

CLOSING - THE LIGHTS OF A HUNDRED CAMPFIRES

(Give each person a sprig of dried cedar, pine, juniper, etc. If using an artificial campfire indoors, use toothpicks.)

CUBMASTER: The light from hundreds of campfires around the world have brightened the Cub Scout Spirit for many years. Tonight, we have enjoyed the warmth and cheerfulness of our campfires as one Cub Scout pack family. As the campfire dims, its glowing embers are reminders of the fun and fellowship we have shared. I ask that you now slowly walk past our campfire in silence... throw your twig upon the embers... and think of what Cub Scouting means to you. Then please leave our council ring, remaining silent. Good night!

CLOSING - THE FIRST AMERICAN WARSHIP

CUBMASTER: The colonial Navy was born in 1632 when the English Colonists of Massachusetts built the first American warship, the 30 long ton Blessing of the Bay. They used it to fight pirates off the Atlantic Coast. By the late 1700's the colonists has build hundreds of ships including privateers, or privately owned war vessels. On board all these vessels, the flag of the original colonies, and now, in recent times, the flag of the United States waves proudly in the sea breezes. Long may she wave. This evening Den ____ Will retire the colors for us.

CLOSING - INDIAN VERSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

The Great Father above a shepherd chief is. I am His and with Him I want not. He throws out to me a rope and the name of the rope is love, and He draws me to where the grass is green and the water not dangerous; and I eat and lie down and am satisfied. Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down, but he lifts me up again and draws me into a good road.

His name is Wonderful.

Sometime, it may be very soon, it may be a long, long, time, He will draw me into a valley. It is dark there, but I'll be afraid not, for it is in between those mountains that the shepherd chief will meet me and the hunger that I have in my heart all through this life will be satisfied.

Sometimes He makes the love rope into a whip, but afterwards He gives me a staff to lean upon. He spreads a table before me with all kinds of foods. He puts his hand upon my head and all the "tired" is gone. My cup He fills until it runs over. What I tell is true, I lie not. These roads that are 'away ahead' will with me through this life and after; and afterwards I will go to live in the big Tepee and sit down with the Shepherd Chief forever.

CLOSING - ALASKA IS DIFFERENT

CUB #1: Alaska is different in climate than (your state name), different in the food produced, and offers different ways of life.

CUB #2: The beauty of Alaska is captured in silent snow and the glorious Northern Lights.

CUB #3: One thing (Your state name) and Alaska have in common is being part of the fifty United States of America, pledging their allegiance to our flag.

CUB #4: There are differences in a Cub Scout den. Each boy has different abilities, different interests and different needs.

CUB #5: We are united in Cub Scouting to develop ourselves mentally, physically and morally.

CUB #6: Cub Scouting keeps us together in one unit, regardless of whether we are in (your state name) or Alaska. Our packs & dens are part of the whole Scouting program.

CUB #7: We become better citizens as we learn and achieve together.

CUB #8: Let us close by singing "America the Beautiful".

CLOSING - ACTING PARTS IN LIFE

CUBMASTER: Fellows, our lives are made up of many different acts or parts. As young boys, you act the part of a Webelos, or a Cub. In school you act the part of a student. At home you act the part of a son. Whatever part you act, do what is right and do your best so you too someday may be a good parent, and a good citizen just like all the adults around you today.

See you all next month.

CLOSING - AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

CUBMASTER: This evening we have shared our respect for our great country. We have seen some of the glory that is the United States. The most fitting end to our meeting is to sing "America the Beautiful". In this great song we sing of the glory of our great land, but the last two lines of every verse have an acknowledgement of God who guides us all. Just to recall the last two lines of the first verse.

"America, America, God shed his grace on thee. And crown they good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea."

Everyone please stand and join me in singing "America the Beautiful."

CLOSING - AMERICAN CREED

EQUIPMENT: A red candle, white candle, blue candle.

ARRANGEMENT: Room is dark except for the three candles.

PERSONNEL: Four Scouts.

SCOUT 1. As I put out this white candle representing purity, may we be ever mindful of this obligation that a Scout is clean. He is clean in body and thought, stands for clean speech, clean sport, clean habits, and travels with a clean crowds.

SCOUT 2. As I put out this blue candle representing loyalty, may we be ever mindful of this obligation that a Scout is loyal. He is loyal to all to whom loyalty is due, his Scout leader, his home, his parents, and his country.

SCOUT 3. As I put out this red candle representing courage and sacrifice, may we be ever mindful of our obligation that a Scout is brave. He has the courage to face danger in spite of fear, and to stand up for the right against the coaxing of friends and the jeers or threats of enemies and defeat does not drown him.

SCOUT 4. May we close this pack meeting by reminding our selves of our duty according to the American's Creed;

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country
To love it;
To support its constitution;
To obey its laws;
To respect its flag; and
To defend it against all enemies.

CLOSING - ANNIVERSARY CLOSING

EQUIPMENT: Candelabra with three candles; one larger candle.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster and all present and former Cub Scouts.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we have had a lot of fun at the ____th birthday of Cub Scouting and the _____ birthday of our own pack. As Cub Scouts and leaders, we are following a trail blazed by millions of other boys, men, and women.

All of them have had the Cub Scout spirit, which we symbolize with the flame of this one candle. (Light larger candle. Extinguish room lights.) What is the Cub Scout spirit? That's easy. It's the three things we promise to do in the Cub Scout Promise. We say, "I promise to do my best to do my duty to God and my country." That's the first part. (Light one candle on candelabra.)

The second part is, "To help other people." (Light second candle.) And the third is, "To obey the Law of the Pack." (Light third candle.) Now, while these candles burn as a reminder to us, will all Cub Scouts, and former Cub Scouts who are with us tonight, please stand, and repeat the Promise with me. (Lead Promise.)

CLOSING - AMERICA'S ANSWER

America needs men with a concern for the common good -- men who have the understanding and insight to help solve her problems and those of the changing world around us. she needs citizens of integrity who value their great heritage and who are determined to pass on to others an enduring faith in the ideals and methods of our free society.

How does a boy come to know and to appreciate his heritage as a citizen of this nation? How does his sense of responsibility and his concern for others unfold?

Begin with him when he is a Cub Scout as he promises with all the solemnity of an 8-year old "to do my duty to God and my country..." Watch the pride and loving care with which he handles the flag as he is taught to fold it. He may not fully understand all that it stands for, but someday he will... with help.

Observe him later as he stands tall, alert and proud in his kaki uniform as the flag is lowered at Scout camp. He is living everyday experiences as a good citizen and showing concern for the needs of others. He is growing and practicing the fundamentals of citizenship. All of this time he is under the friendly guidance and companionship of men who care about him.

Now he is grown tall.. in high school.. an Explorer. He ponders the words of the Explorer Code. There is conviction in his voice as he says: "I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it."

And so this young American comes to manhood. He has grown through his Scouting experiences and through the influences of many men and women who have helped him. He has a job and a family and is making himself count in his community. He is a citizen of a great nation. He understands his heritage and cheerfully accepts his future obligations to all men.

He has been a Scout. He is America's answer!

CLOSING - ANOTHER BLUE & GOLD CLOSING

Have a small birthday candle at each Cub Scout table setting and have larger candle on all tables. At the proper time, the Cubmaster announce that each Webelos Scout should come forward and receive a lighted candle to take to his table. After he reaches his table all other lights are turned off.

CUBMASTER: America's manpower begins with Boypower. As we light all our candles, you can see the room is growing brighter (Cubs light their candles). That is the way it is in Cub Scouting in our community as we increase our Boypower. One Cub Scout may not be very big, but as our members grow we can light up all our homes and make everyone aware of our Cub Scout spirit. Let's make Cub Scouting really shine with Boypower. (lights come on and candle are blown out). Do your best.

Cub Scout respond: We'll do our best!

CLOSING - BACK TO NATURE

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Nature pictures. Slides of nature. Film strip of nature. Pictures of endangered wildlife, badges for boys.

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of audience.

CUBMASTER: Nature is a beautiful thing, something we have enjoyed for many, many years. What would life be like without nature? Without any of this (point to pictures, slides, and/or film strip). Cub Scouts are taught how important nature is. How they can preserve nature?

With their knowledge of nature, we have some Cub Scouts who have completed the requirements to advance in rank. Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents come forward. (Bugs are a part of nature. Present each boy with a plastic bug or with a picture of wildlife and tell them to "do their best" to continue preserving nature so it can be enjoyed for years to come. Give the badges to the parents to present to their boys.)

(Have the pack form a friendship circle.) Did you ever pause to think about how helpful a tree is? It provides a nesting place for birds, shade from the sun and protection from the rain. It discards its dead branches, providing wood for fires and for cooking foods. It adds beauty to the countryside. We must admit that a tree gives a lot more than it receives. We can learn a lesson from the tree by doing our best to be helpful to others by putting others first and ourselves second. Remember the lesson we learned from the tree - **TO GIVE MORE TO OTHERS THAN WHAT WE RECEIVE.**

CLOSING - NATURE AND THE GOOD VISITOR

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Our pack meeting tonight brought us all together to think about nature. We can enjoy the great outdoors but we must think of others who will follow us. Wherever you go in the great wide world of nature, try to be a "good" visitor who will leave the plants and the creatures for others to enjoy after you leave.

FIRST CUB: The only shots I took were snapshots.

SECOND CUB: I tried to walk on pathways to keep off plants.

THIRD CUB: When I see animals or birds, I try to remember that I am a guest in their living place and I don't do anything to them but look at them.

FOURTH CUB: The one big thing I always do when I am ready to go home is to look and see that all fires are out in nature's backyard.

CUBMASTER: With Cubs and Webelos like you to help keep our friends on the ball, I'm sure that the beauties of nature will be around for years to come. Thanks Cubs, Good night.

CLOSING - LORD BADEN-POWELL'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

(This letter was found among Baden-Powell's papers after his death on January 8, 1941.)

Dear Scouts,

If you have ever seen the play, "Peter Pan", you will remember how the pirate chief was always making his dying speech, because he was afraid that possibly when the time came for him to die, he might not have time to get it off his chest.

It is much the same with me, and so, although I am not at this moment dying, I shall be doing so one of these days, and I want to send you a parting word of goodbye.

Remember it is the last you will ever hear from me, so think it over.

I have had a most happy life, and I want each one of you to have as happy a life, too.

I believe that God put us in this jolly world to be happy and enjoy life. Happiness doesn't come from being rich, nor merely from being successful in your career, nor by self-indulgence.

One step towards happiness is to make yourself healthy and strong while you are a boy, so that you can be useful, and so can enjoy life when you are a man.

Nature will show you how full of beautiful and wonderful things God has made the world for you to enjoy.

Be contented with what you got, and make the best of it; look on the bright side of things instead of the gloomy one. But the real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people.

Try and leave this world a little better than you found it, and when your turn comes to die you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have "done your best".

"Be Prepared" in this way, to live happy and die happy; stick to your Scout Promise always--even after you have ceased to be a boy--and God will help you to do it.

Your friend,
Baden-Powell

CLOSING - BEDTIME STORY

Make a large, over-sized birthday book from poster board. Cut the poster board in half crosswise and punch holes along one side. String together with colorful yarn.

Draw a birthday cake on the front cover. Page one starts out "Once upon a time..."The last page says, "The End."

In the middle pages, write some of your pack history.

When was it started? Who were some of the Cubmasters? What activities has your pack done?

The Cubmaster sits in a rocking chair to "read" the story about Blue and Gold traditions.

Comment how this banquet will be added to the pages of this birthday book for those in the future to remember.

Close the book saying, and they Lived happily ever after.

CLOSING - BIRDS A PART OF NATURE

Birds are a very important part of nature, without them we would be over run with insects, and we would surely miss watching them in flight and listening to them sing. To remind us of how important birds and nature are lets all repeat the outdoor code together, (have code written on poster board).

As an American, I will do my best to be clean in my outdoor manners, be careful with fire, be considerate in the outdoors and be conservation minded.

CLOSING - CUB SCOUT BIRD WATCHERS

PERSONNEL: Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos Scout, Arrow of Light recipient, Cubmaster or Den Leader.

EQUIPMENT: Large poster with the picture of a hummingbird, a sparrow, a robin, a hawk, and an eagle. Parts may be read from back of each.

ARRANGEMENT: Cubs are off stage and enter one at a time to say his part. Each Cub enters to center stage, holds the poster for all to see and says (or reads from back of poster) his part.

BOBCAT CUB: I am a Bobcat Cub. Like the tiny hummingbird, I must work hard to achieve the recognition of my fellow Cubs.

WOLF CUB: I am a Wolf Cub. I have learned many basic skills that will help me to do things in life just as the small sparrow can do many things for himself.

BEAR CUB: I am a Bear Cub. I have many colors on my chest to show my accomplishments (Points to badges of rank and arrow points) just like the brightly colored robin's breast.

WEBELOS: I am a Webelos Scout. I have learned much along the Cub Scout trail that will make me strong and independent like the hawk.

A OF LIGHT: I am earning the Arrow of Light which is the highest recognition in Cub Scouting. As the eagle is a proud and mighty bird, I am also proud of my accomplishments and my American heritage.

CUBMASTER: Just as we have watched the many species of bird found in our environment, we have also watched the Cubs advance along the Scouting trail.

CLOSING - BIRD WATCHERS

NARRATOR: (Lines up all the Cubs who have pictures of birds, facing the audience.)

Tonight our theme was "Bird Watchers". It is our duty as Cubs, as parents, as Americans, to appreciate the beauty in birds. Let us conduct ourselves so that we may pass on the beauty of birds to our children and our children's children. The greatest enemy of most birds is pollution and we all know that we must prevent pollution. Do your part to keep our America beautiful.

CLOSING - SCOUTINGS BIRTHDAY

CUBMASTER: This month we celebrate Scouting's (#) birthday in the United States. Everywhere Scouts are taking time to listen to the story of Scouting and to rededicate themselves to the aims and purposes of our movement. Scouting was started in England by Lt. General Robert Baden-Powell, a British war hero. Guided by his experience in training Army scouts, Baden-Powell made Scouting for boys an outdoor program with ideals... a way of thinking and living, a way of doing things. Today Scouting is still a program filled with fun and adventure. It is learning worthwhile skills that train us to be responsible citizens. It is the Spirit of all men who worked to make our nation great. More than 4 million boys and leaders are registered in Scouting in the U.S. today. Men who earned badges as Scouts now sit on the Supreme Court bench and in Chambers of Congress. Others hold important offices in our government, business and industry. Former President John F. Kennedy was the first president who had been a Boy Scout. Former President Gerald Ford is an Eagle Scout. Many of our astronauts were Scouts. More and more men, trained as Scouts, are taking their places in today's world as responsible adult leaders. This (#) anniversary of Scouting and (#) anniversary of Cub Scouting is a time to recommit ourselves to the goals of Scouting... character, citizenship, and personal fitness. Will you all stand with me now and repeat the Cub Scout Promise as we rededicate ourselves to the purposes of Scouting.

CLOSING - BLOOD AND TEARS

CUBMASTER: Have you ever thought of the blood and tears that have been shed for our nation throughout the years? We have won all our wars, but we have not yet learned to conquer our fears and hates. No, it hasn't been easy to keep our land free. Now the challenge is passed on to you and me. So be proud you are an American. Hold your head high! Think of these things as our flag passes by.

CLOSING - ASTRONAUT FRANK BORMAN PRAYER

ARRANGEMENT: Have Cub Scouts and their families form a large circle. The Cubmaster then reads the following prayer, which was broadcast to earth by U.S. Astronaut Frank Borman, while on a moon-orbiting mission in December, 1968. (Cubmaster should explain what he is reading). Give us, O God, the vision which can see the love in the world, in spite of his failure. Give us the faith to trust Thy goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness. Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts, and show us what each one of us can do to set forward the spirit of universal peace.

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Cub Scouts responds

We'll do our best!

CLOSING - BADEN POWELL HAD A VISION

The following closing could be done by a den of boys standing up front and reciting together the first eight lines or have one of them as narrator, take a few steps forward and say:

Baden Powell had a vision,
That he made come true,
So now we can enjoy Scouting,
And have fun while we do.
While he wasn't an American,
He's become famous to us,
Earning though America,
Our admiration and trust.

As adult leader dressed as Baden Powell comes out, faces audience and says:

Now may the Spirit of Scouting,
Be with both young and old.
As you remember again,
The meaning of Blue and Gold.
May you strive for truth and spirituality,
In the warm sunlight under the sky above,
As you bring good cheer and happiness
With steadfast loyalty brought through love.

Good Night and Happy Scouting!!

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Your Friend,

Baden-Powell

CLOSING - CANDLELIGHT

NARRATOR: (Lights out) To a Cub Scout it looks very black when there is no Leader, no Den, no Pack. Wait, here's a leader - a Cubmaster!

CUBMASTER: (Lights a candle)

NARRATOR: But the job is more than one person can handle. He needs a Den Leader and Committeemen also, be there is so much to do. Now, he has found another Leader - a Committeeman.

COMMITTEEMAN: (Lights a candle)

NARRATOR: Here's a Den Leader!

DEN LEADER: (Lights a candle)

NARRATOR: Look here! We have a Den Leader Coach!

DEN LEADER COACH: (Lights a candle)

NARRATOR: For our Cub Scout it is now getting bright.

Our Cub Scout no more will he grope,
To find his way along the road,
That millions like him often strode.
To wear the uniform of the Blue and Gold,
The Law of his Country and God to uphold,
You also can now see your way too,
So if all together we hold our candles high,
Cub Scouts will never die!

Let's all stand and sing: (Either God Bless America or Good Night Cubbers)

CLOSING - CAPTAIN OF ALL SCOUTS

Now may the great Captain of all Scouts
Who created the seas and all things that live therein
And Who gave us dominion over them
Be with us till we meet again.

CLOSING - RECOGNIZING THE CHANGE IN UNIT LEADERSHIP

The seven team members from the opening ceremony stand in front with flashlights held waist high. All other lights are out.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Tonight signifies the celebration of our past year in helping our pack grow. Before you stand the seven representative team members who contributed, each in their own way, to our pack activities. We all thank them for helping us along the way. Now for our next year, between this Blue and Gold and the Blue and Gold in February 1988 our team will be (pause while another Den, Webelos, parent and any other committee members or cubmaster who will be leaving are replaced in the line and take the flashlight and hold it chest high) made up of some former members and new members. But each of you are part of that team to help Pack have a successful year. What must we all do?
(New Team and audience promise in unison): To Do Our Best!

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: With all of your help and promise to do your best, we look forward to another successful year with Pack. Good night all.

CLOSING - A CREED

This is an impressive closing for the Blue and Gold Banquet or any other type of dinner.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Cub Scout poem reader, person to turn off lights.

EQUIPMENT: Candles, one on each den's table.

ARRANGEMENT: On each den's table a single lighted candle burns. All houselights are out.

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouting is a part of family life in 60 countries around the world. In all of these free countries, on an evening such as this, Cub Scouts are joining in a Grand howl and repeating the Cub Scout Motto. What is the Cub Scout Motto?

CUB SCOUTS: Do Your Best.

CUBMASTER: As we face each other around our Blue and Gold tables, let us look at the candle's flame and silently thank God for the Cub Scout friendships we are privileged to enjoy. Now, join me in rededicating ourselves to our Cub Scout Promise. (All repeat Cub Scout Promise.)

CUBMASTER: Thanks to everyone for your assistance tonight. We'll say good night after Cub Scout (name) reads Edgar A. Guest's "A Creed".

Lord, let me not in service lag,
Let me be worthy of our flag;
Let me remember, when I'm tired,
The sons heroic who have died
In freedom's name, and in my way
Teach me to be as brave as they.
In all I am, in all I do,
Unto our flag I would be true;
For God and country let me stand.
Unstained of soul and clean of hand,
Teach me to serve and guard and love
The starry flag which flies above.

CLOSING - EXPLORE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

CUBMASTER: In those times of gas shortages and economic problems, our neighborhood has become more important to us than ever before. We've all heard stories from our grandparents about the good old days when people sat in their yards and visited and got to know each other better. There are some of here tonight who really don't know each other even though our sons share a common experience. Let's take about five minutes right now to introduce ourselves to each other. (After time limit) Den ____ will now retire the colors for us.

CLOSING - COMING TOGETHER

Form a circle around the derby track.

CUBMASTER: Coming together is a beginning. (Now cross arms and hold the hands of people beside you.)

"Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." This is a quote from the famous car maker, Henry Ford.

All of the dens come together to form the beginning of our pack. Keeping together at our monthly pack meetings is progress. Working together in Cub Scouting is surely a success story of which you each 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 Pinewood Derby tonight. We've worked together and made every boy in Pack (#) a winner!

CLOSING - CONSERVE

Using eight Cub Scouts holding cutouts of cars made from poster board and painted in different bright colors. As each boy speaks his line, the car is turned over to show the large letter printed on back of each one to spell out the word: CONSERVE.

- C - Cars and busses and such were invented by men.
- O - Oil fields were discovered also by them.
- N - Nobody really worried about the amount of fuel this would take.
- S - So on no transportation did they put the brake.
- E - Eventually the amount of fuel used grew astonishingly.
- R - Raising on everyone's mind a great big doubt.
- V - Very soon the world's traffic was put to the test.
- E - Everybody to conserve fuel must now do their best!