



**Core Value:
Citizenship**

Core Value of the Month

Citizenship: Contributing service and showing responsibility to local, state, and national communities.

Cub Scouts develop good citizenship when they are learning about respecting the flag and providing service to the community.

Pack Planning Meeting

Pack leaders meet one or two weeks before the pack meeting to finalize plans for November and develop plans for the December pack meeting.

Pack Committee

- ▶ Evaluate last month's pack meeting and ensure that all new youth and adult applications have been submitted to the council service center.
- ▶ Check with den leaders to make certain that advancement reports are completed and turned in.
- ▶ Ensure that all parts of the pack meeting have dens or leaders responsible for them. Assign a den to arrive at the pack meeting early to set up chairs and identify areas for dens to place their displays. Encourage family involvement.
- ▶ All special event committees report on the progress of their activities.
- ▶ Discuss plans for a December Good Turn. Contact a local social service agency for information on a family that could use extra help this holiday season.
- ▶ Plan for adult leader recognition by submitting award recommendations to your local training committee. See the *Cub Scout Leader Book* for current requirements.
- ▶ With the blue and gold banquet approaching in February, form the necessary committees and secure a location. Plan now for the type of food service so that families are aware of their responsibilities.

Cubmaster Corner

Integrating Ethics and Values. A major emphasis in Cub Scouting is character development.

- ▶ You should incorporate games and activities that support Cub Scouting's 12 Core Values into each den or pack program. (See the boys' handbooks and *Fun for the Family* for ideas.)
- ▶ The Cubmaster also has opportunities to reinforce the character development of boys through well-chosen Cubmaster's Minutes. These closing thoughts can be tailored to reinforce the core value of the month. Find a life experience that supports the value and present it in a way Cub Scout-age boys can understand.

Pack Trainer

- ▶ Review training opportunities for all leaders as well as any district or council events, including monthly roundtables. Emphasize that training is an ongoing and essential part of Cub Scout leadership.
- ▶ Conduct the Unit Leadership Enhancement No. 3, Character Development, to help leaders understand how Cub Scouting is designed to help boys develop good character traits. Or choose a topic that best meets the needs of your pack. See the *Cub Scout Leader Book* for detailed outlines. Select a topic for next month.

Pack Resource 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.

- ▶ **Citizenship:** As citizens of the United States of America, we all have a responsibility to serve our country. Cub Scouts will learn ways to be better citizens while earning the Citizenship belt loop and pin.
- ▶ **Basketball:** Basketball is a great indoor fall activity for Cub Scouts. As they learn to play the game, they can apply their skills to earn the Basketball belt loop and pin.

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



Veterans Day

Veterans Day is November 11. Reinforce the role veterans have played as participating citizens. The pack may want to honor local veterans by inviting them to the pack meeting. Veterans might help with opening and closing flag ceremonies in their uniforms. They may also give presentations on unique military experiences.

Outing in Scouting

Plan to participate in your local Veterans Day parade.

Resources Highlight: Cub Scout Leader Book

The *Cub Scout Leader Book* is a handbook for all adult leaders in Cub Scouting. Leaders will find information that will help them deliver a quality program for boys. The book is organized into six sections:

- ▶ Cub Scouting Basics
- ▶ The Cub Scouting Program
- ▶ Leaders and Family
- ▶ Administration
- ▶ Cub Scout Activities
- ▶ Appendix



The November Pack Meeting

Citizenship

BEFORE THE MEETING

Plan to set up with plenty of time to spare so you can start the meeting on time. Include in your setup a table for displaying each den's projects.

GATHERING

As families arrive, greeters welcome them and provide them with name tags. Direct Cub Scouts and families to the display area.

Preopening Activity

Cub Scout Promise

Preparation: On strips of paper print the Cub Scout Promise, one line on each strip. Place strips in a container.

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.

As people arrive, have each person pull a strip from the container. Explain that they are to go around the room and assemble the Cub Scout Promise.

OPENING

Opening Ceremony

Have a pre-assigned den present the colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Or select a different ceremony from *Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs*.

Prayer (Cub Scout or Leader)

"As we gather together as a pack family, we are thankful for the beauty of our country and the freedoms we enjoy. Help us do Good Turns in our community and become good citizens."

Welcome and Introductions

The Cubmaster welcomes everyone to the November pack meeting and leads a cheer for those who participated in the preopening activity. Recognize the setup crew, greeters, cleanup crew, and those who brought refreshments for their efforts.

PROGRAM

Den Demonstrations

Encourage dens to contribute or share games, songs, or information from their den meetings.

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Good Turns

Materials: Cutout of a steering wheel, piece of trash, can of food, stocking cap.

CUB SCOUT 1: (Steers toward Cub Scout 2, picks up a piece of trash and hands the wheel to Cub Scout 2.)

CUB SCOUT 2: Thank you. (Steers toward Cub Scout 3, gives him a can of food, and hands the wheel to him.)

CUB SCOUT 3: Thanks! (Steers toward Cub Scout 4, gives him a stocking cap, and hands the wheel to him.)

CUB SCOUT 4: (*Puts on the cap.*) That's better. Thanks!

CUB SCOUT 5: What's going on here?

CUB SCOUTS 1, 2, 3, and 4: We are doing Good Turns!

RECOGNITION

Use the ceremony below, or use a ceremony from *Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs*.



Colors of Our Flag

Setting: Table covered with a red, white, and blue tablecloth or tablecloths; five patriotic-type hats containing awards.

CUBMASTER: The red, white, and blue colors of our flag represent special things about our country. In Cub Scouting, we have awards that represent special effort by boys in our pack. Let's see what the first hat holds. *(Proceed through the hats holding awards for Bobcats, Tiger Cubs, Wolf Cub Scouts, Bear Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts. Invite each group of boys to come forward with their parents or guardians, review the award requirements, and then present awards. Lead the pack in an applause after each group has received their awards.)*

CLOSING

Announcements

Make a brief announcement about upcoming events for the pack and in the district. Highlight the date, time, and location of next month's pack meeting.

Cubmaster's Minute

Our country's flag is made up of thousands of individual threads and stitches. None of them separately is anything more than a thread or stitch, but put them together and they make a flag. Each tiny thread joins all the others to do its job. Our country is made up of millions of individual people, like you and me. Separately we may not accomplish much, but if we join together, work together, and stick together, we can move the world. As we retire our flag, let's be sure to salute with respect the flag that represents us all.

Closing Ceremony

CUBMASTER: Today, and at most of our pack meetings, we post the U.S. flag when we begin and leave it standing until the meeting is over. Why do we do that? There are two main reasons. First, we honor the flag by including it as part of our meeting. Second, we show that we are under the protection of that flag and all it represents. We honor the flag by saluting it and by pledging our allegiance to it and our country. We can also honor it by displaying it properly and by taking it down and storing it properly. As the boys of den ___ retire the flag, please join me in singing "God Bless America":

Song

God Bless America

God bless America,
Land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above;

From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home, sweet home.
God bless America, my home, sweet home.

AFTER THE MEETING

- ▶ Refreshments
- ▶ Cleanup