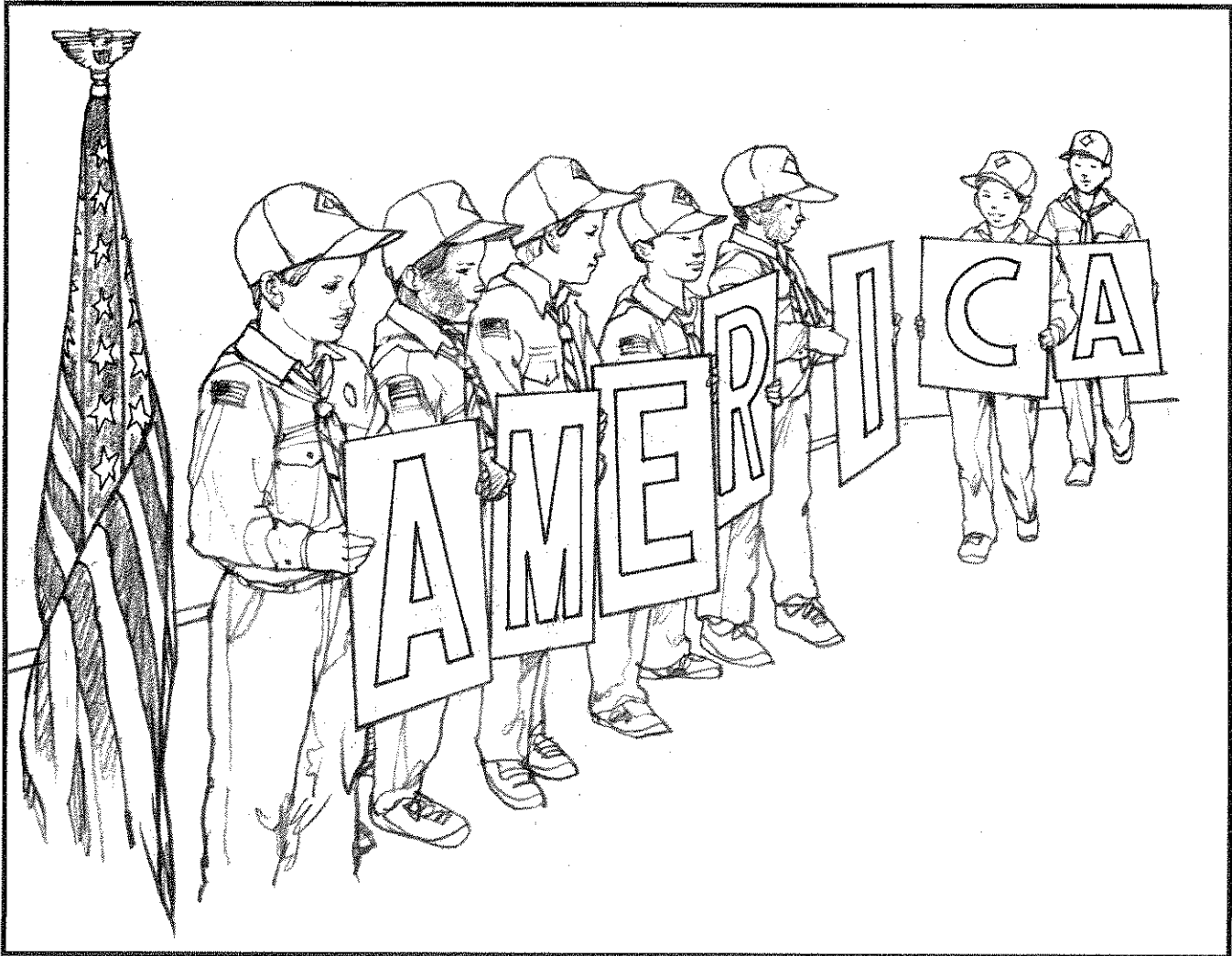


# CHAPTER 5

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## Why Are Opening Ceremonies Important?

The opening ceremony at your pack meeting will set the stage for everything that follows. It can reinforce the purposes of Cub Scouting for both boys and adults. We have the opportunity to help make the Cub Scout ideals meaningful through the words and pictures of our ceremonies.

You can also use the opening ceremony to develop the monthly theme. You will find lots of ideas for theme-related ceremonies in the *Cub Scout Program Helps* and at Cub Scout roundtables each month.

Be aware of physical and/or mental disability challenges in your pack. Be sensitive to the fact that all boys and adults may not be able to, or even want to, read lines out loud. Adapt ceremonies in a sensitive way to involve everyone at the level they will feel comfortably involved.

### A-M-E-R-I-C-A

**Preparation:** Make seven cards with one letter on each: A, M, E, R, I, C, and A.

CUB SCOUT 1: A is for all people in our land.

CUB SCOUT 2: M is for the many that lent a hand.

CUB SCOUT 3: E stands for equality of race, color, and creed.

CUB SCOUT 4: R is respect for all people's needs.

CUB SCOUT 5: I is for ideas—new ways to know our neighbor.

CUB SCOUT 6: C stands for caring and sharing in labor.

CUB SCOUT 7: A is the allegiance we feel for our land.

CUB SCOUT 8: Stand now and pledge with heart and hand.

## America—The Song

**Preparation:** Preparing for this ceremony helps boys earn Wolf Elective 11a. The pack can sing both verses of "America" for the opening, or they can sing the first verse for the opening and the second verse for the closing.

CUB SCOUT 1: What makes our country so special?

CUB SCOUT 2: America is special because it is a land of liberty. Liberty means freedom.

CUB SCOUT 3: We can choose how we do our duty to God. We can say what we think in public. We have free education for all.

CUB SCOUT 4: We can choose our own jobs. And we have civil rights, like voting and trial by jury.

CUB SCOUT 5: A special song was written to celebrate the freedoms we have. In 1831, Samuel Smith wrote the words to "America" for a children's Independence Day program in Boston.

CUB SCOUT 6: The first verse of the song tells of the love we have for our country because of the freedom we enjoy.

CUB SCOUT 7: The last verse is a prayer asking God to protect our free country.

CUB SCOUT 8: Stand and join us in singing "America."

## Building a Flag

**Preparation:** Conceal a U.S. flag inside a large bowl or pot. The Cub Scouts will use a long spoon to stir the pot as they add pieces of red paper, blue paper, white paper, white stars, a needle, and some thread.

NARRATOR: Today, we have a special treat, and we're going to follow this recipe, the greatest in the land.

First, we put in a heaping cup of red for courage. (*Cub Scout 1 puts pieces of red paper into the pot.*)

We'll add blue for truth, justice, and loyalty. (*Cub Scout 2 puts pieces of blue paper into the pot.*)

We'll also need some white for purity or cleanliness of thought, word, and deed, along with some stars. (*Cub Scout 3 pours in pieces of white paper, and Cub Scout 4 pours in white stars.*)

Finally, we'll add a needle and thread. The steel of the needle represents the strength of our nation. The thread ties us all together as Americans. (*Cub Scout 5 puts in the needle and thread.*)

When you combine these things, you come up with our flag, Old Glory. (*Cub Scouts 6 and 7 remove the flag from the pot, open and hold it.*) May it always fly with honor and respect.

## Discover America

**Materials:** Map of the United States, potato or ear of corn, silhouette of George Washington, paper, feather pen, photo of Abraham Lincoln, a kite and key, light bulb, and a photo of an astronaut

CUB SCOUT 1: (*Carrying a map of the United States.*) Many Americans helped decide our country's fate.

CUB SCOUT 2: (*Carrying a potato and/or an ear of corn.*) Our native people developed plants that we still use for food and in medicines today.

CUB SCOUT 3: (*Carrying a silhouette of George Washington.*) As our first president, George Washington was great.

CUB SCOUT 4: (*Carrying parchment and a quill pen or feather.*) The Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson did write.

CUB SCOUT 5: (*Carrying a picture of Abraham Lincoln.*) Lincoln freed the slaves after a terrible fight.

CUB SCOUT 6: (*Carrying the kite and key.*) Ben Franklin shared many ideas bright.

CUB SCOUT 7: (*Carrying a light bulb.*) Thomas Edison invented the electric light.

CUB SCOUT 8: (*Carrying a photo of an astronaut.*) Eagle Scout Neil Armstrong placed on the moon our own red, white, and blue.

CUB SCOUT 1: Stand and renew our Pledge of Allegiance so true.

## Duties as a Citizen

**Preparation:** Create a large poster with the Citizenship Pledge written on it or hand out individual copies of the pledge to each person as everyone arrives at the pack meeting.

CUB SCOUT 1: As citizens of the United States, we have duties that we must fulfill.

CUB SCOUT 2: As a citizen, it is my duty to obey the laws.

CUB SCOUT 3: As a citizen, it is my duty to respect the rights of others.

CUB SCOUT 4: As a citizen, it is my duty to stay informed on issues of local and national government.

CUB SCOUT 5: As a citizen, it is my duty to vote in elections.

CUB SCOUT 6: As a citizen, it is my duty to serve and defend my country.

CUB SCOUT 7: As a citizen, it is my duty to assist law enforcement agencies.

CUB SCOUT 8: As a citizen, it is my duty to practice and teach good citizenship in my home. Please read the Citizenship Pledge with me. (*All join in.*)

As citizens, we will do our best  
to be prepared in body and will,  
in spirit and skill.

We accept our obligation to God  
and will show by our actions  
we are willing to serve others  
and be good members of the Scouting team.

## Explanation of the Pledge of Allegiance

**Preparation:** Cub Scouts memorize lines to recite from the Pledge of Allegiance.

NARRATOR: We often recite the Pledge of Allegiance without really listening to or understanding the words we are saying. We will recite it and talk about the meaning of each phrase.

CUB SCOUT 1: I pledge allegiance...

NARRATOR: I, an individual, promise my love, devotion, and loyalty.

CUB SCOUT 2: To the flag of the United States of America...

NARRATOR: It is the symbol of 50 great states that have a common bond.

CUB SCOUT 3: And to the republic for which it stands...

NARRATOR: Representatives are chosen by the people to govern themselves in a republic.

CUB SCOUT 4: One nation under God...

NARRATOR: We are one nation under God and blessed by God. There is no pause after nation. It is said as one complete phrase—one nation under God.

CUB SCOUT 5: Indivisible...

NARRATOR: It is incapable of being divided.

CUB SCOUT 6: With liberty...

NARRATOR: With freedom and the right to live your own life the way you wish.

CUB SCOUT 7: And justice...

NARRATOR: Dealing fairly with others.

CUB SCOUT 8: For all.

NARRATOR: Everyone—it is your country as much as it is mine. Please stand and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance with us.

## Flag of America

**Preparation:** In a darkened room, the first three Cub Scouts light three candles or turn on three lights, one red, one white, and one blue candle, in turn as they speak their lines. The fourth boy turns toward the U.S. flag as he speaks.

CUB SCOUT 1: (*Lights red candle.*) The red of our flag stands for the courage to stand up for what we believe in.

CUB SCOUT 2: (*Lights white candle.*) The white of our flag stands for cleanliness of thought, word, and deed.

CUB SCOUT 3: (*Lights blue candle.*) The blue of our flag stands for truth and justice like the blue of the skies.

CUB SCOUT 4: (*Turns toward the U.S. flag.*) Our flag, the flag of America, where people of all races and beliefs can live together in peace and friendship.

## Flag Story

**Preparation:** Dim the lights as the last speaker finishes and have two boys shine flashlights on the flag.

CUB SCOUT 1: On September 13, 1814, the British began shooting at Fort McHenry, outside the city of Baltimore, Maryland.

CUB SCOUT 2: They were holding an American prisoner on board a warship until they finished their attack.

CUB SCOUT 3: Through the night, the American paced the deck as he watched the battle, not knowing whether the fort could hold.

CUB SCOUT 4: The next morning, the haze was so thick that he couldn't tell whether the battle had been won or lost.

CUB SCOUT 5: Suddenly, a clearing in the mist gave him a glimpse of the American flag still flying over the fort.

CUB SCOUT 6: Francis Scott Key was so excited he wrote a poem that is now our National Anthem.

CUB SCOUT 7: Please rise and join us in singing the "Star-Spangled Banner."

## I Am an American

CUB SCOUT 1: My country gives me the opportunity to be anything I want to be. I am an American.

CUB SCOUT 2: My country means love of freedom, faith in democracy, justice, and equality. I am an American.

CUB SCOUT 3: My country believes in the worth of every person. I am an American.

CUB SCOUT 4: My country gives us the privilege of saying what we believe. I am an American.

CUB SCOUT 5: My country is a democracy, and I have a duty to keep it that way. I am an American.

CUB SCOUT 6: My country promises life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I am an American.

CUB SCOUT 7: My country is one that we should protect and defend. I am an American.

CUB SCOUT 8: My country is the land of the free and the home of the brave. I am an American.

## I Asked Myself a Question

NARRATOR: I asked myself a question today. What does it mean to be an American? I decided that being an American means that I have many freedoms. What are they?

CUB SCOUT 1: Freedom to think, and to say out loud what I think.

CUB SCOUT 2: Freedom to worship as I please.

CUB SCOUT 3: Freedom to move about.

CUB SCOUT 4: Freedom to try, and freedom to fail.

CUB SCOUT 5: Freedom to stand up straight and look the world in the eye.

CUB SCOUT 6: Freedom from want, and freedom from fear.

NARRATOR: These freedoms were here long before we were born. I have four guarantees that they will remain: the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, my fellow Americans, and myself. No one could ask for more.

## I Believe

**Preparation:** Create a poster with the words of "God Bless America" written large enough for everyone to read. Or pass out individual copies of the words to each person as everyone arrives at the pack meeting.

CUB SCOUT 1: I believe in America!

CUB SCOUT 2: I believe in this country where freedom is more than just a word.

CUB SCOUT 3: I believe that as a nation we place our trust in God.

CUB SCOUT 4: I believe that as a country, we have our faults but also try to overcome them.

CUB SCOUT 5: I believe in America!

CUB SCOUT 6: Please stand and join us in singing "God Bless America."

## Old Glory

**Preparation:** The U.S. flag is already posted. Four Cub Scouts hold flashlights that shine on it.

NARRATOR: What you see here represents the past, the present, and the future. The stripes of Old Glory stand for the original 13 colonies. The stars represent the 50 states. The boys represent the men of tomorrow. The lights remind us of four great freedoms.

CUB SCOUT 1: Freedom of speech

CUB SCOUT 2: Freedom of worship

CUB SCOUT 3: Freedom from want

CUB SCOUT 4: Freedom from fear

NARRATOR: Let us all stand and pledge allegiance to our flag.

### Alternative staging for the above ceremony:

In a dimly lit room, have four Cub Scouts each hold a corner of the U.S. flag in one hand, and a flashlight in the other hand. The boys turn on their flashlights, and the narrator starts reading.

NARRATOR: What you see here represents the past, the present, and the future. The stripes of Old Glory stand for the original 13 colonies. The stars represent the 50 states. The boys represent the men of tomorrow. The light and warmth of these four candles remind us of four great freedoms: freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want, and freedom from fear. Eliminate any one of these freedoms and our world becomes darker and colder. *(At this time, the boys turn off their flashlights one by one as the narrator repeats.)* Freedom of speech... freedom of worship... freedom from want... freedom from fear. *(As the fourth flashlight is turned off, the room lights are turned off. The two boys holding the lower corners of the flag drop them and move to the front of the flag, face it, and salute before the room lights are turned back on.)*

NARRATOR: In a world where these four freedoms struggle to stay alive, there is a country where they flourish. Let us all stand and pledge our love to our country by singing "God Bless America."

## Our American Heritage

CUB SCOUT 1: I am the symbol of America.

CUB SCOUT 2: I am life, liberty, and the right to pursue happiness.

CUB SCOUT 3: I am hope for each person to be what he or she wants to be.

CUB SCOUT 4: I am life and stand for each person who died so I could live in freedom.

CUB SCOUT 5: I am tolerance so all people can worship God in the way they wish.

CUB SCOUT 6: I am a sign of the future as I wave over schools and government buildings.

CUB SCOUT 7: I am the flag of the United States.

## Our Country Is Different

CUB SCOUT 1: Our country is great in different ways. We would like to tell you some of the things that are different and that help make it great.

CUB SCOUT 2: We call it the United States, and we are bound together by the Constitution, but in many ways we are a group of separate nations.

CUB SCOUT 3: We practice more than 250 religions and observe thousands of different laws.

CUB SCOUT 4: Our land grows palm trees and pine trees, redwoods and birch.

CUB SCOUT 5: We catch shrimp and sell stocks; we live in small towns and large cities and in the rural countryside.

CUB SCOUT 6: We are a very diverse people, and this is what makes the United States great.

CUB SCOUT 7: Let us rise and sing "America, the Beautiful."

## Our Flag

**Preparation:** Use an unseen narrator or have someone tape the following narrative in advance. Spotlight the U.S. flag and darken the room.

NARRATOR: I am Old Glory. For more than 200 years I have been the banner of hope and freedom, for generation after generation of Americans. Born amid the first flames of America's fight for freedom, I am the symbol of a country that has grown from a little group of 13 colonies to a nation of 50 states. Over the years, my stars and stripes have proved an inspiration to untold millions of Americans, including those who have followed me into battle with unwavering courage. They have looked upon me as a symbol of national unity. They have prayed that they and their fellow citizens might continue to enjoy the life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness that have been promised to every American. As long as Americans cherish liberty more than life itself, as long as they treasure the privileges bought so dearly, as long as the principles of truth, justice, and liberty for all remain deeply rooted in their hearts, I shall continue to stand for the United States of America. I am Old Glory.

## Talking Flag

**Preparation:** Have the U.S. flag posted in a flag stand in the center of the room. Dim the lights and spotlight the flag. Have a person out of view and place a small speaker near the flag. A Cub Scout walks by the flag as it begins speaking. An alternate plan is to record the speaking part of the flag in advance and place a small tape player near the flag.

FLAG: Hello, Scout!

CUB SCOUT: Did you talk to me?

FLAG: I've been speaking since back in 1776, to anyone who would listen. My story is simple. Would you like to hear it?

CUB SCOUT: Yes! (*He sits down on the floor.*)

FLAG: When our country became a new nation, I had 13 stripes and a circle of 13 stars on a field of blue. Then in 1794, I had 15 stars and 15 stripes. I was called the Star-Spangled Banner when Francis Scott Key wrote a poem about me in 1814. This poem became our National Anthem. In 1818, the stripes were changed back to the original 13, and from then on, a star was added for each new state that joined our union. That is why there are 50 stars on me.

CUB SCOUT: (*Stands.*) That's great. Let's all stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Voting

NARRATOR: Tonight we'll talk about our freedoms. Our nation has remained strong and free because our government is of the people, by the people, and for the people. Each of us has an obligation to do all that we can to preserve the freedoms for which thousands of our ancestors have died. Here are the freedoms guaranteed to us in our Constitution.

CUB SCOUT 1: The right to worship God in one's own personal way.

CUB SCOUT 2: The right to free speech and press.

CUB SCOUT 3: The right to assemble peaceably.

CUB SCOUT 4: The right to petition for a redress of grievances.

CUB SCOUT 5: The right to privacy in our homes.

CUB SCOUT 6: The right to protection against illegal imprisonment and the freedom from excessive bail.

CUB SCOUT 7: The right to trial by jury. A person is innocent until proved guilty.

CUB SCOUT 8: The right to move about freely at home and to travel abroad.

CUB SCOUT 1: The right to own property.

CUB SCOUT 2: The right to a free election and a personal secret ballot.

NARRATOR: Maintaining our freedoms is the responsibility of every American. Keep your freedom. Vote as you think, but vote.

## Achieve

**Preparation:** Make seven large cards with one of the letters of "ACHIEVE" written on one side and its corresponding script written on the other.

CUB SCOUT 1: A is for advancement along the Scouting trail.

CUB SCOUT 2: C is for commitment to always do your best.

CUB SCOUT 3: H is for home, where it all begins.

CUB SCOUT 4: I is for the individual who is learning teamwork.

CUB SCOUT 5: E is for everyone—the den works together.

CUB SCOUT 6: V is for victory that is achieved along the trail.

CUB SCOUT 7: E is for excellence, a job well done.

## Baden-Powell

NARRATOR: In 1907, Baden-Powell took 21 boys with him to Brownsea Island, off England's southern coast, for what was to be the world's first Scout camp. It was successful beyond his wildest dreams. Because of this beginning, Scouting was organized in America and in many other countries. Today, there are more than 15 million Scouts and Scouters around the world. Time changes many things, but the aims of Scouting are the same today as when it was started. Please stand, give the Cub Scout sign, and say the Cub Scout Promise.

## Badges of Cloth

**Preparation:** Make six cards with the letters B, A, D, G, E, and S for the boys to hold.

CUB SCOUT 1: B is for badges that are made from cloth.

CUB SCOUT 2: A stands for Akela—my family and leaders who help me.

CUB SCOUT 3: D stands for "Do my best."

CUB SCOUT 4: G stands for grow. The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.

CUB SCOUT 5: E stands for eagerness and energy that are needed to earn badges.

CUB SCOUT 6: S stands for service to others.

All: BADGES!

## What Is Tiger Cub Fun?

**Preparation:** Tiger Cubs hold cards with a letter on one side and script on the back. The Tiger Cub says a letter, and then his adult partner reads the script.

TIGER CUB DEN LEADER: What is Tiger fun?

TEAM 1: T—Trying new activities with our families and den.

TEAM 2: I—Identifying what makes our families special.

TEAM 3: G—Getting to know others and ourselves better.

TEAM 4: E—Exploring our town and the world around us.

TEAM 5: R—Reinforcing values taught at home.

TEAM 6: S—Searching, discovering, and sharing new adventures and ideas.

## Cub Scouting Is Many Things

NARRATOR: Cub Scouting is many things.

CUB SCOUT 1: Cub Scouting is a boy.

CUB SCOUT 2: Cub Scouting is a family that cares about this boy.

CUB SCOUT 3: Cub Scouting is a den leader who works with a den.

CUB SCOUT 4: Cub Scouting is a den chief who is the best example there could be.

CUB SCOUT 5: Cub Scouting is a Cubmaster and pack committee who lead our pack.

CUB SCOUT 6: Cub Scouting is building character while having fun.

CUB SCOUT 7: Cub Scouting is citizenship, learning respect for God and country.

CUB SCOUT 8: Cub Scouting is learning about fitness and teamwork and always doing your best.

NARRATOR: As you can see, Cub Scouting is many things—each one is important. This is Cub Scouting.

## Cub Scout Pocket

**Preparation:** Cut out a large cardboard pocket and cover it with dark blue felt. Make large emblems (Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light, and Gold and Silver Arrow Points).

NARRATOR: This is a pocket—a very plain pocket that could belong to anyone. (*Cub Scout 1 places a Bobcat badge on the pocket.*)

Now, our pocket is turning into something with meaning. It represents a sense of belonging and will soon hold our Cub Scout knowledge, skills, and fellowship. (*Cub Scout 2 places a Wolf badge on the pocket, and Cub Scout 3 places Gold and Silver Arrow Points below the pocket.*)

Before too long, our pocket becomes even more special. It proudly displays newfound knowledge of our flag, knowledge about keeping ourselves strong, about tools, knots, safety, books, and reading. It means our Cub Scout has mastered feats of skill and has shown his willingness

to help in his home and take part in family fun. (*Cub Scout 4 places a Bear badge on the pocket, and Cub Scout 5 places Gold and Silver Arrow Points below the pocket.*)

Our pocket now has even more meaning. It shows our Cub Scout is completing increasingly difficult achievements that show he is growing in knowledge and skill. (*Cub Scout 6 places a Webelos badge on the pocket, and Cub Scout 7 places an Arrow of Light above the pocket.*)

Our pocket now shows that our Cub Scout has learned hobbies and career-related skills. He has also learned what it means to be a Boy Scout.

Cub Scouting has turned our plain pocket into a pocketful of adventure, fun, and excitement.

## Cub Scout Spirit

**Preparation:** Set up four candles or lights.

LEADER: As Scouts and leaders, we are following a trail blazed by millions of boys, men, and women. All of them have had that Scouting spirit, which the flame of this light represents (*lights first candle or light*).

CUB SCOUT 1: What is Cub Scout spirit?

CUB SCOUT 2: It is the three things we promise to do in the Cub Scout Promise.

CUB SCOUT 3: The first part is, “I promise to do my best to do my duty to God and my country.” (*Lights next light.*)

CUB SCOUT 4: The second part is “to help other people.” (*Lights next light.*)

CUB SCOUT 5: The third is “to obey the Law of the Pack.” (*Lights last light.*)

CUB SCOUT 6: While these lights burn, please stand and say the Cub Scout Promise.

## Fire Prevention

**Preparation:** Dim the lights in room. One Cub Scout lights a single white candle or light in the front of the room.

LEADER: Scouts, this light represents the spirit of Scouting, lighting our way through life. But the flame also represents danger. This month we have learned about the dangers of fire and how to prevent fires. Let's remember what we have learned so that we will always use fire safely and wisely not only as boys, but later on as men.

This light of Scouting gives us warmth and good cheer. Make sure it is never allowed to run wild and destroy lives and property.

We will let the light of Scouting burn throughout our meeting to remind us of our ideals.

## Garden

**Preparation:** Each Cub Scout carries a poster with a picture of each vegetable mentioned, poster board decorated as seed packages, or real vegetables. For younger boys who have trouble with the words, have an adult read the entire script and let the boys walk on with the items.

CUB SCOUT 1: Here is how to plant one of those thriving Scout gardens that every family wants to grow.

CUB SCOUT 2: First, plant rows of peas—preparedness, promptness, perseverance, politeness, and praise.

CUB SCOUT 3: Then plant rows of lettuce—let us work together, let us be unselfish, let us be loyal, let us be truthful, let us help one another.

CUB SCOUT 4: Next to them plant rows of squash—squash prejudice, squash impatience, squash indifference.

CUB SCOUT 5: No garden is complete without turnips—turn up for den and pack meetings, turn up with new ideas, turn up with determination.

CUB SCOUT 6: Without the help of every family and boy in our pack, our Scouting garden will turn to weeds.

CUB SCOUT 7: So help us work the soil, pull the weeds, and spread the sunshine so we can say, “We have done our best.”

## Knights

**Preparation:** Create a large shield. Give each boy who has a speaking part the appropriate symbol to place on the shield. As the narrator finishes the script, the color guard posts the flag.

**Materials:** Shield; BSA logo; Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Arrow Point, Webelos, Arrow of Light logos; religious emblem; and a U.S. flag

NARRATOR: Hear ye, hear ye! Tonight we speak of the days of yore when a coat of arms was really important. It told all who met you, who your family was and whether you were a friend. Today, we wear our coat of arms—our Scout uniform.

CUB SCOUT 1: The first Scouting insignia tells everyone that we belong to the worldwide family of Scouting. *(He places the Scouting symbol on the shield.)*

CUB SCOUT 2: The Bobcat is the first badge we earn. It means we have learned the basic rules of Cub Scouting. *(He places the Bobcat symbol on the shield.)*

CUB SCOUT 3: Cub Scouts who are 8 years old or in the second grade earn the Wolf badge. While working toward it, we learn respect for our flag, about home safety, and about our neighborhood. *(He places the Wolf symbol on the shield.)*

CUB SCOUT 4: Next we move on to our Bear badge. Conservation, folklore, and woodworking are some of

the fields we explore. *(He places the Bear symbol on the shield.)*

CUB SCOUT 5: While advancing through the Wolf and Bear ranks, we can choose to do extra projects and earn Arrow Points. *(He places the Arrow Point symbols on the shield.)*

CUB SCOUT 6: Our next step is Webelos, where we work on activity badges such as Citizenship, Artist, Engineering, and Forestry. *(He places the Webelos symbol on the shield.)*

CUB SCOUT 7: The Arrow of Light is the highest award in Cub Scouting. It means that we have worked on additional activity areas and have learned the basics about Boy Scouting. *(He places the Arrow of Light symbol on the shield.)*

CUB SCOUT 8: Many Cub Scouts also earn the religious emblem for their faith. They have explored and learned what their religion means to them and their community. *(He places the religious emblem or knot on the shield.)*

NARRATOR: To complete our coat of arms, we include the U.S. flag. It symbolizes our country and the love and respect we have for it. Our flag tells everyone we are proud to be Americans. Let us stand and salute our flag. *(The color guard brings in the U.S. flag.)*

## Magic

**Preparation:** Make five large cards with the letters M, A, G, I, and C on them.

CUB SCOUT 1: We'd like to tell you about the magic we call Scouting.

CUB SCOUT 2: M is for the memories you'll make with your families in Scouting.

CUB SCOUT 3: A is for achievement. Achieving new skills is a big part of the sharing time for Scouts and families.

CUB SCOUT 4: G is for goodwill. Giving goodwill teaches us to share and help others.

CUB SCOUT 5: I is for important, which describes the time we spend with our families in great activities.

CUB SCOUT 6: C is for communication. This is the key to understanding and respect within a family.

ALL: Scouting is magic!

## My Backyard

CUB SCOUT 1: My backyard is a wonderful place, where I can discover my own special space.

CUB SCOUT 2: I can pitch a tent and sleep in the rain, or listen to the whistle of a faraway train.

CUB SCOUT 3: I can throw a ball, if one is to be had. Or just be alone when I get mad.

CUB SCOUT 4: I can plant a garden or climb a tree, or watch my dog chase a bumblebee.

CUB SCOUT 5: Sometimes we even have den meetings there. I've finished my Wolf and started my Bear.

CUB SCOUT 6: Yeah, the backyard is where I run, when I really want to have some fun.

## **Ships of Scouting**

**Preparation:** Make six large cutout silhouettes of ships. Print the following words, one word per silhouette, on them: SCHOLAR-SHIP, FELLOW-SHIP, FRIEND-SHIP, SPORTSMAN-SHIP, WORKMAN-SHIP, STATESMAN-SHIP

CUB SCOUT 1: We would like to tell you about the six ships of Scouting.

CUB SCOUT 2: Scholarship is very important on the sea of education.

CUB SCOUT 3: Fellowship stands for cooperation and unity.

CUB SCOUT 4: Friendship is the most beautiful ship of all. It is true blue, and its flag is golden.

CUB SCOUT 5: Sportsmanship stands for all that is fair.

CUB SCOUT 6: Workmanship represents the best that a person can give.

CUB SCOUT 7: Statesmanship represents wise guidance and unselfish interest.

CUB SCOUT 8: These six strong and sturdy ships will help you brave the sea of life. Three cheers for the Scouting ships!

## **Neighborhood**

**Preparation:** Have five Cub Scouts ready to walk on in turn carrying their item, a newspaper, envelope, stop sign poster, 25-mph sign, or recycling item.

CUB SCOUT 1: (*carrying newspaper*) I'm your paper-boy—I deliver the news. Freedom of press has different views.

CUB SCOUT 2: (*carrying envelope*) I'm the postman—I deliver with dash. That new *Boys' Life* is really a smash.

CUB SCOUT 3: (*carrying stop sign poster*) Safety is my job; I'm the school crossing guard. You cross the street safely to get to your yard.

CUB SCOUT 4: (*carrying 25-mph sign*) I'm the speed limit sign, which saves lots of lives. People obey me, during their drive.

CUB SCOUT 5: (*carrying recycling item*) I'm the litter, which makes everyone bitter. Let's recycle it, so life will be better.

NARRATOR: Our neighborhood is an important part of the country in which we live.

## **Seven Seas**

**Preparation:** Have seven Cub Scouts stand with candles or flashlights behind the narrator.

NARRATOR: The seven lights you see here represent the seven seas and the seven continents from which our ancestors came to this great land. Our Statue of Liberty has seven spikes coming from her crown to represent the same seas and continents. Let's give thanks to our God who guided all of us here. (*Pause.*) Now please stand and join us in singing "America, the Beautiful."

## **Shape Up for Fitness**

**Preparation:** Make large cards with the letters S, H, A, P, E, U, and P on them.

CUB SCOUT 1: S—Shaping up is what we have been doing this month.

CUB SCOUT 2: H—Hard as we do our exercises,

CUB SCOUT 3: A—Athletic and fit as we can be,

CUB SCOUT 4: P—Push-ups, curl-ups, 1-2-3,

CUB SCOUT 5: E—Takes all the energy

CUB SCOUT 6: U—Under the sun

CUB SCOUT 7: P—To make an awesome person like me.

ALL: Shape up!

## **Space**

**Preparation:** Make cards with the letters C, U, B, S, C, O, U, and T on them. Shape the first and last card so that when all are put together, they form a spaceship that moves off-stage when the narrator says the final, "Blast off!"

NARRATOR: We're going to assemble our rocket for a trip into space, and we'd like you to join us.

CUB SCOUT 1: C is for courtesy all through life.

CUB SCOUT 2: U stands for usefulness to our families and others.

CUB SCOUT 3: B stands for bravery in thought and deed.

CUB SCOUT 4: S stands for safety in all that we do.

CUB SCOUT 5: C stands for choice. We worship God in the way we choose.

CUB SCOUT 6: O stands for outdoors and the beauty of nature.

CUB SCOUT 7: U is for unity—in our family, our den, our pack.

CUB SCOUT 8: T stands for the truth in all things.

NARRATOR: Now we are ready to blast off. 5-4-3-2-1... BLAST OFF! (*The rocket moves off stage.*)

## Spirit of Baden-Powell

**Preparation:** Cub Scouts bring in a different symbol for each statement the narrator makes before the color guard enters: a religious symbol or emblem, a boy in complete uniform, a *Wolf Cub Scout Book*, a craft project, an object from nature, a U.S. flag, and the pack flag.

NARRATOR: I represent the spirit of Baden-Powell—the founder of Scouting.

*(Cub Scout 1 enters carrying a religious symbol or religious emblem.)* Religious organizations sponsor almost half the Cub Scout packs in America.

*(Cub Scout 2 walks in wearing a complete uniform.)* The two colors of the Cub Scout uniform have a meaning: Blue stands for truth and loyalty, gold for good cheer and happiness.

*(Cub Scout 3 carries a Wolf Cub Scout Book.)* Cub Scouting was based on Rudyard Kipling's *Jungle Book*.

*(Cub Scout 4 carries a craft project.)* We have lots of fun making things.

*(Cub Scout 5 carries something from nature.)* We also like to hike and enjoy the outdoors.

We learn about citizenship. Scouts are the men of tomorrow. Please stand. *(A color guard enters carrying a U.S. flag and the pack flag.)* Please join us in singing "God Bless America."

## Story of the Blue and Gold

**Preparation:** Put a large pot on a table with an inner pot containing dry ice. A blue and gold Wolf Cub Scout neckerchief is concealed in the area between the large pot and the inner pot. Have two clear jars concealed elsewhere in the room with blue- and yellow-colored water in them.

NARRATOR: Many, many years ago, an elder gave two trusted young men a challenge. He told the first young man to climb the mountain and ask the great eagle to fly high into the sky. His mission was to bring back part of the beauty of the sun. *(The first Cub Scout leaves.)*

He told the second young man to go into the forest and tell the sparrow to fly into the sky and bring back part of the sky. *(The second Cub Scout leaves. Then both boys return—one carrying a bottle of yellow-colored water and the second carrying a bottle of blue-colored water. They hold them up for all to see.)*

*(To the first boy.)* Pour some of the beauty of the sun into our mixing pot. *(The boy carefully pours the yellow liquid over the dry ice.)*

*(To the second boy.)* Pour some of the beauty of the sky into our mixing pot. *(The second boy carefully pours his blue water into the pot.)*

*(To the pack.)* From this day forward, blue will stand for truth and loyalty. Yellow will stand for warm sunshine, happiness, and good cheer. *(Reaches into the pot, removes the blue and gold Wolf neckerchief and opens it for all to see.)* And that is why Cub Scouts use the colors blue and gold.

## Woodworking

**Preparation:** Gather tools—an awl, chisel, level, file, drill, hammer—and a piece of wood for speakers to hold.

CUB SCOUT 1: "Awl" Scouts should remember the motto: Do Your Best.

CUB SCOUT 2: Scouting "chisels" out a well-rounded program for families.

CUB SCOUT 3: In Scouting, boys work on projects that are appropriate to their age "level."

CUB SCOUT 4: Scouting helps to "file" the rough edges off boys and smoothes their way.

CUB SCOUT 5: The Cub Scout Promise helps to "drill" into boys a sense of duty to God and country and helping others.

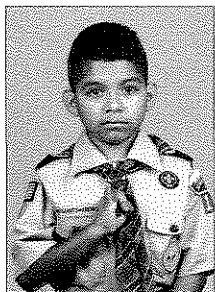
CUB SCOUT 6: All families can "hammer" out the responsibilities of our pack by volunteering to help in their own way.

CUB SCOUT 7: "Wood" everyone now please stand and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance?

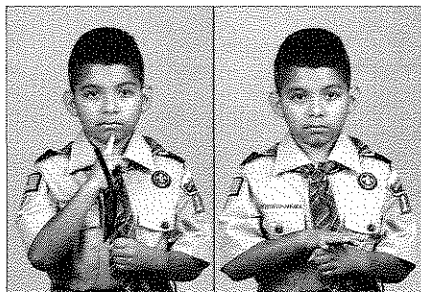
## Cub Scout Promise in Sign Language

**Preparation:** When a den practices this in advance, it is a beautiful ceremony. You may want to dim the lights and spotlight the den standing in front of the pack. Have the boys in the den demonstrate the Cub Scout Promise in sign language one time through and then have the pack join them, step by step.

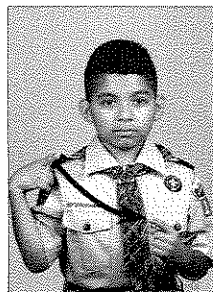
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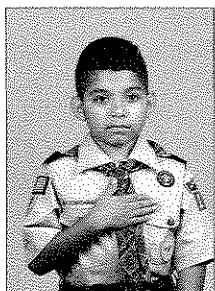
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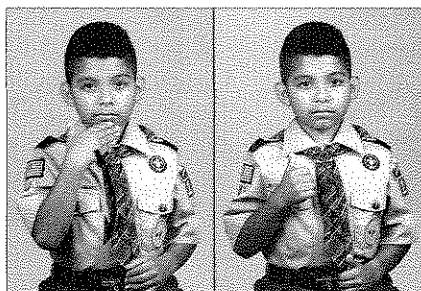
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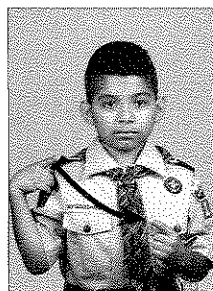
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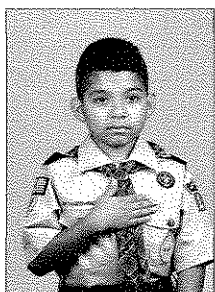
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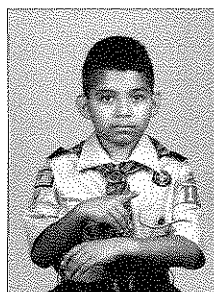
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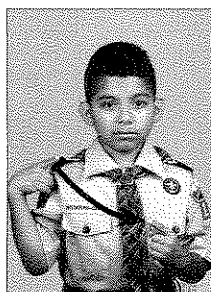
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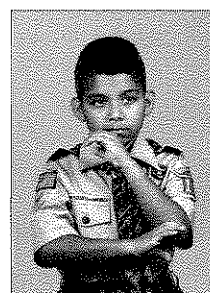
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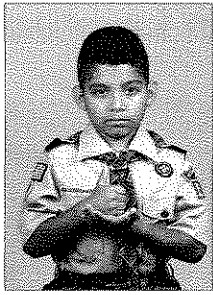
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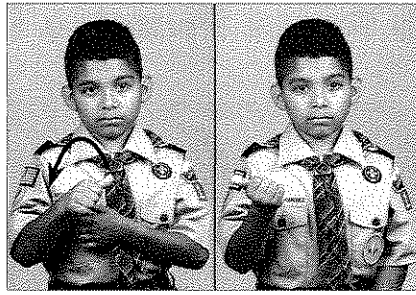
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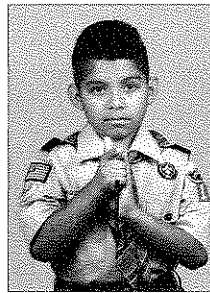
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