each day to show you are kind.”

CLOSING / FLAG CEREMONIES

Closing Anthills 2015-2016
Pack Meeting Plans: October: Kind – Creepy Crawlers

Cubmaster: “Creepy crawlers are all around us. Have you ever noticed an anthill? The anthill was constructed with team effort from each ant. During the winter, the ants stay underground. When the weather warms, they clear a passage to the outside world. “Grain by grain, the soil is brought up and deposited in a little pile around the opening. “Like the ants, our dens and pack require teamwork from each Scout to be successful. Please join me as we retire the flag.”

The preassigned den retires the flags.

Leave Only Footprints Pow Wow Book

Going outdoors is great fun for Cub Scouts and their friends. It can be to the forest, a park, the beach or the mountains. CUBS just want to go OUT! So, when you’re out, REMEMBER TO LEAVE ONLY YOUR FOOTPRINTS!

Good Deeds Closing: Pow Wow Book

Needs: 6 Cub, Stars of different sizes for the Cubs to hold.
Setting: Cubs in front of audience
Cub1: Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of the Scouting program said to his Scouts everywhere:
Cub2: I often think when the sun goes down, the world is hidden by a big blanket from the light of heaven...

Cub 3: but the stars are little holes pierced in that blanket by those who have done good deeds in this world.
Cub4: The stars are not all the same size, some are big, some are little and some men have done small deeds...
Cub5: but they have all made their hole in the blanket by doing good before they went to heaven.”

Participants may clean the cooking demonstration area during this time. Then share information on the SCOUTStrong awards for Scouts and units. (See last page of this handout).
SONGS
It's an Insect World 2015-2016
Pack Meeting Plans: October: Kind – Creepy Crawlers
Tune: "It's a Small World"
It's a world of centipedes, a world of moths,
It's a world of katydids, a world of wasps,
There's so much that we share that it's time
we're aware,
It's an insect-covered world.
It's an insect-covered world,
It's an insect-covered world,
It's an insect-covered world,
It's an insect world.

Creepy Crawly Bugs 2015-2016
Pack Meeting Plans: October: Kind – Creepy Crawlers
Tune: “Old Macdonald”
All us Cub Scouts love those bugs,
Creepy crawly bugs.
And in the woods, we found some worms,
Creepy crawly worms.
With a wiggle, wiggle here,
And a wiggle, wiggle there,
Here a wiggle, there a wiggle,
Everywhere a wiggle, wiggle.
All us Cub Scouts love those bugs,
Creepy crawly bugs.
Other Creepy Crawly Bugs:
Bees: with a buzz, buzz
Ants: with a bite, bite
Crickets: with a chirp, chirp
Beetles: with a click, click

I'm A Little Earthworm  Pow Wow Book
(I'm a Little Teapot)
I'm a little earthworm, short and fat
Bet you can't tell my front from my back.
I spend all day moving in the dirt
Helping all the roots to breathe.

Cub Scout Grub
(Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)
York Adams Council Baloo's Bugle February 2000 Cub Grub
Do this one in rounds.

Ma-king Cub Scout grub,
It is lots of fun.
Fold the foil, fill it up.
Cook it till it's done.

Greasy, Grumpy, Gopher Guts
Tune: The Old Gray Mare
http://www.iinet.net.au/~oneilg/scouts/songs/songbook.html
Baloo's Bugle February 2000 Cub Grub
Great green gobs of greasy grimy gopher guts, mutilated monkey meat,
dirty little pigeon's feet
All mixed up with a pile of poison possum pus and me without my spoon
And me without my spoon and me without spoon
We'll use a straw!

Dig A Hole  Pow Wow Book
(Row, Row, Your Boat)
Dig, dig, dig a hole.
Make it very big
If we dig it deep enough
We could all fit in.

Littlest Worm
Baloo's Bugle February 2000 Cub Grub
This is one of those "I sing it" then "you sing it" then "we sing it all"

Leader: The littlest worm
Group: The littlest worm
Leader: I ever saw
Group: I ever saw
Leader: Was stuck inside
Group: Was stuck inside
Leader: My soda straw.
Group: My soda straw.
All: The littlest worm I ever saw
Was stuck inside my soda straw.

He said to me - Don't take a sip 'Cause if you do - I'll surely flip
I took that sip - And he went down Down through my pipes - He must have drowned.
He was my pal - He was my friend And now he's gone - And that's the end
But then I burped - And he came up He came right up - Into my cup He said to me - That wasn't nice You did it once - Don't do it twice.

The moral of - This little tale "If you see a worm - Just don't inhale."

Road Kill Stew
Tune: Three Blind Mice
http://www.macscouter.com/Songs/SilkySongs.html
Baloo's Bugle February 2000 Cub Grub
Road Kill stew,
Road Kill stew,
Tastes so good,
Just like it should.
First you go down to the Interstate You wait for the critter to meet it's fate.
You take it home and you make it great!
Road Kill stew,
Road Kill stew.
A Lesson for the Big Bugs  
Pow Wow Book

This is a story about Billy and his family and their adventures in the WOODS. One fine spring day, Billy's family decided it was a good day for a picnic in the WOODS where they could enjoy nature. They packed a nice lunch and left on their outing. As soon as they arrived at their destination, they picked out a nice spot to spread their picnic. Billy and his brother ran off to chase a FROG. They heard some BEES gathering nectar and watched some ANTS busy at work. They even swatted some MOSQUITOS and felt right at home with their nature friends. When they got back to the picnic area, they began telling the rest of the family about the WOODS, the BEES, the ANTS, the FROGS and even the MOSQUITOS. Dad listened intently as he opened another sandwich and carelessly threw the wrapper on the ground. Mom threw her pop can under a bush and ran off to chase a FROG that hopped by. Mom threw her napkin on the ground and jumped up in disgust. "That does it", she said. "The ANTS seem to have taken over our lunch." Dad stretched out for a nap and had just about dozed off when he heard Sister scream. She had been stung by a BEE. Mom took care of her, so Dad tried to sleep again. But this time the pesky MOSQUITO would not leave him alone. Finally he announced they were all going home. Billy said, "Why do we have to leave now?" Dad replied, "Well Billy, it seems we aren't wanted by the WOODS. We sure haven't been treated very well. The MOSQUITOS and the ANTS and the BEES are trying to tell us something." "What's that?" asked Dad. "Well, said Billy, Just look around here and you will see that we haven't been very nice visitors in the WOODS. Look at all the trash we've thrown around. It seems that we're the worst bugs of all...litterbug. So the family started to clean up the mess and afterwards they all felt better. They took a nice walk through the WOODS listening to the sounds. They actually enjoyed the buzzing of the BEES the croaking of the FROGS, and they even watched an army of ANTS at work. When they returned home, they were tired but happy that they had learned an important lesson that day. The worst kind of bug is a Litterbug!

CHEERS / RUN-ONS / JOKES / SKITS

Cheers:  Pow Wow Book
Worm Cheer: put hands together over head, weaving body back and for the and shout “Way to dig!
Earthworm Snack Cheer: pretend to pick a worm out of the soil, eat it, then wiggle your body around and yell “Yum, yum!”
Spring Cheer: jump up and down while saying “boing, boing, boing!”
Muddy Feet Cheer: stomp feet 3 times and yell, Muddy Good Job!
Seed Cheer: pantomime planting a seed and watering it then shout, “Grow, grow, grow!
Cricket Cheer: snap the thumbnail from the upper tooth in your mouth to produce a clicking sound.
Flea Clap Cheer: have everyone raise his hands above their heads. Applaud by clicking the nails of the thumb and forefinger on each hand.
Beehive Cheer: have everyone start humming then as you raise your hands the humming gets louder. When you lower your hands, the humming gets quieter.

Run-ons:  Pow Wow Book
What do you call a bee that can’t make up its mind?  A May bee!
What do you get when you cross a pig with a centipede?  Bacon and legs!
What did the bug say when it hit the windshield?  I don’t have the guts to do that again!
What happens when all the ducks in the world begin jumping up and down?  Earth-quack!
How can you tell the difference between a weed and a flower?  You pull them all. The ones that grow back are the weeds!
How much dirt is in a round hole that is 9ft. deep with a diameter of 3ft?  None. You make a hole by digging out the dirt, so the hole is empty?
Run-ons Cont.............
Why did the spider spin a web?  Because he can’t knit!
What is worse than finding a worm in an apple?  Finding half a worm!
What goes snap, crackle, fizz?  A firefly with a short circuit!

SKIT - Around The Campfire  Pow Wow Book
Leader and Cub Scouts sitting around a campfire
Leader: You did a great job on your hike this morning. Let’s see how much you saw! Which pine would you say has the sharpest needles?
Cub1: The porcupine.
Leader: What’s the best way to prevent infection caused by biting insects?
Cub2: Don’t bite any insects.
Leader: Where did you take your bath?
Cub3: In the spring, of course.
Leader: I didn’t ask you when, I asked you where...It’s time for our snack. Where is it?
Cub4: I don’t know! The bag had a hole in it and the snack fell out a long time ago.
Leader: I cooked for the whole den last night and what did I get? Nothing!
Cub5: You’re lucky! We all got stomachaches!
(Leader slowly walks away from campfire, shaking his head!)
GAMES & ACTIVITIES

Grasshopper Race  *Pow Wow Book*
Line up teams in single file. Mark a turning spot twenty-five feet away for each team. Give each leader a small ball of wadded paper. On signal, the first in each team hops to the turning spot with the paper ball between his knees. He returns and touches off the next player. If the ball is dropped, the player replaces it and carries on. The first team to finish is the winner.

Busy Bee  *Pow Wow Book*
Players are scattered around the playing area in partners. One extra person is the bee. The bee calls out directions such as back to back, shake hands, touch your nose, etc. When the bee calls “busy bee”, the bee and all the players buzz off to find a new partner, leaving one person free to become the bee.

Squirrel In The Tree  *Pow Wow Book*
Form small circles of three or four Cubs. They hold hands to form a “tree with a hollow trunk”. A Cub representing the squirrel stands in each tree. Have one more squirrel than there are trees. On signal, the squirrels must change trees. The one left out becomes “it” for the next game.