

ARTIST

Trapper Trails Council

Here are some suggestions to tie in with your den meetings to help them earn the artist badge:

1st week: Invite a school art director to your den meeting to talk about basic art and to answer any technical questions on the requirements that may come up. As design is basic in all art, have the boys make two designs each of straight lines, curve lines, and a composite of straight and curved lines during the activity period.

2nd week: have the boys study the color wheel and with tempera or water color, practice combining paints and making shades and tints. Leave oil paint mixing for last, after the simpler paints have been used. Each boy could fill in his own color wheel in the Webelos Scout book or make one of his own, beginning with the primary colors, then secondary, and finally the tertiary colors. Ask the boys to make a family member profile and an original picture to be framed for his home. Bring them to the next week's den meeting.

3rd week: Have modeling clay and material on hand for making mobiles. Have each boy prepare the clay and make a model of a head as explained in the Webelos Scout Book. If time permits, make mobiles also, or each boy could make this at home to bring to the next meeting.

4th Week: Have a quantity of construction material on hand or have the boys bring some as suggested in the handbook. Each den member should make a construction - a simple design in space.

All seven of the requirements have been worked into the den meeting programs. If you need additional information, use the reference list in the Webelos Scout Book.

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Den Meetings

- Use acrylic paints, oil paints and water colors so the boys can experiment with each and see the difference.
- Collect things of various textures and create a collage
- Make soap carvings
- Visit a graphic design class
- Visit a print shop where graphics are created and printed
- Ask a computer design specialist to demonstrate the techniques used in computer drawing
- Use Sculpey to mold an object. Available at craft stores. Sculpey is soft and pliable. The object made can be baked, glazed or painted. It can be carved, sanded or drilled. Use it over wire, aluminum foil or Styrofoam
- Let the boys study a color wheel and practice-combining paints making shades and tints with tempera or watercolor. Ask the boys to make a profile of a family member and an original picture at home.
- Design is basic in all art. Have the boys make two designs each, one with a straight line and a curved line, and a composite of both types of lines.
- Have each boy make a pencil sketch of a bottle, dish or other still object.
- Hold an "Art Can be Fun" night for the Webelos den families.
- Have modeling clay and material on hand for making models.
- Start simple sculptures to be finished at home. (See Webelos Scout book).
- Invite an art teacher to your den meeting.
- Have each boy prepare a color scheme for his own room.
- Do sand castings, sand paintings or sand sculptures.
- Display silhouettes of each Webelos Scout that they have done at the den meeting at a Pack Meeting.

GAMES

Five Dots

Give each player a piece of paper and pencil. Each player is to place five dots on his paper where ever he pleases. Players exchange papers. Each player then tries to fit a drawing of a person with the head at one of the dots, the hands at two of the dots, and the feet at the other two dots.

Fast Artist

Form teams for a relay drawing contest. Provide each team with a piece of chalk. The object of the game is for the entire team to draw a house, each player drawing no more than two straight lines. Have a player from each team run forward about 20 feet, draw his two lines, then return and hand the chalk to the next player in line.

Paint the Fence

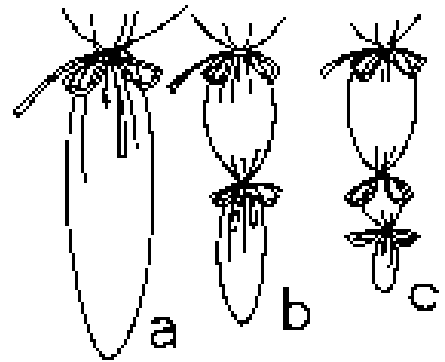
This is an outdoor relay game. Mark a section of fence or exterior wall for each team. Place a bucket of water and a 2" paint brush for each team next to the fence. At the signal, the first member of the relay team runs to his section of fence, dips the brush in the water and paints as much of the fence as he can with ONE brush of water. He puts the brush in the water and runs back to tag the second player. The second player runs to the fence and paints as much as he can with his ONE brush full of water. Continue until the entire section of fence is "painted".

Tie-Dye Tee Shirt

Materials Needed:

light colored tee shirt,
boxed dyes of various colors,
elastic bands or string,
small bowl

- Gather a section of the tee shirt and tie it with an elastic band or with strong string. Make a very tight knot, Fig A.
- Tie a second knot halfway down from the first, Fig B.
- Repeat this procedure, gathering the knotting material in various places all over the shirt.
- In some gathers, but not all tie a third knot halfway down from the second knot, Fig C.
- Pour yellow or another light color of boxed dye into a small bowl.
- Mix with a small amount of water.
- Dip the entire shirt into the dye. Ring out.
- Pour light green, or another medium color into the water. Dip the gathers into the dye, this time only as far as the middle knot.
- Add blue, or another dark color of boxed dye to a small bowl. Mix with a small amount of water.
- Where gathers make three knots, dip into dye, dyeing the last section only.
- Let the tee shirt dry without removing any of the knots.
- When dry, remove the elastic bands or tied string.



Web Mobile

1. Fold a large square of construction paper in half along the diagonal.
2. Fold it in half two more times.
3. Cut slits into the folded edges, first in one side, then in the other. Be sure you don't cut through the folded edges.
4. Cut off a tiny bit at the pointed end.
5. Open the paper and "pull it out" to form a web.
6. Draw a spider on a different colored piece of paper and cut it out.
7. Tie a string to the spider and add a button a bit higher than the spider.
8. Feed the string inside the web and out the hole at the top. The button should end at the top hole and let the spider hang inside or slightly below the web. Hang the web.

Animal Magnets

Cover your work area first. Then use puffy fabric paints to paint animal crackers. For best results, cover the whole cracker with puffy paint. When they've dried, cut out a piece of felt to glue to the back side. Then add a strip of magnet tape - wa la! You can have a whole zoo of colorful magnets!

Hot Rocks

Hot rocks are a variation on the painted rock theme, only much more fun and decidedly beautiful! Use them as a compass rock for the garden, a doorstep, a nameplate, a paperweight - the possibilities are endless!

- Collect smooth rocks that are 4-8" across.
- Thoroughly wash and dry the rocks, removing dirt and debris.
- Place them on a foil covered cookies sheet.
- Bake in a 250-degree oven for one hour.
- Remove the rocks from the oven.
- Carefully place one rock on a foil covered hotpad in front of each boy.
- Warn boys not to touch the rocks!
- Paint the rocks by rubbing (old) crayons along the surface of the rock.

The wax in the crayon will melt on its surface making beautiful designs!

Shaving Cream Sculpture

This is a great activity for a warm day, out of doors. Before starting, cover the workplace with a large plastic sheet and have water ready for cleanup.

- Spray a large mound of shaving cream in front of each boy.
- Let them use spoons, popsicle sticks or other sculpting tools.
- Divide the shaving cream into 3 or 4 piles.
- Add one or two drops of food coloring to each pile and mix well.
- Use the mounds of colored shaving cream to make finger paint designs.
- Encourage them to experiment with color combinations.
- When finished, use paper towels to scoop away shaving cream and hose down the plastic sheet.

Primary and Secondary Colors Using Water Colors

Dip your paint brush into the water, and then into the red paint. Get enough red paint onto your brush.

Paint square #1 with the red paint. Clean your brush in the water.

Now paint the square with the blue paint. What color is it?

Clean the brush. Dip your brush into the blue paint

Paint square #2 with the blue paint. Clean your brush in the water.

Now paint the square with the yellow paint. What color is it?

Clean the brush. Dip your brush into the yellow paint.

Paint square #3 with the yellow paint. Clean your brush in the water.

Now paint the square with the red paint. What color is it?

Primary colors: red, yellow, blue

Secondary colors: orange, green, purple

