

## **CLOSING - HALLOWEEN WITCHES BREW**

The Den leader witches are back at their pot of brew. One of them recites:

We've put a lot into this stew,  
And we came out with a pretty good brew.  
The parents have had a chance to learn,  
The ranks attained and badges earned.  
Everyone will return a month from now,  
To attend our meeting and find out how,  
Each boy has fared, advancements made,  
For on his merits, each Scout is weighed.

CUBMASTER: (Spotlight switches to Cubmaster) I want to thank each of you for attending our pack meeting. Remember Scouts, our witches brewed up quite a few extra badges in their pot. So everyone work hard this month and earn a new badge or our next meeting.

## **CLOSING - HALLOWEEN**

Arrangements; Large card with the letters H A L L O W E E N.

Nine cubs each have one line and they should be holding a sign with one letter. After they all say their "lines" they all say "HAPPY HALLOWEEN"

H = Halloween

A = Awesome

L = Laughable

L = Lovable

O = Outrageous

W = Wacky

E = Eerie

E = Exciting

N = Neat

## **CLOSING - HONORING THE FLAG**

**PERSONNEL:** Cubmaster, two Cub Scouts who know proper way to fold U.S. flag.

**EQUIPMENT:** U.S. flag.

**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? I think there are two main reasons. First we honor the flag by including it as part of our meeting. And second, we show that we are under the protection of that flag and all it represents, our Constitution and our laws. We honor the flag by saluting it and by pledging allegiance. We can also honor it by displaying it properly and by taking it down and storing it the right way. Now these boys are going to show us how to retire the flag and fold it properly. As they do that, join me in singing "God Bless America." (Lead song as boys retire colors.)

## **CLOSING - I MADE A PROMISE**

Five boys are needed for this ceremony. Each should have his part printed on a small card he can conceal in his hand or have the part memorized.

Cub #1: I made a promise... I said that whatever I did I would do the best I could.

Cub #2: I made a promise...to serve my God and my country the best I could.

Cub #3: I made a promise...to help other people the best I could.

Cub #4: I made a promise.. .to obey the Law of the Pack the best I could.

Cub #5: I have done my best, and I will do my best because I am the best... I am a Cub Scout.

Den Leader: Will everyone now join us in repeating the Cub Scout Promise.

## **CLOSING - INDIAN SIGN BENEDECTION**

"May the Great Spirit (point to sky) who has been with you in the past (point back over shoulder) and who will be with you in the future (point forward) bring (hands together in shape of cup) you (point to someone else) great joy." (Group does benediction together again without words and departs.)

## **CLOSING - INDIAN PRAYER**

Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds and whose breath gives life to all the world. Hear me. I come before you, one of your many children. I am weak and small. I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in the beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset; my ears sharp so I may hear your voice. Make me wise so I may learn the things you have taught my people; the lessons you have hidden under every rock and leaf. I seek strength, not to be superior to my brother, but to be able to fight my greatest enemy - myself. Make me ever ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes, so whenever life fades, like the fading sunset, my spirit will come to you without Shame.

## **CLOSING - I PROMISE**

(One boy steps forward and recites the first line of the Cub Scout Promise. Another boy recites the accompanying verse.)

I promise: An assurance I make, a pledge to do right: I keep it before me, a bright shining light.

To do my best: I promise to try, then folks will believe in me.

To do my duty to God: To God, the creator, I'm sure you will agree. So let's keep it always, the Land of the Free.

To help other people: If I am helpful, faithful, and just: then I'm deserving of everyone's trust.

And to obey the Law of the Pack: A guide for each day, as we go on our way. And a good one to know, as we follow and grow.

## **CLOSING -I WILL USE...**

Have a Cub Scout read the narrative or pass out cards so the entire audience can read this pledge in unison or have 5 or 6 Cub Scouts repeat the lines from cards.

1ST CUB -This is my country I will use my eyes to see the beauty of this land.

2ND CUB - I will use my ears to hear it's sounds.

3RD CUB - I will use my mind to think what I can do to make it more beautiful.

4TH CUB - I will use my hands to serve it and care for it.

5TH CUB - And with my heart, I will honor it.



## **CLOSING - JIMMY**

He's just eight years old  
He's made of the following ingredients:  
Noise, energy, imagination, curiosity, and hunger.  
He's the "cute little fellow down the street",  
That "spoiled imp next door," or  
"My son," ... depending on who you are.  
He's something to be kept fed, clothed, healthy,  
happy and, out of trouble.  
But.....  
He's something else, too.....  
He's tomorrow.  
He's the future we've been fighting for.  
He's part of the world's most important generation.  
Our generation must also win the peace.  
His generation must **KEEP THE PEACE.**  
His generation will determine whether it is worth doing.  
He's one of the most important people in history.  
So..... Anyone who influences his life  
Is also a **MIGHTY IMPORTANT PERSON!!!!**

## **CLOSING - GETTING TO KNOW OTHERS**

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 us 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. Den # \_\_\_ will retire the colors for us.

## **CLOSING - THE LAST CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE YEAR**

**STAGING:** House lights are dimmed. Four posters with the four Cub Scouts ranks, eight candles (two by each poster).

**CUBMASTER:** This last ceremony of 19\_\_ is a fine time to reconfirm our beliefs in ourselves and the Scouting program. (Lights two candles by the Bobcat poster) Will all Bobcat Cub Scouts and their parents please stand. Bobcats, do you promise in 19\_\_ to do your best, to be true, to help other people, to obey the Law of the Pack, and to advance one rank? (They respond) We will do our best. (If there are no Bobcats present) Since we have no Bobcats, will the pack leadership please stand. Will you rededicate for yourselves and for the Bobcats of our future, to do your best, to be true, to help other people, to obey the Law of the Pack. (They respond) We will do our best. (Follow the same procedure for Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts) Will all Webelos Scouts and their parents stand. Webelos Scouts, do you in 19\_\_ promise to do your best, to be true, to help other people, to obey the law of the Pack, and to earn the Arrow of Light award? (They respond) We will do our best. All of these eight candles are part of the light, the Light of the Spirit of Cub Scouting.

**ASST. CUBMASTER:** The first four candles are the four parts of the Cub Scout Promise - Duty to God, duty to country, to help other people, and to obey the Law of the Pack. The second four candles are the four parts of the Law of the Pack - the Cub Scout follows Akela, the Cub Scout helps the pack go, the pack helps the Cub Scout grow, the Cub Scout gives goodwill.

**CUBMASTER:** I know you will be loyal Cub Scouts in 19\_\_. As the Spirit of Cub Scouting burns here it also burns in the hearts of Cub Scouts everywhere. May it continue to burn in your hearts during the coming year as we go upward and forward in Pack (#).

## **CLOSING - LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS**

Form the pack in a large circle. Cubmaster says:

"We've had lots of fun this month imagining what life may be like on other planets. We've looked into the night sky and enjoyed its beauty. Some of you may have learned, too, that the North Star, Polaris, is fixed overhead and that it is used by space travelers and ship captains to find their position. In Cub Scouting we have our own North Star, the Cub Scout Promise. Like the North Star, the Promise is a guide for people on earth. If we follow the Promise, we can be pretty sure that we will be good men. Please join me now in repeating the Cub Scout Promise".  
(Make the Cub Scout sign and lead promise).

## **CLOSING - THE LIGHT OF DAY HAS LEFT US**

The light of day has left us. Our campfire burns low. A good day of Scouting done, we can sit back and consider our rewards. The whole of nature surrounds us: towering trees, running water, green grass, hills and valleys, the animals of the fields and forest, the stars and especially good friends. Our fire still warms us against the chill night air. The fire focuses our attention, embers glowing, giving a soft light to silhouettes moving slowly around the camp. We treasure these friendly hours of team work, as we become a close knit Scouting family. While the fire becomes only ashes, only a memory, our friendship, and our Scouting traditions go on forever.

## **CLOSING - LISTEN COMMUNICATION**

(Six Cub Scouts line up each holding a card with a letter on it.)

**CUBMASTER:** We will close our pack meeting tonight by giving you the secret to successful communication.

**L** - Let's all take a minute before we hurry on our way.

**I** - If you remember this message, it can help you each day.

**S** - Sometimes people find it hard to communicate with those around.

**T** - They can solve this problem when the meaning of our word is found.

**E** - Everybody stop and read our message now.

**N** - Needless to say, to communicate, we've just told you how.

**CUBMASTER:** Goodnight everybody. See you next month!

## CLOSING - THE METRONOME

EQUIPMENT: A metronome, a microphone

Setting: The metronome is placed near the microphone so that the sound will be amplified. The narrator speaks into the microphone off stage.

NARRATOR: (As metronome begins ticking) Oh, no. Don't turn around. There aren't any actors here...just a voice and a clock...a voice and a clock. (Pause for ticking) You seek the actors are you...and the only stage setting we need is a boy, and you can't see him because he is a mile away...or 10 miles away...or the boy in your mind.

That boy in your mind...he's a Cub Scout...or is he? He's a boy in a den...or is he? He's in uniform and he's growing in character and developing in citizenship and he's having fun... or is he? Or is he the boy you didn't reach quite far enough to touch? (Pause) Well...you say we've reached him? That's that! We've done it folks! Another Cub Scout! We've done our job!...But have we? Let's see...let's check it out.

Adventure... fun... comradeship... exciting new things to do... recognition... a chance to grow... the real Cub Scout program! Look at the boy... the one you have in your mind. Does he just belong to a pack? Or does he really get the Cub Scout program? Only you can answer that. You... and the voice... and the clock... (pause)... and the boy.

There stands the boy: He is 8 or 9 or 10. No. Wait a minute. He's 8, 9, 10, but he doesn't just stand there. Remember the clock?... (pause).. with each tick of the clock he is getting older.

When you're 30 or 40 or 50 that tick is pretty distinct, isn't it? But when you're 10, time goes rather fast...and when you are 8, the only time there is is now! We can circle the globe in a few days. The atom explosion takes 1/16 of a second. That doesn't leave much time, does it? So that's where the voice comes in...the voice in the back of your head that says: "We can't wait too long to reach out and touch that boy... and when we've touched him, we can't wait too long to reach out and give him the real thing. And when we do give him the real thing, we can't stop too long to pat ourselves on the back, because that boy has a younger brother, or a friend next door. Our community, our nation, and the future of the world stand here beside us with the voice...the clock...(pause)..and the boy." God give us the strength to do the job.

## **CLOSING - MISC DEN CLOSING CEREMONIES**

### **The Living Circle**

-May be used alone as a ceremony or it may be used as part of one. It reminds a Cub Scout of the fine friendships he is making in Cub Scouting.

-It is made by a den and its leaders in a close circle, facing inward. They turn slightly to the right in the circle, and each extends his LEFT hand into the circle, palm downward with the left thumb pointing to the right.

-Each person grasps the extended left thumb of the one to his left... thus making a complete live circle handclasp. Meanwhile, the right hand of each is held high above the head in the Cub Scout sign.

-Use almost any saying to end the meeting:

Promise, Law, etc., will work, or make up something yourself.

### **Patriotic**

-Form a circle around the United States flag or the den flag. Cubs then salute and sing "America" "God Bless America", or any other patriotic song.

### **Cub Scout Ideals**

-Den forms fellowship circle (arms crossed in front with right over left, grabbing the hands of the scout on each side of him) and repeat together the "Law of the Pack, Cub Scout Promise, and Cub Scout motto.

### **Friendship Circle**

-Each Cub has a 3-foot section of rope. Boys tie rope with a square knot to each others rope (both sides), and pull back to form a taut circle. Leader says, "You are now a part of a group of close friends, held together by the square knot... a symbol of friendship. Let us give our Cub Scout Promise.

### **My Flag**

-A week before this ceremony is to be used, ask each Cub Scout to prepare and bring to the next den meeting a 10-line statement on "What My Flag Means to Me". Leader selects an interesting one and has its author read the statement.



**CLOSING - INDIAN MOCCASIN PRAYER**

Great Spirit, Grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins.

## **CLOSING - MORNING STAR INDIAN PRAYER**

Morning star; wake us, filled with joy to new days of growing to man from boy.

Sun; with your power, give us light that we can tell wrong and do what's right.

South Wind; we ask in your gentle way blow us the willingness to obey.

North Wind; we ask, live up to thy name, send us the strength to always be game.

East Wind; we ask, with your breath so snappy, fill us with knowledge of how to be happy.

West Wind; we ask, blow all that is fair to us, that we may always be square.

Moon; that fills the night with red light, guard us well while we sleep in the night.

Akela; please guide us in every way, we'll follow your trail in work of play.

## **CLOSING - THE MANY SIDES OF A CUB SCOUT**

DEN LEADER: We will try to show you the many sides to the little boys we so proudly call son, but remember, these are all one boy.

1st CUB: I'm the one all full of dirt, so very sure that soap & water will hurt.

2ND CUB: I'm the one who lives in his dreams, always off on a cloud, at least that's how it seems.

3RD CUB: I'm the show-off and athlete, I just can't stand to get beat.

4TH CUB: I'm the pouter, sensitive and shy, but I try to make people think I'm a real tough guy.

5TH CUB: I'm the angel, neat and obedient. Mom wouldn't trade a day with me for all the money in the mint.

6TH CUB: I'm the Cub Scout, the one we boys like best. That's cause I'm different from all the rest. So everyone please join us as we say the Promise we try to live by every day.

Audience and boys say the Cub Scout Promise...

DEN LEADER: (OR DEN CHIEF) They're all these boys and even more. There are lots of surprises for you in store. So love them, protect them, and try to understand. It's a very hard job growing up to be a man!

## **CLOSING - MUSCLE BUILDERS**

**ARRANGEMENT:** The following closing ceremony leaves the audience with some good closing thoughts. Seven boys line up across the stage holding barbells which have letters printed on each end spelling out MUSCLE BUILDERS.

1st Cub: Muscles some think are really a must.  
Unless you want to be a bust.

2nd Cub: So flex your muscles and raise those weights high. Cause it will make a healthy guy.

3rd Cub: Lift all of the load you possibly can,  
Else you could be called a shirking man.

4th Cub: Buckle down and lift your share of the load,  
Unless you want to be a shirker on life's road.

5th Cub: If you always do your part,  
Lifters you will be from the start.

6th Cub: Do your best to lift your share,  
Everyone showing that they care.

7th Cub: Reaching always a little out of reach,  
Since that's the best philosophy to teach.

## **CLOSING - MY BACKYARD**

CUB #1: My backyard is a wondrous place...I can stake a claim for contemplate space.

CUB #2: I can pitch a tent and sleep in the rain, or listen to the whistle of a far away train.

CUB #3: I can throw a ball to Mother of Dad, Or just be alone when I get mad.

CUB #4: I can plant a garden or climb a tree, Or get my dog, Ralph to chase a Frisbee.

CUB #5: Sometimes we even have den meetings there, I've finished my Wolf and started my Bear!

CUB #6: Yeah, the backyard's the place where I run, When I really want to have some fun.

## **CLOSING - MY CREED**

My creed is to love justice, to long for the right, to love mercy, to pity the unfortunate and assist the weak, to forget wrongs and remember benefits--to love the truth, to be sincere, to utter honest words, to love liberty, to wage relentless war against slavery in all its forms, to love wife and child and friend, to make a happy home, to love the beautiful, to fill life with the splendor of generous acts, the warmth of loving words, to discard error, to destroy prejudice, to receive new truths with gladness, to cultivate hope, to see the calm beyond the storm, the dawn before the night, to do the best that can be done and then -- to be resigned.

Robert G. Ingersoll

## **CLOSING - THE FLAG ON THE MOON**

**CUBMASTER:** The Pledge of Allegiance is always a good way to begin or end a Pack meeting or activity. If it is at night and you forgot to bring your flag, remember there is a U.S. flag standing on the moon, planted there by a former Boy Scout. It is appropriate to stand and salute this flag even though it can only be seen through the imagination- Please join me now in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **CLOSING - OUR FLAG**

Today, as we gather, let's all keep in mind,  
Our flag and the meaning therein we can find,  
The red is for blood of Americans so true,  
Who gladly would give up their lives for you.  
The white is for purity, of both thought and deed,  
A rule of conduct, we all might well heed.  
The blue is for justice, for all not just one,  
A belief we fought for and so dearly won.  
The stars are a symbol of God's guiding hand.  
Over the union in this mighty land.  
There isn't a one our flag won't protect.  
Don't you think we could show it greater respect?



## **CLOSING - MEANING OF OUR FLAG**

**MATERIALS:** 1 piece of construction paper in red, blue and white  
1 piece of white paper cut to be a star  
1 flag  
5 Scouts

Each Scout uses one of the items above. Write the words each should say on the back of their items.

**LEADER:** Today, as we leave, let's all keep in mind our flag and the meaning therein we can find.

**CUB #1:** The red is for blood of Americans true,  
who gladly would give up their lives for you.

**CUB #2:** The white is for purity, in both thought and deed,  
a rule of conduct we all might well heed.

**CUB #3:** The blue is for justice, for all, not one,  
a tenet we fought for and so dearly won.

**CUB #4:** The star is a symbol of God's guiding hand,  
over the union and this mighty land.

**CUB #5:** There isn't a one our flag won't protect,  
don't you think we could show it greater respect?