JANUARY—OBEDIENT

CUB SCOUT CITY COUNCIL

A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT. HOW DOES "CUB SCOUT CITY COUNCIL" RELATE TO THIS POINT OF THE SCOUT LAW?

A Cub Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and pack. He obeys the laws of his community and country. At this pack meeting we will have a mayor, council members, and lots of commendations for the great work that each Cub Scout has done this month.

NOTE TO CUBMASTER

Pack meetings are best when they are no longer than an hour and a half in length. Pack meeting plans are guides which can be adjusted to fit the needs of your pack.

You might consider setting up tables or areas for each den to display pictures and items made during this month's adventure.

Adjust this meeting to fit your pack. For example, if your pack is in a town, you would have a town council, but if you live in a city, you would have a city council. The same would go for a village, township, etc.

Cheers are provided in the Resources section of this plan. Consider using a cheer each time a den participates and to congratulate each rank in the advancement ceremony.

◇ BEFORE THE MEETING

Select the name of your city, town, village, etc. For writing this meeting plan, Cub Scout City is being used. The name should fit your pack. It could be something the boys vote on, the Cub Scout motto, a point of the Scout Law, or just a fun but appropriate name like "Super Scoutville" or "Cool Cub City."

Assign dens to be responsible for flags, the opening ceremony, and the closing ceremony.

Prepare the proclamations for each den to be read during the advancement ceremony.

Set up tables or areas for each den to display pictures and items made during this month's adventure, if applicable.

Be sure the following materials are available for the meeting:

- Flags for the flag ceremony
- Large posters of the Scout Law and Scout Oath displayed in the front of the room, or project the Scout Oath and Scout Law on a wall or large screen.
- Props for the opening ceremony. (Twelve paint sticks attached to quarter pieces of poster board. Each poster board has a point of the Scout Law written on one side and a paint stick either glued or taped to the back.) An easy way to help the boys remember their lines is to write them on the back of the poster board so they can see them when they display the front to the audience.
- Gavel for the advancement ceremony. This could be a wooden mallet if you don't have a gavel.
- Completed proclamations for the advancement ceremony (Templates are in the Resources section of this meeting plan.)
- Props for the closing ceremony. Eight sheets of construction paper with one letter on each sheet to spell out the word "OBEDIENT." The lines the Scout should say should be written on the back of his corresponding letter, to serve as a reminder.

◇ GATHERING

Play Red Light/Green Light. (Directions are in the Resources section of this plan.) If you have a large pack, consider having more than one game going simultaneously.

◇ OPENING CEREMONY

The flag ceremony is led by a predetermined den. They will present the colors and lead the pack in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A preassigned den or dens perform "Welcome to City Council."

There are 16 speaking roles in the skit. You can either have 16 Scouts each perform one line, or eight Scouts can each have two lines. Or it can be divided further if fewer Scouts are available. It is OK for more than one den to work together on a skit or activity. Make adjustments to make it work for your pack.

Have the Scouts sit on chairs in a line at the front of the room. If a table is available, have them sit behind the table.

Cub Scout 1: "This meeting of the Cub Scout City Council is now called to order. *(Sounds gavel.)* The first item on our to-do list is to create a list of laws for our city. Does anyone have any ideas?"

Cub Scout 2: "I think we should put that all of the Cub Scouts should be trustworthy. We are men of our word and I think that should be the first part of our law."

Cub Scout 3: "Great idea. I think we should put that a Cub Scout should be loyal. We are loyal to our home, church, school, family, community, and country."

Cub Scout 4: "Absolutely, and I think we should add that a Cub Scout should be helpful. We all should help others by doing a Good Turn each day."

Cub Scout 5: "Agreed, and I think we should also add friendly. Our city is a much nicer place if every one is friendly to one another."

Cub Scout 6: "I think we should add courteous. Good manners are important, and everyone gets along much better together if they are polite to one another."

Cub Scout 7: "And I think we should add kind. Cub Scouts should be kind to other people and animals."

Cub Scout 8: "Those are all great, but I think we need to add obedient. A Cub Scout follows the laws of his city, state, and country."

Cub Scout 9: "Don't forget that he also follows the rules of his home. That is also being obedient."

Cub Scout 10: "What about cheerful? I think it should be a part of our city's laws. Smiles make our city a much better place."

Cub Scout 11: "Let's add thrifty. Cub Scouts are careful with all of their resources."

Cub Scout 12: "I believe that brave should be one of our laws. And not just when a Cub Scout is in danger, but also when standing up for what is right even if other people make fun of him."

Cub Scout 13: "Clean should be one of our laws. Cub Scouts keep their bodies and minds fit and clean. They also keep their homes and communities clean. I know lots of moms that would think this is important too."

Cub Scout 14: "Let's not forget reverent. It is important that Cub Scouts are reverent to God, faithful to their religious beliefs, and respectful of the beliefs of others."

Cub Scout 15: "It sounds to me like we have the law for Cub Scout City, but it sure seems familiar."

Cub Scout 16: "I know, I know. Please join me in reciting the law of Cub Scout City, also known as the Scout Law."

◇ OPENING PRAYER

"May we be good citizens and obey our parents, our teachers, and the Scout Law each day."

◇ WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Cubmaster welcomes new families, visitors, and special guests to Cub Scout City by introducing them to the pack and thanking all who helped plan and prepare for the pack meeting.

◇ DEN DEMONSTRATIONS

If there is a den that needs to do some type of activity at a pack meeting for the completion of an adventure, please insert it here.

◇ AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Play Akela Says. (Directions are in the Resources section of this plan.)

◇ RECOGNITION

Adventure Loops and Pins:

(Note: Adventure loops and pins can be presented at a meeting or as immediate recognition in the den.)

By den, call the names of those Cub Scouts who have completed the month's adventure to come forward.

- Have the den leader pass out the awards to the boys as they receive a Cub Scout handshake from the Cubmaster.
- If time allows, invite the den leader or den chief of the den to speak about the adventure work done for that month and have the den stand and be recognized.
- Use a positive cheer to recognize their accomplishments.

Other options:

- Have the den stand and be recognized or come forward to receive certificates for the adventure they have completed. This option would be appropriate for a den that has already received the adventure loop or pin.
- Adapt the advancement ceremony for the month's theme into an adventure loop presentation if no rank badges are being presented.

◇ RANK ADVANCEMENT

Cubmaster: "The time that many of us have been waiting for has arrived, the reading of the proclamations by the city of Cub Scout City and the presentation of awards."

The Cubmaster raps the gavel and asks Scouts who are to receive an award and their Akelas to come forward immediately prior to the reading of the proclamation for their rank. (See the Resources section.)

As soon as the proclamation is read, the Cubmaster presents the badges to the individual Scouts and gives them the Cub Scout handshake.

Use a positive cheer to recognize each rank at the completion of their recognition.

Repeat with each subsequent rank.

CUBMASTER'S MINUTE

"This month you have had great adventures, but you have also learned about always doing your best and obeying the Scout Law. Rules and laws are important. Following the rules and laws help make our community a better place to live because there is order. I challenge each of you to do your best each day to make your community better by obeying not only the rules and laws of your home, school, and community, but by following the Scout Law each and every day. Remember, a Scout is obedient."

CLOSING

A preassigned den performs the "Obedient" closing ceremony.

Line up the Scouts in order so their letters spell the word "obedient." Each Scout will in turn step forward, hold up his sign for the audience to see, and repeat his lines.

Cub Scout 1: "**O** is for **obey**. Cub Scouts obey their Akelas."

Cub Scout 2: "**B** is for **brothers**. Cub Scouts are brothers in our Scout family, working together to make our city a better place."

Cub Scout 3: "**E** is for **each**. Each Cub Scout is an important part of our Scout family, and each plays his own special part in making our city a better place."

Cub Scout 4: "**D** is for **duty**. It is our duty to live the Scout Law each day."

Cub Scout 5: "**I** is for **integrity**. As Scouts, we show our integrity by showing our honesty, honor, and reliability each day and by living the Scout Law."

Cub Scout 6: "**E** is for **eager**. Cub Scouts are eager to do what is right."

Cub Scout 7: "**N** is for **never**. Never forget the Cub Scout motto, Do Your Best! We do our best to be our best."

Cub Scout 8: "**T** is for **trained**. We are trained as Scouts to obey our parents, our leaders, and our laws, which makes us better men and better citizens. Please stand as we recite the Scout Law."

The preassigned den retires the flags.

RESOURCES

Red Light/Green Light

How to play:

Assign someone to be the first "It." This is a great way to use a den chief.

"It" will call out either "Green light" or "Red light." When "It" calls a green light, the kids will run toward It.

When "It" calls a red light, the players must freeze because after calling a red light, "It" will turn around and try to catch anyone who is moving. If "It" catches someone moving, they must go all the way back to where they started.

Continue until someone reaches "It" and tags him or her. The person who tags "It" becomes the new "It." Players return to the starting line and begin again.

Strategy: Try to stop before "It" calls out "Red light" so you don't get caught moving.

Akela Says

How to play:

Have the group stand in front of their chairs.

Tell the group they should all obey Akela if Akela first says the words "Akela says."

Tell them they are out of the game if they follow an order that doesn't begin with "Akela says," or if they fail to do what Akela says to do.

Begin by saying something like, "Akela says put your hands over your ears."

Look to make sure everybody has put their hands over their ears.

Give another order such as, "Akela says stand on one foot." Check again.

Continue giving orders. Mix it up and say something like, "Raise your right hand," without the preface "Akela says."

Cut the orders short, saying, "Akela says do this," and make the motion you want mimicked, such as putting your hands on your head.

Do this step several times with a different command each time.

Quickly say, "Do this," and make the motion—put your hands on your waist, for example. Many players will automatically follow your lead (and end up out of the game).

Since this is an audience participation activity, do not call any of the boys out—just keep going. If a boy makes a mistake, just say, "Hmmm, Akela said or Akela didn't say."

Suggested Cheers

A Big Hand: When the leader says, "Let's give them a big hand," everyone in the audience holds up one of their hands with the palm open. "Make it louder." Have the other hand join the one that is up.

A Round of Applause: Clap hands in a big circle in front of yourself in a clockwise motion.

A Stirring Round of Applause: Move hands in a flat circle in front of you as if stirring a pot while clapping.

Abe Lincoln: "That was great—honestly!"

Applaud and Cheer: When you raise your right hand, the audience is to applaud. When you raise your left hand, they will cheer. When you raise both hands they will do both at the same time. Do the actions quickly and alternate.

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

Arrow of Light: Hold your hands out in front of your left side. Make an arc by moving your hands over your head to your right side while saying "Whoosh."

Around the World: Everyone stands up and claps while turning around 180 degrees.

Audience: Stand, clap hands, and shout "Bravo! Bravo! Encore!"

Bandanna Cheer: Throw a bandanna in the air with instructions for the audience to clap and cheer until it hits the floor. Vary the length of the noise, with a long throw, a short throw, or no throw at all.

Bear Yell: "GROWL, GROWL, GROWL"

Bear Hug: Put arms around your own shoulders and give a big hug.

Campbell's Soup: "Mmmm, mmmm, good!"

Chopsticks: Clap your index fingers together.

Firecracker Cheer: Everyone stands. With one hand they grab an imaginary match from the back pocket and light the imaginary firecrackers they are holding in their other hand. They throw them on the ground and dance around while clapping their hands real loud.

Flapjack: Pretend to pry a spatula under a pancake, then throw it up into the air and nod your head three times up and down as if watching the pancake flip and then catch it with the spatula and say, "Wow!"

PROCLAMATIONS TEMPLATES

You can use the following proclamations for each den.

Proclamation

Cub Scouts who have achieved the rank of Bobcat

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ having completed all of the requirements to earn the rank of Bobcat; and

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ having followed the Cub Scout motto of Do Your Best; and

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ having learned the Cub Scout handshake, Cub Scout sign, Cub Scout salute, Cub Scout motto, Scout Oath, Scout Law, and Youth Protection; and

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ shall be presented with the Bobcat badge; and

WHEREAS, the city of _____CITY NAME_____ commends _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ for commitment to completion of the requirements for this award and enhancing the quality of life in our community and extends best wishes for successful completion of their next rank;

THEREFORE, I, _____NAME OF THE CUBMASTER_____, mayor of _____CITY NAME_____, hereby proclaim _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ as official Bobcats.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the official seal of _____CITY NAME_____, to be affixed this _____DATE_____ of _____MONTH_____, _____YEAR_____.

Mayor of _____CITY NAME_____

Proclamation

Cub Scouts who have achieved the rank of Tiger

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ having completed all of the requirements to earn the rank of Tiger; and

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ having followed the Cub Scout motto of Do Your Best; and

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ having experienced the adventures of Backyard Jungle, Games Tigers Play, Team Tiger, Tiger Bites, Tigers in the Wild, My Family's Duty to God, and _____NAME OF THE ELECTIVE ADVENTURE_____; and

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ shall be presented with the Tiger badge; and

WHEREAS, the city of _____CITY NAME_____ commends _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ for commitment to completion of the requirements for this award and enhancing the quality of life in our community and extends best wishes for successful completion of their next rank;

THEREFORE, I, _____NAME OF THE CUBMASTER_____, mayor of _____CITY NAME_____, hereby proclaim _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ as official Tigers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the official seal of _____CITY NAME_____, to be affixed this _____DATE_____ of _____MONTH_____, _____YEAR_____.

Mayor of _____CITY NAME_____

Proclamation

Cub Scouts who have achieved the rank of Wolf

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ having completed all of the requirements to earn the rank of Wolf; and

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ having followed the Cub Scout motto of Do Your Best; and

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ having experienced the adventures Call of the Wild, Council Fire, Footsteps of Duty to God, Howling at the Moon, Paws on the Path, Running With the Pack, and _____NAME OF THE ELECTIVE ADVENTURE_____; and

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ shall be presented with the Wolf badge; and

WHEREAS, the city of _____CITY NAME_____ commends _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ for commitment to completion of the requirements for this award and enhancing the quality of life in our community and extends best wishes for successful completion of their next rank;

THEREFORE, I, _____NAME OF THE CUBMASTER_____, mayor of _____CITY NAME_____, hereby proclaim _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ as official Wolves.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the official seal of _____CITY NAME_____, to be affixed this _____DATE_____ of _____MONTH_____, _____YEAR_____.

Mayor of _____CITY NAME_____

Proclamation

Cub Scouts who have achieved the rank of Bear

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ having completed all of the requirements to earn the rank of Bear; and

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ having followed the Cub Scout motto of Do Your Best; and

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ having experienced the adventures Bear Claws; Bear Necessities; Fellowship and Duty to God; Fur, Feathers, and Ferns; Grin and Bear It; Paws for Action; and _____NAME OF THE ELECTIVE ADVENTURE_____; and

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ shall be presented with the Bear badge; and

WHEREAS, the city of _____CITY NAME_____ commends _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ for commitment to completion of the requirements for this award and enhancing the quality of life in our community and extends best wishes for successful completion of their next rank;

THEREFORE, I, _____NAME OF THE CUBMASTER_____, mayor of _____CITY NAME_____, hereby proclaim _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ as official Bears.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the official seal of _____CITY NAME_____, to be affixed this _____DATE_____ of _____MONTH_____, _____YEAR_____.

Mayor of _____CITY NAME_____

Proclamation

Cub Scouts who have achieved the rank of Webelos

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ having completed all of the requirements to earn the rank of Webelos; and

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ having followed the Cub Scout motto of Do Your Best; and

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ having experienced the adventures Cast Iron Chef; Duty to God and You; First Responder; Stronger, Faster, Higher; Webelos Walkabout; _____NAME OF THE ELECTIVE ADVENTURE_____; and _____NAME OF THE SECOND ELECTIVE ADVENTURE_____; and

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ shall be presented with the Webelos badge; nd

WHEREAS, the city of _____CITY NAME_____ commends _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ for commitment to completion of the requirements for this award and enhancing the quality of life in our community and extends best wishes for successful completion of their next rank;

THEREFORE, I, _____NAME OF THE CUBMASTER_____, mayor of _____CITY NAME_____, hereby proclaim _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ as official Webelos Scouts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the official seal of _____CITY NAME_____, to be affixed this _____DATE_____ of _____MONTH_____, _____YEAR_____.

Mayor of _____CITY NAME_____

Proclamation

Cub Scouts who have achieved the rank of Arrow of Light

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ having completed all of the requirements to earn the rank of Arrow of Light; and

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ having followed the Cub Scout motto of Do Your Best; and

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ having experienced the adventures Building a Better World, Camper, Duty to God in Action, Scouting Adventure, _____NAME OF THE ELECTIVE ADVENTURE_____, _____NAME OF THE SECOND ELECTIVE ADVENTURE_____, and _____NAME OF THE THIRD ELECTIVE ADVENTURE_____; and

WHEREAS, _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ shall be presented with the Arrow of Light badge; and

WHEREAS, the city of _____CITY NAME_____ commends _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ for commitment to completion of the requirements for this award and enhancing the quality of life in our community and extends best wishes for successful completion of their next rank;

THEREFORE, I, _____NAME OF THE CUBMASTER_____, mayor of _____CITY NAME_____, hereby proclaim _____NAMES OF THE SCOUTS RECEIVING THIS AWARD_____ as official recipients of the Arrow of Light.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the official seal of _____CITY NAME_____, to be affixed this _____DATE_____ of _____MONTH_____, _____YEAR_____.

Mayor of _____CITY NAME_____