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Welcome to American Elm District Cub Scout Roundtable Electronic edition Webelos activity badges Showman and Citizen

Theme: It's a Circus of Stars

PRE OPENING ACTIVITIES Circus Puzzle

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WORDS FOR THE CIRCUS PUZZLE

ACTS LIONS **SIDESHOWS BEARS** FIRE EATER STRONG MEN CLOWNS RINGMASTER WILD ANIMALS PERFORMING DOGS TIGHTROPE WALKERS SWORD SWALLOWER

75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting and the 95th Anniversary of the **Boy's Scouts of America!**

I want to let all of you know about a special year in Scouting. If you have read your Scouting magazine on page 8 they list activities that a Cub Scout, a Cub Scout Leader, a Family and Packs can earn as the work on requirements for the 75th **Anniversary Awards.**

Cub Scouts:



Cub Scout Leaders:



Cub Scout Families:



Cub Scout Packs:

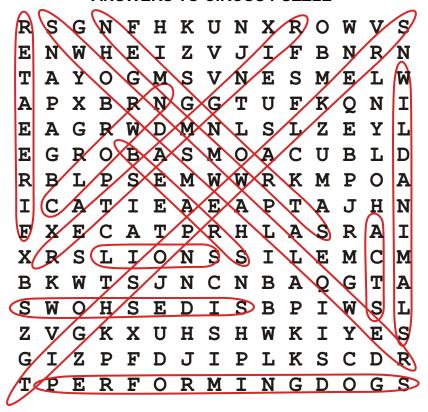


Ribbon Streamer For Pack Flag

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ANSWERS TO CIRCUS PUZZLE



Also, new to Cub Scouting is the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award that Cub Scouts can wear on their right front pocket, just like the big Scouts. This is a first for us.

Another neat part of the award is that each time you complete the requirements
For this award as you move up in Cub Scouting
You earn a wolf footprint that is attached to the special patch. If you earn the patch as a Tiger then you can work on the requirements as a Wolf, Bear and Webelos and earn 3 Wolf footprints.

You can find out more about these awards by going to **www.Cubroundtable.com** and checking the Links page. I have given you a link to Chad's website and also a cached file.

You will find helpful ideas in your **Cub Scout Program Helps for 2004- 2005** and at **Roundtable**.

Start planning to make this an extra special year as we celebrate 75 years in Cub Scouting and 95 years with the Boy's Scouts of America!

I'd like to start the new year off by saying welcome to all of you who are new to Scouting and thanks to all who are returning for another year. Our scouts depend on us to do our jobs the best way we can. If you haven't made it to Training and Roundtable please, give your scouts a better prepared Leader.

Training can get you the knowledge on questions you will have as a new or seasoned leader. Also, you will find that by attending Roundtable (RT) you get time to talk to other leaders who lead the same rank as you or maybe a seasoned veteran Scouter who can guide you.

Being better prepared for the job makes the work lighter and more fun. We like to use phrases like Keep it simple - Make it Fun! or Plan your Work - Work your Plan.

Last year we had a request that Packs take turns bringing a snack. Discussing it with my Roundtable staff member Barb, we know that many of you come from work with a sandwich in the car before you get to RT. In the early years of RT we had a poster board that let Packs sign up for songs, snacks, Openings/Closings, crafts and special beads that would highlite a fun day like a polar bear painted on an oval wood bead for going to Winter Fun Day. We would like to give you the chance to help us create a great RT. Please take the time to fill in ideas of what you'd like to benefit from by coming to RT. We hope to combine the Cub and Boy RT's for special activities they could teach us a needed skill that the Cub Leaders could use in the Dens and Packs.

We will also be working with the Parks Department this year to bring more opportunities for Cubs to participate in. We need volunteers to help make this become reality. BSA Does Not stand for Babysitters' of America. Scouts need their parents seeing them achieve goals and sharing the pride of a job well done.

Celebrate 75 and 95 years of Timeless Values!

Ceremonies

This is where the action is at a Pack Meeting. There are many types of ceremonies starting with welcoming a new family, inducting a new leader or a retiring leader, Advancement in rank is one the scouts look forward to. As they become Webelos they await their Crossover and Arrow of Light Ceremony. Each of these when done properly achieve 3 major things:

Recognition Instill pride in Scouting or self and a feeling of accomplishment

You need to meet some requirements for a ceremony to be effective and memorable.

Fit the action or deed
Short enough to hold the Cub Scouts interest
Flow smoothly— PRACTICE what you are going

Flow smoothly— PRACTICE what you are going to do and say so you don't make a mistake.

When a scout has worked hard to master an achievement we need to recognize that accomplishment in their life with a worthwhile ceremony.

If you had worked on a successful TV promotion and your boss gave you a bag with a note what would be your reaction and when the next TV promotion was scheduled would you try as hard knowing the end result.

Plan ahead and discuss props that will be needed and how to borrow or make use of available supplies early in the planning stages. Let other scouters know a special prop is needed someone may have one or know where you can borrow one. Trading skills and knowledge is the greatest asset Roundtable attendance can give to you and your Pack. **GET CONNECTED- SHARE IN THE WEALTH!**

U ARE IMPORTANT

Cub 1: We can't spell C_B SCO_TS without U.

Cub 2: We can't spell YO_TH without U.

Cub 3: We can't spell AD LT without U.

Cub 4: We can't spell F N without U.

Cub 6: We can't spell O TDOORS with out U.

ALL: Clearly, Scouting needs U!



Standard Flag Ceremony

by Sam Houston Area Council

CAST: Narrator, flag bearers/color guards Audience

NARRATOR: Attention! Will the audience please rise? (Audience rises).

NARRATOR: **Color guard, advance!** (The flag bearers advance, followed by the color guards. The U. S. Flag should always be on the marching right in the procession.)

NARRATOR: **Hand Salute!** (As the procession begins, the narrator gives the command and salutes. His eves follow the U. S. Flag until it is in position at the front of the room. The flag bearers and color guards take their positions at the front of the room near the flag stands. They stand at attention facing the audience. The flags are held vertically. Audience salutes the flag.)

NARRATOR: Two!

(The pack flag is raised to a vertical position.)

NARRATOR: Color guard, post the colors! (The pack flag is placed on its stand. The pack flag bearer and color guard salute it and step back into place. The U. S. Flag is placed on its stand. Its bearer and color guard salute it and step back into place.)

NARRATOR: **Color guard, Dismissed!** (The flag bearers lead the precession to the back of the room followed by the color guard and lastly by the narrator.)

Information about Flags can be found at Http://members.tripod.com/~post_119_gulfport_ms/flag.html

The "right" as the position of honor developed from the time when the "right hand" was the "weapon hand" or "point of danger." The right hand, raised without a weapon, was a sign of peace. The right hand, to any observer, is the audience's left. Therefore, as used in the Flag Code, the flag and/or blue field is displayed to the left of the audience, which is the flag's "own right."

Hint: Remember the old Right, Right! Right, Left... For what side the U. S. Flag is carried and if you are the speaker, the flag would be near your right side when you get to the stand to speak. Practice this and it will come to you later.

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In the CS 75th Anniversary awards **# 4** of the Cub requirements is to discuss the U. S. Flag and it;'s history and how to show respect for our flag. Check out the **CS Leader book** for room arrangements on page 24-8.

Packs and leaders can help participate in events at District and Councils and if you know how to do a Flag ceremony you could volunteer to do the Opening.

The Meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance

I Pledge Allegiance
I promise to be true

to the flag
to the sign of our country

of the United States of America a country made up of 50 states, each with certain rights of its own

and to the Republic

a country where the people elect others to make laws for them

for which it stands, the flag means the country

one nation under God
a single country whose people believe in religious freedom

Indivisible

the country cannot be split into parts

with liberty and justice
with freedom and fairness

for all.

for each person in the country - you and me.

AKELA'S SCALE

CAST: Cubmaster, den chief, den leader, Bobcat candidates and parents.

EQUIPMENT: Ceremonial board, consisting of an arrow with 2 candles- one attached to the feathers, and one attached to the point (The arrow should be attached to the board so that it is

Balanced, but will move freely around the center.), Bobcat badges and advancement certificates.

CUBMASTER:

Will the candidates and their parents please come forward and face the pack. (They do so.) You Cub Scouts and your parents have come to be inducted into our Cub Scout family as members of Pack _____. You are ready to start your adventure along Akela's trail, together with your friends and their parents.

Here is the arrow (Points to ceremonial board) that points the way along the trail. The awards you can earn along the trail are:

the Wolf,

the Bear,

the Webelos and the Arrow of Light Awards. The parts of the Cub Scout program that cannot be seen are the value of things you will learn, and the good ties you will have.

This is the scale of Akela. Both the parents and the Cub Scouts are important to keep the scale in balance.

(To the den Chief:

(Name), will you light the candle representing the Cub Scouts? (Points to the candle on the feather.)

(To the den leader):

(Name), will you light the candle for the parents? (Points tot he candle on the arrow pint.)

If the Cub Scout does not do his part, the scale is out of balance and the program goes downhill. (Removes the candle representing boys, then replaces it.)

On the other hand, if the parents' part is taken away, the scale is out of balance in the other direction and the Cub Scout loses his way along Akela's trail. (Removes the candle representing the parents, then replaces it.)

So, you see, to keep the Cub Scout program is perfect balance, both Cub Scots and parents must take part in the activities by coming to all meetings, following the leaders, and advancing from point to point along Akela's trail. Now, Cub Scouts, give the Cub Scout sign, and repeat the Cub Scout Promise with me.

Cub Scout Promise

I promise to do my best, to do my duty to God and my country, to help other people, and to obey the Law of the Pack.

And, parents, will you please repeat the following:

We, as parents, will do our best...to aid and assist our son...in his Cub Scout activities. We will encourage him with enthusiasm...correct him with fairness.... judge him with lenience...And, realizing that the Cub Scout program...is one of equal participation for Cub Scouts and parents...we will assist as we are able...inserving as leaders, advisors or workers.

Present Bobcat badges to parents, who in turn present them to their sons.

Combined Advancement Ceremony

CAST: Cubmaster (chief), assistant Cubmaster (asst. Chief), narrator, two braves.

PROPS: Tripod, council fire, dry ice, two clear containers, water, food coloring, a small pot, and a large pot.

SETTING: The tripod should be set up with the large pot hanging from the center, with the council fire underneath. Place the small pot inside the large pot, and place dry ice inside the small pot. Place the badges to be awarded inside the large pot - but no in the small pt. The clear containers should be filled with water that had been colored with food coloring. One should be blue and the other should be gold.

RANKS

Chief and asst. Chief should position themselves on one side of the hanging pt. They should site at an angle to the audience so that all can see their profile. The Cub Scouts shod come up tot he council fire, led by their den leader and sit down facing the chief and asst. Chief. All should be visible to the audience. The Cub Scouts shod be sitting in den order, and remain quiet.

Narrator: In days gone by, it was traditional for young Indian boys to strive to pass feats of

accomplishment based on their age. Adult braves were proud to be part of their training and usually took five or six boys and taught them skills. As each year passed, the skills would be a little harder t accomplish. Then at the end of the year the boys would be brought to the chief and presented to him The adult braves would tell of the skills that each boy had learned. Lets look in on a ceremony in progress.

CHIEF: For many moons you have worked hard. You have leaned the ways of the Tiger, the Wolf, and the Bear. The young braves of the Webelos council have worked hard too, learning skills of wisdom that they will need on their paths to manhood. To honor you in this passage, one of my trusted braves was asked to go into the mountains and climb the highest one. He was to tell the great eagle to fly high into the sky and bring back part of the beauty of the sun. (First brave leaves.) I told the second brave to go deep into the forest and tell the sparrow to fly high into the sky and bring back a part of the beauty of the sky. (Second brave leaves.)

(Both braves come back with the bottles of colored water.)

Pour some of the beauty of the sun into the council mixing pot. (The brave pours the yellow water on the dry ice in the small pot.)

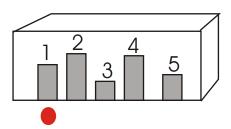
Now pour some of the beauty of the sky into the council mixing pot. (The second brave pours the blue water on the dry ice in the small pot.)

From this day forward, blue will stand for truth and loyalty. Yellow will stand for warm sunlight, happiness and good cheer.

ASST. CHIEF: Let the young braves be presented. (The Cub Scouts receiving the awards are called forward, along with their parents.) You have all done well. With the help of your leaders and your parents you have all advance on the road to being your best. Take your honors to your parents and give them the honors to which they are entitled. May the Great Spirit go with you always. (Remove the badges from the large pot, and award them to the Cub Scouts.)

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Games



Marble Game

MATERIALS: Cardboard shoe box, marbles, scissors markers.

Turn a shoebox upside down and cut about 5 notches on the long side of the box. The notches should be 1" wide and in different heights fro 2" to 5". Write a large number above each notch. Place the box on the floor against a wall and pace off 5 steps. Give each Cub Scout 10 marbles. Cub Scouts take turns rolling their marbles into the notches, and they score according to the numbers on top of the notches.

Balloon Pop/Scavenger Hunt

PREPARATION: While blowing up balloons, insert a piece of paper, with the name of an object printed on it, into each balloon. Fill the balloon with air.

Have the Cub Scouts form two lines and begin a balloon popping game. The Cub Scout runs to a chair (or stool) set up in front of the line, sets the balloon on the chair, and sites on the balloon until it pops. The Cub Scout then returns to the end of the lin. Have a leader stand by the chair and pick up the pieces of paper that fall out. The first tem to pop all of its balloons is the winner.

Gather all the papers from this team, and these are the items the Cub Scouts must find for the scavenger hunt. If a scout is going to be picking up dirty items you will want to use plastic gloves.

Items could be:

rock nut	twig pebble
shell	•
hat	pencil
cup	crayon
can	bead
	nut shell hat cup

Flashlight Tag

This is the beginning of Laser Tag.
This game is played in the dark. The game is a simple game of tag, but Cub Scouts use a flashlight when they are "It". Instead of tagging someone, you point the beam of light at him. If he is "Hit" with the beam of light, he becomes "It". The other team members are allowed to run, hide, jump, duck or dive--anything to keep from being hit with the beam of light. In this game, there is no "Base".

Map Reading Adventure

Obtain or make a suitably detailed map of a park. It should show a lot of trees and equipment detail. Scatter 10- 15 control points on readily identifiable features shown on the map. These could be trail intersections, field corners, trash cans, te. The key is to use points that can be found both o the map AND actually in the park. After doing this desk work, verify the map by going to the park and locating each control point.

Make physical markers that would be placed or posted at the control points. These can be 3 x 5 index cards. Put a different letter on each card, and a different code number and trivia question on the back of the card. The letter serves to uniquely identify each of the control points. The code number must be recorded when the control pint is located. The trivia question must be answered.

These physical markers hold be place at the control points just prior to the event. Mark the control points on the map using the same letter as the corresponding physical markers. On the backside of the map, list the control point letters along with a physical description of the control point, so that the Cub Scouts can verify each location.

Distribute a map and pencil to each pair of Cub Scouts (Younger Cub Scouts may be paired with a parent.), With instructions to write the code number and the answer on the back of the map by each control point letter and physical description.

RULES:

- •Map shows location of each control point to find.
- •Visit the control points in ANY order.
- •At each pint:
- Record the code number.
- Record the answer to the trivia question.
- •As an option, set a time limit and deduct points for each extra minute used.
- •Points are scored for each control point found and each trivia question that is correctly answered.

Post adults at various locations throughout the course to assist Cub Scouts as needed and to insure safety. Make a map on one side of page and list for answers on the other side.

You can also make 4 versions of varying difficulty" one for (younger) siblings, = For Tiger Cubs, For Wolfs and Bear Scouts and Webelos.

OBSTACLE COURSE

It's fun to set up a simple obstacle course for the Cub Scouts to test their agility, coordination and speed.

Some activities include:

- Walk the plank/log
- Long jump
- Overhand throw
- Jumping rope
- •Stepping through a close-to-the-grand rope wrapped around stakes placed in a ziz-zag format (similar to the tire stepping cone by football players)
- •Rolling/crawling under a raised rope
- Hurdling a series of logs
- •Weaving in and around some trees or trash cans
- Crawling through a cardboard box tunnel

This event can be done as a relay match or individually. Time the Cu Scouts the first time, and let them repeat the course to try to improve their time. They'll be sure to love it! Insure that safety comes first.

Before the Cub Scouts (and adults) get started, be sure the have limbered up by doing warm-ups or stretching exercises.

Pass The Lifesaver

Form 2 lines. Give each Cub Scout a coffee stir stick or straw to hold in his mouth. Place a Lifesaver candy on the straw of the first Cub Scout in each line. On the signal, the lifesaver is passed from one Cub Scout to the next on his team using the stir stick or straw. The team that finished first is the winner.

Crafts

Washable Ink Pad

Inkpads can be mussy. Ink is hard to get off of your fingers and cloths. Here is a recipe to make your own ink that is washable.

MATERIALS:

White glue, scissors, poster paint, small can with plastic lid, sponge.

Cut the sponge to fit inside the small can. In a bowl mix 4 tablespoons of poster paint and 1 tablespoon of white glue. Stir the mixture. Pour the mixture over the sponge. Keep the lid on the can when not in use. If your inkpad starts to dry out, add a little water. You can make several ink pads using different colors of poster paint.

Face Painting

Materials: 2 tsp. white shortening, 1 tsp. white flour, 5 tsp. cornstarch, food coloring, and glycerin.

using a spatula, blend the first 3 ingredients on a plate to form a smooth paste. add 3 to 4 drops of glycerin for a creamy consistency. this recipe makes enough paint for one face. for colored makeup, add food coloring one drop at a tie, lending until the paint reaches the desired shade. Use small-tipped artist brushes to decorate your face

Cold cream tinted with food coloring can be used as a quick alternative to this paint.

A great book for costumes and getting into character is:

Singer's Halloween Costumes for about \$16.95. ISBN # 0-86573-317-1

Snazaroo Zoo Costumes and faces \$12.95 ISBM #0-8019-8940-X

The Fantastic Costume Book \$14.95 ISBN #0-8069-8377-9

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Old Fashioned Fun Day

As part of the Cub Scout Outdoor Award #2 you will participate in an outdoor park or picnic day. Here are some activities:
Pumpkin or apple carving contest
Apple bobbing
Contest
Corn shelling contest
Hog calling contest
3 legged race
Tug of War
Pie eating contest
Watermelon seed spitting contest
Wheel barrow race

End the day with a picnic, wiener roast, or homemade ice cream.

Cub Scouts Sports Program

This is a program that teaches the Cub Scout good sportsmanship and to always **DO THEIR BEST**. The complete guide to this program is in the Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide (34299).

I know that many scouts are into sports programs but I would like to see if games could be established for those who would like to learn the game and play as teams versus other Dens/Packs here in town. Many times a sport says to play a certain number of games to fulfill the requirement. It would be more fun to play other teams of Cub Scouts. If you would like to help create these teams let your RT staff know.

Songs

BE YOUR BEST- Tune of "Be Our Guest" Be your best, be your best, Put your body to the test. Stretch our muscles, raise your heart rate, And then you take a rest.

Eat good, stay alive, Of fruits and vegetables eat fie. Every day you need to eat them; There is nothing that will beat the.

Brush your teeth, clean you face, Why don't you join the human race? You'll enjoy it when you know you look your best. Come on and get the lead out, Raise your chin and then shot, Be your best, be your best be your best!

Ham and Eggs (Yell)

Split group into 2 halves, left and right.

Left — I like my eggs nice and brown.
Right --I like my eggs upside down.
Left – Flip'em.
Right --Flop'em.
Left -- Flip'em.
Right -- Flop'em

Together --Ham and eggs!

This Pack is Your Pack

Tune: "This Land is Your Land"
This pack is your pack, this pack is you pack,
From Tiger Cubbing, to the Arrow of Light,
From the boy Mowgli, to the adult Akela,
This pack was made for you and me.

As we go walking down the Cubbing trail, To God and country, we must not fail. To keep our promise, to do our best, This pack was made for you and me.

To the founding father, Lord Baden -Powell, We give our thanks, for teaching us honor. He taught us reverence and to help each other, This pack was made for you and me.

At our Blue and God banquet, we celebrate, The Boy Scouts birthday to commemorate, That in 1910, on February 8, Scouting was made for you and me.

I Like Bananas, Coconuts and Grapes

I like Bananas, Coconuts and Grapes! I like Bananas, Coconuts and Grapes! I like Bananas, Coconuts and Grapes! That's why they call me,

TARZAN OF THE APES!

I like spinach packed up in a can! I like spinach packed up in a can! I like spinach packed up in a can! That's why they call me,

POPEYE THE SAILOR MAN!

I like lasagna, enough to make me fat! I like lasagna, enough to make me fat! I like lasagna, enough to make me fat! That's why they call me,

GARFIELD THE CAT!

SCOUT VESPERS

Tune: "Oh, Tannenbaum"

Softly falls the night of the day, While our campfire fades away. Silently each Scout should ask: "Have I done my daily task?"

"Have I kept my honor bright? Can I guiltless sleep tonight? Have I done and have I dared, Everything to be prepared?"

Closing Ceremony- Flag Folding

Our country was founded on religious principles, and even the folding of the flag shows this wonderful truth.

The point of honor of the flag of the United States is a canton of blue containing the starts representing the states from which our veterans who served in the armed forces came. The point of honor our flag dresses is from the left tot he right. The only time it is inverted and displayed is when it comes to serve as a pall on the casket of a veteran who has served his county honorably.

In the evening, in the armed forces of the United States, at the ceremony of retreat, afer taps have been sounded, the flag is lowered and folded in a triangle fold, and kept under watch throughout the night, as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning it is brought out, at the ceremony of reveille, and raised, as a symbol of out belief in the resurrection of the body.

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life. The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life. The next fold we make is in remembrance of our honored dead from the start of our nation to the present, and to the men and women in service today. They, too, have given a portion of their life for the defense of our county and our flag. We are here to perform this flag-folding ceremony in order to honor these men and women, and to show that their efforts to attain peace throughout the world have not been in vain and shall never be forgotten.

We fold to the right in the shape of a triangle representing our weaker nature. We, as Americans citizens, trust in God, and it is to Him

We turn in times of peace, as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.

We fold again to the right as a tribute to our country; for tin the words of the immortal Stephen Decatur, "our country, in dealing with outer countries, may she always be right; but, it is still out country, right or wrong."

We fold to the left i the shape of a triangle, for this is where our hearts lie. And it is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

We fold again to the left as a tribute to our armed forces; for it is through trees same armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether or not they be within the boundaries of our republic.

We fold to the right as a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day; and this fold is made to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

We fold again to the right as a tribute to father, for he too has given up his sons, for the defense of our country since she was first born.

We fold from the stripes toward the stars; for, whereas the stripes represent the thirteen original colonies that founded our republic, they are now embodied in the fifty sovereign states represent by the states, so that stars cove stripes. We thank you ladies and gentlemen for your attention.

Cubmaster's Minute MAGIC OF THE WORLDS Circle Ten Council

As parents, we want to show our sons the wonders of the world. In the eyes of a child, there are not just eight wonders of the world but eight million. We want him to be able to look at the stars, sunrise, sunset, and feel their beauty. We want them to see a world of love, laughter, and compassion. We want them to build strength within themselves of strong character and sensitivity to the needs of others. We want them to be the best they can be. Unfortunately, no one can wave a magic wand so that they will receive these things. We as leaders and parents must set

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the example to show the guidance so they may see the way to accomplish all of these things. This is the magic; Our example and guidance. So as we leave, let's be aware of our actions and how loudly they speak to our youth.

Applause stunts are a great way to recognize a person or den/patrol in a pack meeting for some accomplishment they have performed. Be sure before you start that everyone knows and understands the applause stunt and how to do it. Applause stunts serve more then one purpose they not only provide recognition but also help liven up a meeting. Applause stunts need to be fun. Strive for quality of performance in your stunts.

Abe Lincoln Cheer: That was great! HONEST! **Alka Seltzer Cheer:** Plop, Plop, Fizz, Fizz, Oh what a relief it is.

Almost: With hands far apart, bring them rapidly together but miss just before meeting each other.

America: A-M-E-R-I-C-A Cub Scouts(or Boy

Scouts), Cub Scouts USA!

Apollo: Shout: Countdown, 10 - 1!!

BLASTOFF! then with your hand gain orbit and even out. Then say, "BEEP, BEEP, BEEP, BEEP, BEEP,"

Archery: Mimic shooting an arrow, then call out, "Bull's Eye!"

Artillery: Begin slowly with the flats of your palms and increase in speed: then slow down until finally the last time the hands are not brought together.

Avon Lady: Point a forefinger and shout, "Ding, Dong!"

Barber Shop: Make a razor sharp motion on the palm of your left hand with your right hand, turning your right over with each stroke. Don't forget the barber's flourishes.

Barker's Yell: Showtime, Showtime!

Beaver: Cut a tree by tapping front teeth together, slap your tail by slapping a palm against your thigh, then yell, "TIMBER!"

Bear: Growl like a bear four times, turning

halfway around each time.

Bee: Put arms straight out and pretend to fly, while going "Buzz-z-z, Buzz-z-z-z."

Ben Franklin: Hold both hands out in front of you as if flying a kite. Jerk back suddenly while saying, "Zap, Zap, Zap."(Lightening)

Bicycle Cheer: Pump, Pump, Pump.

Big Hand: Leader says, "let's give them a big hand" everybody in the audience holds up one of their hands with the palm up.

Big Sneeze: Cup hands in front of nose and sneeze in hands. Having nowhere to put it, wipe your hands in your hair.

Big Rock Candy Mountain Cheer: How sweet it is. **Big Thumb:** Hold out a hand at arms length, make a fist with the thumb up. Variation: Add,"GREAT JOB!!"

Black Powder Cheer: Pretend to have black powder in your hand. Pour powder down the barrel. Stamp it down, raise the gun and fire saying, "Click, BANG!"

Blast-off: Start counting backwards from 6 to 1. Bend the knees a little more on each count until you are in a squatting position. Then, while saying, "BLAST OFF!", just straight up in the air.

Bobcat: Stand and give a loud "Meow" three times. **Bow and Arrow:** Make motion as if shooting an arrow and say, "Zing, Zing, Zing." Pretend to release an arrow with each zing. Variation: Slowly draw arrow from quiver on your back. Place arrow against string of bow, pull back, release and say "pffft."

WEB SITES

These sites are current as of 9/01/04 Http://www.fbi.gov/kids/k5th/kidsk5th.htm a site by the FBI designed for kids.

Http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/kids/kids.html Learn about the U. S. Census, facts about your state, and fun quizzes.

Http://www.kids.gov/ This site is way cool--from arts to careers. A site you don't want to miss.

Http://www.americasstory.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi America's story for America's Library

Http://www.usmint.gov/kids/flashIndex.cfm Coins are history in your pocket--cartoons to facts.

Http://www.va.gov/kids/

Want to know about veterans, the VA and Patriotism.

Http://www.whitehouse.gov/kids/

Visit the White House and take the Math challenge.

http://www.nrojr.gov./

engage children in the wonders of science, math and space in a fun and interactive manner. This site contains four categories of activities: Art, Music, Stories, and Games.

Http://www.fema.gov/kids/

Herman the hermit crab tells us all about the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Http://www.creighton.edu/~bsteph/pack114/funpages/web-shw4.html

Let's read music.

Http://www.legendsandlore.com/sockpuppets.html A site all about sock puppets.

Http://www.puppetport.com/learning_center/build/links/6.cfm

Very cool site on puppets easy ones to harder ones. Http://www.ehow.com/ehow/ehowDetails.jsp?index = 1043&id=9760

This site has hobbies and games and this is a link to the puppet site.

Http://www.puppets2000.com/index6a.html Have you ever wanted to make a Marionette--this site has the goods. Let the curtain go up!

Http://www.auntannie.com/puppets.html
Puppets around the World. Plays based on folk tales.

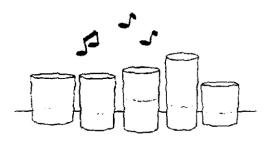
Http://www.leslietryon.com/putonplay0202/putonplaytheme0202.html

Let's put on a play.



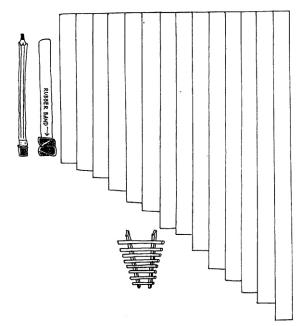
MAKE A GLASS HARMONICA

Benjamin Franklin invented the lightning rod and bifocal eyeglasses, but did you know he invented a glass harmonica? (He called it an armonica.) Franklin's harmonica consisted of glass hemispheres attached to a turning rod, and he played it by running a wet finger across the rims of the glasses. The glasses were of different sizes, so each produced different vibrations resulting in different sounds. Franklin later refined his invention so that the glasses dipped in water as the rod turned, keeping the glass rims wet. Try making your own version of Franklin's glass harmonica. Line up glasses of different sizes on a firm surface. Pour water into each glass. (Having water in glasses makes it easy to keep finger wet.) Run your forefinger quickly around rims. Notice that the sound varies with the thickness of the glass. Ask a friend or two to join in and you can have a glass harmonica orchestra.



Materials needed:

7/8" or 3/4" diameter copper or steel electrician's pipe (from hardware store or lumber yard) hacksaw or pipe cutter 2 strips of rubber or fabric glue 2 strips of wood pencil or dowel rubber band Cut pipe lengths with hacksaw or pipe cutter using the proportions shown. Glue rubber or fabric to 2 strips of wood and lay pipes across wood strips. Or, just lay them across 2 belts. A pencil with a rubber band wrapped around the Eraser end (or dowel with a rubber band around one end) makes a good hammer.



See you next month. Carol