

June



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### Core Value of the Month

**Perseverance:** Sticking with something and not giving up, even if it is difficult.

Boys will realize that they must continue to work hard in order to improve their skills in activities where they want to excel.

### Pack Planning Meeting

Pack leaders meet one or two weeks before the June pack meeting to finalize plans for this month's bicycle rodeo and to outline pack activities for July.

#### Pack Committee

- ▶ Ensure all leaders understand the requirements and plans for the pack bicycle rodeo. Invite local law enforcement to help with registration and safety.
- ▶ Appoint the bicycle rodeo committee to organize and run the event.
- ▶ Contact your local automobile insurance company. Many insurance companies have a bicycle safety program kit that they will send you for free. The kit could include such items as a book of information on bicycle safety, spoke reflectors, pencils, and the signs for each area of a bicycle safety rodeo.
- ▶ Keep records of boys in attendance for the National Summertime Pack Award and National Den Award. (See the *Cub Scout Leader Book* for more details.)
- ▶ Finalize details for the July pack hike.
- ▶ Make plans to conduct the annual pack program planning conference for your pack. The *Cub Scout Leader Book* has a section on how to make this an effective opportunity to create a fun plan for the coming program year.

#### Cubmaster Corner

**Safety First.** This month's pack meeting will feature bicycles, so safety is a prime concern. Boys will be looking to you, the Cubmaster, for guidance.

- ▶ Be sure that you have adequate protection yourself. Always have a fitted helmet.
- ▶ Check out the Web site for the Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute, [www.bhsi.org](http://www.bhsi.org), which includes resources and information on the latest in safety considerations, how to fit a helmet properly, and links to coloring pages, clip art, and much more.
- ▶ During the summer, families may be leaving for vacations. Ensure that there is adequate leadership for den meetings. Make the necessary arrangements to recruit parents to fill in as needed.
- ▶ Summer is a time for informal meetings. If the pack meeting will take place somewhere other than the regular meeting place, secure the location well in advance. Once secured, file a local tour permit with your council service center.

#### Pack Trainer

- ▶ Leaders should strive to earn and wear their leader recognition awards. The awards show boys and pack families the leaders' commitment and dedication to deliver a quality program for the boys. Review the recognitions earned by the pack leaders. Do any leaders need the required forms for obtaining any awards for which they are eligible?
- ▶ Conduct the Unit Leadership Enhancement No. 2, Annual Program Planning, from the *Cub Scout Leader Book*, to have all the pack leaders be ready for the upcoming annual pack program planning conference. Or select a topic that better suits the current needs of your pack. Choose a topic for next month.

### Program Highlights

#### Academics and Sports

The Cub Scout Academics and Sports program is a great way to help fulfill the aims of Scouting—building character, developing citizenship, and encouraging mental and physical fitness. This month you might feature these belt loops and pins.

- ▶ **Geography:** Boys can explore ahead of time the places their families may visit during summer vacation.

- ▶ **Bicycling:** The end of school brings free time for Cub Scouts, and many hit the roads on a bicycle. This is a good time to ensure that all boys learn the ins and outs of bicycle safety and traffic rules.

See the *Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide* for more information.

### Outing in Scouting

Boys of all ages can take a short den or pack bike hike.

### Resource Highlight: Emergency Preparedness Award

“Emergency preparedness” means being ready for all kinds of emergencies. It means you’re ready and able to help in times of trouble to save lives and property, and to help a community—or even a nation—get back to normal after a disaster happens. To encourage Scouts of all ages to be prepared for emergencies, the BSA has approved an Emergency Preparedness Award program for youth and leaders. To learn more about the award requirements and to download an application form, visit the Emergency Preparedness Award page at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org).





## The June Pack Meeting

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### **BEFORE THE MEETING**

Arrive early to set up and prepare for the bicycle rodeo. Rope off an area where the bikes can be placed. Set up display tables for dens to exhibit their projects.

### **GATHERING**

Greeters welcome arriving Cub Scouts and family members and give each person a name tag in the shape of a bicycle. Direct participants to the display tables and the area where bicycle games are taking place.

#### **Preopening Activity**

The *Cub Scout Leader How-To Book* is a great source for bicycle games and ideas. Remember that all participants must wear a properly sized and fitted bicycle helmet whenever they are riding a bicycle.

### **OPENING**

#### **Opening Ceremony**

A Webelos Scout color guard marches in and posts the U.S. and pack flags, and leads the Pledge of Allegiance and the Cub Scout Promise.

#### **Prayer (Cub Scout or Leader)**

“We give thanks for our ability to persevere, have fun together and be good sports whether we win or lose, and to remember that as Cub Scouts, we do our best.”

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Welcome all guests and new families to the pack. This will be the first pack meeting for newly recruited Tiger Cubs and families. The bicycle rodeo committee chair takes over and announces the procedures for running the event.

### **PROGRAM**

#### **Bicycle Rodeo**

##### **Equipment:**

- ▶ A measuring tape or a yard stick
- ▶ Chalk, tape, or rope—for lines
- ▶ Traffic cones or weighted cans
- ▶ Score sheets and pencils
- ▶ Clipboards for volunteers
- ▶ Stop sign
- ▶ Bicycles and helmets

Organize so there is as little waiting as possible.

Divide the Cub Scouts and rotate them through the different areas.

**Station One: Inspection station**—The Cub Scout needs to have his bicycle checked for safety. Ask your local policeman to come and check the bicycle.

**Station Two: Helmet and bicycle check**—Check the helmet fit and seat height. Know how to use a lock and cable to secure a bicycle.

**Station Three: Ride on the line**—Make a wide line and have the Cub Scout ride his bicycle down the line. The line should be no longer than 12 feet.

**Station Four: Safe driving**—Have the Cub Scout ride his bicycle around traffic cones. The leaders can choose the pattern of the cones.

**Station Five: On the street**—Create an intersection. Have the Cub Scout demonstrate how to cross an intersection safely.

**Station Six: Steering**—Make a circle with the tape. Have the Cub Scout ride his bicycle around the circle, staying on the tape as much as possible.

**Station Seven: Recognition**—Cub Scout receives recognition for rodeo participation.



## RECOGNITION

### Bicycle Safety Advancement

Cubmaster: Bicycle riding is a staple of childhood, a rite of passage into the world of motion, and the freedom of being able to go where you want to. As a bicycle rider, you must follow certain rules to truly enjoy your adventurous trail safely. The first basic rule is to have a helmet and wear it properly! (*Show the helmet picture or hold up a helmet.*)

It's like that in Scouting, too. The Bobcat must learn the basics of Cub Scouting, and show that he knows how to salute, give the Cub Scout handshake, and say the Promise and Law of the Pack. Tonight, we want to recognize (*name of boy/boys*) for completing the requirements to earn their Bobcat badge. Please come forward with your parents. (*Present award to parents to give to the boys.*)



As you travel along on your bicycle, you need to follow the rules to keep out of trouble and be safe. Bicycle riders are to follow the same rules as car drivers—when you see this sign (*hold up a one-way sign*) you need to go the right way. In Cub Scouting, the Bobcat also has only one way to go—toward earning the next rank badge.



These Tiger Cubs have completed the requirements for the Tiger Cub badge. (*Name the boys who have earned the Tiger Cub badge.*) Please come forward with your parents. (*Present award to parents to give to the boys.*) Remember to keep heading in the right direction and follow the rules of the Cub Scouting trail!



(*Hold up the stop sign.*) As you continue on the Cub Scouting trail, stop to develop your abilities and learn some new skills. These boys learned special skills required for the Wolf badge. (*Name the boys who have earned the Wolf badge.*) Please come forward with your parents. (*Present awards to parents so they can present them to their sons.*)



*Continue, using the following signs or any sign that fits. Adapt the text as needed.*

“Do Not Enter” into dangerous territory or get “derailed” by TV, video games, etc.

“Railroad Crossing” represents crossing over to a Boy Scout troop—and the need to be alert.



“Keep Right.” Now that you have earned the Arrow of Light, be sure to keep right by always following the 12 points of the Scout Law.

*This ceremony could also be used to give out other awards, such as the World Conservation Award or other patches—just use your imagination!*

## CLOSING

### Announcements

Announce the date and time of the next pack meeting. Remind parents of all upcoming events such as day camp and resident camp.

### Cubmaster's Minute

“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” This is a quote from the famous carmaker, Henry Ford. All of the dens come together to form the beginning of our pack. Keeping together at our monthly pack meeting is progress. Working together in Cub Scouting is surely a success story of which you can have a great part. Let's remember this in the coming months.

Please repeat with me the Law of the Pack. Thanks for coming out for our pack meeting tonight. By coming, keeping and working together, we've made every boy in the pack a winner!

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### ***Closing Ceremony***

The Webelos den retires the colors with reverence and the pack families sing *Taps*.

### ***Song***

Day is done,  
Gone the sun,  
From the lake,  
From the hills,  
From the sky;  
All is well, safely rest,  
God is nigh.

### **AFTER THE MEETING**

- ▶ Refreshments
- ▶ Cleanup