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Scout Law / Theme: Brave/Roaming Reptile Alert

Interest Topic: Cub Scout Camping

Webelos Topic: Camper (Now Outdoorsman)

Arrow of Light Topic: Castaway

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Cub Scout Camping

Group Discussion

Overnight camping is encouraged; but, there are some guidelines. First, you'll need to check with your charter organization. If they are comfortable with overnights, then great! Other groups may prefer not to, and that's okay too.

Webelos overnight campouts are parent and son events; with assistance from the Webelos leader, or Scout leader, or Scout organized event. But always, there's one big rule. Parent(s) have to be there. As the boys get older and move into the scouting programs, they'll be able to go as a group.

Camping as a family is also another great way to explore the outdoors; it's just not necessarily sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America. In this way, the boys can still learn how to pitch a tent, burn the bacon and eggs, and have campfire programs. Communicate with families who wish to camp, and then mark off the requirements.

Requirements for the Outdoorsman activity are such that one can go camping, or attend an outdoor event. It still counts.

Whatever you decide to do, please remember to follow the age-appropriate guidelines for scouting activities. Webelos should definitely not participate in multi-day hikes, winter camping, or overnight backpacking trips.

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OUTDOORSMAN

By Ben Oliphant

*With the new requirements, you can choose Option A or Option B. The difference is pretty much whether you choose to camp or not. Either way your Webelos will need to help you plan and participate. You and your Webelos will need to plan the following:

Location

Departure Date and Time

Return Date and Time

Adult Leader in Charge

Activities

Special Equipment We Need

*If the Webelos are camping, **and they have to camp with their family**, they will need to set up their tent without help from an adult.

*They will need to show how to tie a bowline. Explain when this knot is to be used and why. Then, they need to teach it to another Scout who is NOT a Webelos.

*For the rest of the requirement, I have made a fun matching game (ok, my wife did it☺). It will be a fun way to engage the boys and finish the requirement.

*This game will help you teach the Scout Basic Essentials (pg. 154 in the Webelos Handbook)

Cub Scout Nine Essentials Game (Based on Kim's Game) *Cub Scouting Roundtable Planning Guide 2016-2017*

Materials: Small stack of index cards or blank paper; pencils or pens; 12 to 15 small outdoor items that include the Cub Scout Nine Essentials: First-aid kit, filled water bottle, flashlight, trail food, sun protection, extra clothing, rain gear, pocketknife, map, and compass. Have a display of the nine essentials plus four to six randomly arranged items that are NOT essentials. Ask participants to name the actual nine essentials in the display. You may award a prize to those who answer correctly.

LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES FOR KIDS

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO
CHOOSE THE RIGHT PATH
TRASH YOUR TRASH
LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND
BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE
RESPECT WILDLIFE
BE KIND TO OTHER VISITORS

(RECITE FROM MEMORY)

(DISCUSS HOW YOU USED LEAVE NO
TRACE ON YOUR CAMPOUT OR OUTING)

AS AN AMERICAN, I WILL DO MY BEST TO—

- *BE CLEAN IN MY OUTDOOR MANNER,
- *BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE,
- *BE CONSIDERATE IN THE OUTDOORS, AND
- *BE CONSERVATION MINDED

(DISCUSS HOW YOU USED THE OUTDOOR
CODE ON YOUR CAMPOUT OR OUTING)

DISCUSS WHAT ACTIONS
YOU SHOULD TAKE,
INCLUDING EVACUATION,
WHEN THERE IS SEVERE
RAIN AND FLOODING

THE OUTDOOR CODE

(RECITE FROM MEMORY)

*NEVER CAMP ON LOW GROUND NEXT TO STREAMS WHEN
RAIN IS EXPECTED.

*WHEN CAMPING IN THE MOUNTAINS, BE AWARE OF THE
WEATHER UPSTREAM FROM YOUR CAMPSITE. HEAVY
RAIN MILES AWAY CAN TURN INTO FLASH FLOODS
DOWNSTREAM.

*IF FLOODING OCCURS, MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND
IMMEDIATELY

*STAY OUT OF STREAMS, DITCHES, AND OTHER FLOODED
AREAS.

DISCUSS WHAT ACTIONS
YOU SHOULD TAKE,
INCLUDING EVACUATION,
WHEN THERE IS SEVERE
THUNDERSTORMS,
LIGHTING, & TORNADOS.

*TAKE SHELTER IN A BUILDING OR VEHICLE AS SOON AS
YOU HEAR THUNDER, EVEN IF THE SUN IS OUT

*IF A TORNADO HITS, IT'S BEST TO BE INDOORS EITHER IN
THE BASEMENT OR A CLOSET AGAINST AN INTERIOR WALL.
IF YOUR CAUGHT OUTSIDE, GET IN A DITCH AND LIE AS FLAT
AS POSSIBLE.

*YOUR LEADER CAN CARRY A PORTABLE WEATHER RADIO
TO HELP WARN YOU.

DISCUSS WHAT ACTIONS
YOU SHOULD TAKE,
INCLUDING EVACUATION,
WHEN THERE IS FIRE,
EARTHQUAKE, OR OTHER
DISASTERS.

IN VERY RARE CASES, SUCH AS IF THERE'S A
FOREST FIRE, YOU MAY HAVE TO EVACUATE
YOUR CAMPSITE. YOUR LEADER WILL TELL THE
DEN WHERE TO MEET, TAKE ATTENDANCE,
AND MOVE THE GROUP TO SAFETY.

*NEVER GO HIKING OR CAMPING ALONE!!!!

*ALWAYS STAY WITH A BUDDY!!!

*LET AND ADULT KNOW IF YOU AND YOUR
BUDDY NEED TO LEAVE THE GROUP, AND TELL
WHERE YOU ARE GOING.

*CARRY A WHISTLE TO SIGNAL FOR HELP.
THREE BLASTS IN A ROW IS THE UNIVERSAL
DISTRESS CALL.

STAYING
FOUND

IF YOU
THINK
YOU ARE
LOST

STOP!!

- *S – STAY WHERE YOU ARE AND STAY CALM
- *T – THINK HOW YOU CAN HELP OTHERS
LOOKING FOR YOU.
- *O - OBSERVE YOUR SURROUNDINGS AND
WATCH FOR SEARCHERS.
- *P - PLAN HOW TO STAY WARM & DRY UNTIL
HELP ARRIVES.

GOOD
TENT
SITE

- *FLAT (OR ALMOST FLAT)
- *GRASSY OR COVERED WITH LEAVES
- *NOT IN A NATURAL DRAINAGE AREA
- *NO DEAD TREE LIMBS OVERHEAD

BAD
TENT
SITE

*IN A ROCKY DRY STREAM BED, WITH
IMMINENT RAIN, ON A FIRE ANT HILL, NEXT TO
A BEE HIVE WITH BEAR TRACKS, NEAR THE
ENTRANCE TO A RATTLESNAKE FILLED CAVE,
RIGHT BELOW THE RESEVOIR IN A FLOODING
YEAR, WITH PLENTY OF POISON IVY TO USE IF
YOU RUN OUT OF TISSUE, WAIT...IS THAT
POISON OAK? I'M NOT SURE.

No one ever plans on getting lost. But if you do, the most important thing you do is stay warm, stay dry, and get shelter. Scouting teaches us to be prepared. The purpose of this activity is to get boys ready for the outdoors.

S-T-O-P System

S - Stay where you are, do not wander around.

T - Think clearly, put together where you've been.

O - Observe where you are, not just with your eyes but ears. Can you hear anyone?

P - Make a plan. Prioritize. Decide what you'll do.

Outdoor Survival Kit

Put together a small enough bag or container, not too heavy or takes up too much space. For example, you would not need to pack a hammer in a survival kit. It should be put together based on where you'll be going. You don't want to include everything I list here, but this should get you started.

There are 6 cub scout essentials for the outdoors: first-aid kit, flash light, sun protection, trail food, filled water bottle, and a whistle. A survival kit would be an extension of that, i.e. something you'd throw in a pack, just in case. It's not something you plan on doing. It's something you can't know will happen.

- Good knife
- Area map
- Small thermometer
- Compass
- Small first aid kit
- Flashlight / headlamp
- Firestarter
- Tinder
- Space blanket (Mylar)
- Whistle
- Signal mirror
- Purification tablets
- Nylon braid
- Scissors
- Large pencil sharpener
- Fishing line or dental floss
- Sinkers
- Duct tape
- Pencil (think IKEA)
- Magnifying lens
- Safety pins
- Meds
- Plastic Bags
- Aluminum foil

Outdoor Cooking

Think of ideas that do not require pots and pans. You have to cook it, so PB&J does not count. Please make certain that some foods are cooked thoroughly.

1. Hot dogs
2. Freeze dried packs
3. Breakfast burritos (idea in leader guide)
4. Aluminum foil dinners
5. Meat on a spit
6. Cup of Noodles

Universal Signal

The universal emergency signal, is anything in groups of three. Three whistle blasts, three fires, three crossed logs etc.

Leadership Qualities

In any kind of emergency, you'd want to be able to deal with whatever comes at you, with the best possible outcome. That's why developing leadership is so important.

This is a list of qualities I would like to have, or be around others who have these abilities.

- Cool, Calm, and Collected
- Optimistic
- Flexible or adaptable
- Ability to listen
- Discover inner strength

Come up with your own list, consolidate, and then encourage your boys to show it. I've included a skit that might be fun. It's about learning how to listen.

One scout starts listening intently to something far off.

The rest of the scouts walk up to him.

Scouts: Hey, what are you doing?

Scout #1: Listen!

Other scouts stop and listen.

Scout #2: I don't hear anything.

Scout #1: LISTEN!

Scout #3: I don't hear anything either.

Scout #1: You know, it's been like that all day!