

CLOSING - OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE

PERSONNEL: 8 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: Small American flags, cue cards.

ARRANGEMENT: Cub Scouts in uniform stand in a straight line with each holding a small American flag.

CUB #1: I am the symbol of the living America, the badge of its greatness, the emblem of its destiny.

CUB #2 I am faith. It is I who keep men mindful of their priceless heritage, life, liberty, and the right to pursue happiness.

CUB #3: I am hope. I represent the land of promise wherein, already, man's loftiest dreams have approached closer to realization than ever before on this earth.

CUB #4: I am life. Each strand and fiber of my being is a memorial, dedicated to the sacrifices of all those strong men and steadfast women who have lived and died in the nation's service, that it might live forever.

CUB #5: I am tolerance. So long as I shall wave, all people under my protection may freely worship, think, write and speak, undaunted by the shadow of fear.

CUB #6: I am justice, tempered with mercy. For I am friend to the oppressed and downtrodden of every land.

CUB #7: I am a sign of the future. I wave over schools throughout the nation and in them the nation's future is molded.

CUB #8: I am the flag of the United States... the last... the best hope for peace on earth.

CLOSING - PIRATES, PIRATES, YOU HAVE SEEN

ARRANGEMENT: Letters may be printed on pirate flags. Hold the flags high until the end of the last line, Pirates flags are then lowered and the American and Pack flags are then retired.

P- Pirates, Pirates, you have seen
I- Like Blackbeard, they can be mean!
R- Rough waters we have sailed about
A- Avast, Landlubbers - you better look out!
T- Take heed and listen to me
E- we'll be the BEST that we can be!

W- We found the treasure -- yes we did,
A- Advancements - protected by a giant squid!
T- Tonight we learned and we had fun
E- Even though the meeting's done.
R- Remember the Pirates Yo, Ho, Ho!
S- Soon the flags are hanging low.

(Lower the pirate flags)

CLOSING - PATRIOTIC CLOSING #1

This closing thought can be read by Cubmaster or other pack leader.

What can we learn from the past?

What lesson that will last?

Faith in God, honor of country,

To these truths, we hold fast.

Our forefathers made us free;

Stood for truth and liberty;

Made inventions and Improvements

And legacies for all to see.

As Cub Scouts we honor them,

Those brave men we remember,

From Washington to Reagan,

They've fanned the glowing ember.

This glowing ember of America

Shall burn for centuries;

The flame of greatness lingers on

For future men to seize.

We now salute our growing Cubs,

Whose youth shall soon be gone;

From Cubs to real men, some shall grow

To lead our country on.

CLOSING - PEACE PIPE CLOSING

The peace pipe as used in this ceremony is wooden, painted in bright colors and decorated with feathers. It is not smoked. Chief may wear headdress.

CHIEF: (Cubmaster) (Steps forward, holding peace pipe in both hands, arms straight in front of him.)

To our Father, the Great Spirit (holds pipe aloft) who has given us so many blessings. (Pretends to smoke pipe.)

To our Mother, the earth (extends arms downward) who has given us so many blessings. (Pretends to smoke pipe.)

To the North Wind (gestures toward North) with its cold breath of winter that gives us endurance. (Pretends to smoke.)

To the East Wind (gestures towards East) from the land of the rising sun, sending the morning light across the plains. (Pretends to smoke.)

To the South Wind (gestures towards South) and the warm sunshine. (Pretends to smoke.)

To the West Wind (gestures towards West) from the land of the tall mountains. (Pretends to smoke.)

I now declare this Pack Meeting closed!

CLOSING - PIRATE THEME

The boys form a large circle around the Admiral (Cubmaster) with their parents behind them. Turn out the lights and light a single candle. The Admiral says, "Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts, this candle represents the spirit of Cub Scouting, which we talk about in the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack. All sailors - even pirates - have their 'rules of the road' for sailing, and we have the Promise and Law - our rules of the road for living. Let us remind ourselves of those rules by repeating the Law of the Pack." (Lead Law.)

CLOSING - PURPOSES OF CUB SCOUTING

This is a good ceremony to be performed by the Webelos Den, with the Webelos Leader acting as narrator.

ARRANGEMENT: 9 boys holding large cards lettered with these words - INFLUENCING, DEVELOPING, ENCOURAGING, IMPROVING, STRENGTHENING, FOSTERING, SHOWING, PROVIDING, PREPARING. At the appropriate place in the narration, each boy raises his card high so it can be seen by the audience.

NARRATOR: Cub Scouting is a program of Boy Scouts of America, for parents, leaders and institutions, to use with boys 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 years of age, for the purpose of:

INFLUENCING: Influencing the development of the boy's character and spiritual life.

DEVELOPING: Developing habits and attitudes of good citizenship.

ENCOURAGING: Encouraging good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body.

IMPROVING: Improving understanding within the family.

STRENGTHENING: Strengthening the ability to get along with other boys and respect other people.

FOSTERING: Fostering a sense of personal achievement by developing new interests and skills.

SHOWING: Showing how to be helpful and do ones best.

PROVIDING: Providing fun and exciting new things to do.

PREPARING: Preparing them to become BOY SCOUTS. (the boy holding this card could be in Scout uniform)

NARRATOR: I would like to ask now that all of us - boys, leaders, parents - rededicate ourselves to Scouting. This task takes love, it takes dedication, it takes knowledge. Love and dedication comes from us, but knowledge is gained by experience and training. Dedicated parents and trained leaders are necessary to make Cub Scouting work. Let's "DO OUR BEST" for our pack. Good night Scouts!

CLOSING - RODEO COMPETITION

CUBMASTER: Rodeos started with cowboys competing in their everyday work to see who was the best at a particular job. Later, prizes were gathered to make it more interesting. It has now grown into a huge national sport, and some of the contestants are still working as cowboys. They work together and help one another to grow. It is the same with Cub Scouting. We must help each other cheerfully, if we expect our pack to grow. Will you please stand and repeat with me the Cub Scout Promise.

CLOSING - THE ROPE CIRCLE

MATERIALS: A 2-3 foot length of rope or heavy cord for each Cub Scout.

CUBMASTER: We have seen tonight that we are all geniuses in our own right. It makes you mighty proud, doesn't it? We should all be proud of our accomplishments and abilities. We should never forget, though, that we all depend on other people and our greatness does not come out until we can be great with and for other people.

Would all Cub Scouts come and make a circle. Take a piece of rope, each of you, and tie it to the rope of the person on your left with a square knot. (The boys do this). Joining with other people makes you a better and stronger person.

Hold the rope with your left hand and make the Cub Scout sign with your right hand. Then we'll say the Cub Scout Promise together and pledge ourselves again to the ideals of Cub Scouting.

CLOSING - THE SCOUT BENEDICTION

Form brotherhood circle with arms around each other's shoulders and repeat Scout benediction:
"And now, may the great Master of all Scouts be with us till we meet again."

CLOSING - SCOUTING AROUND THE WORLD

(May be adapted for opening, closing, or advancement ceremony.)

EQUIPMENT: Globe of the world.

CUBMASTER: (Pointing toward your location in the United States) This evening we are holding our Blue and Gold banquet here. But did you know that all over this world (spin the globe) Cub Scouts just like us are taking part in Scouting activities, too? Well, it's true. The Scouting movement exists in 115 countries in almost every nation of the noncommunist world. Their Cub Scouts are much like us. They have the same ideals, the same promise, and the same brotherhood of service. So let's think of our brother Cub Scouts around the world as we join in our cub Scout Promise. (Lead promise).

CLOSING - KNOCKS AND SCRATCHES

(Have the boys on stage wearing cardboard feet which have scratches, cuts, band-aids, etc. on them.)

NARRATOR: Our Shape Up meeting has come to an end.
We now have a message to leave with you, dear friend.

Our many achievements in life make feet tired and weary.
But if there was nothing to do, our life would be dreary.

So forget the knocks and scratches, blisters and aches.
Do your best at all times, That's what success takes!

(As the poem is finished, boys lay down on stage with their cardboard feet facing the audience...each of the feet has a letter on it spelling out G-O-O-D-N-I-G-H-T).

CLOSING - THIS SET OF WINGS

PERSONNEL: 6 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: One set of large cardboard wings

SETTING: Boys holding wings facing audience

CUB #1: Tonight we have visited many different places and met some very important people.

CUB #2: Our whole trip was made possible by this set of wings.

CUB #3: To some of us these wings are merely cardboard and foil, but hopefully to most of us these wings will be a symbol of the key to the future.

CUB #4: Our future is full of new places to visit, new experiences to live and new things to learn.

CUB #5: By working together as a Cub family we can experience together all the adventures that Cub Scouting has to offer us.

CUB #6: We thank you for taking this opportunity to fly with us and we look forward to your next flight. Good night.

CLOSING - INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE

Have Den Chief gave each Cub an Indian name and teach him how to say it in Indian Sign Language. For the closing, the boys sit in a circle around the "Campfire". Then they take turns telling their name and showing how they are said in sign language. Then the boys could put up their Cub Scout signs and say, "Akela, we'll do our best!"

For names and signs see: "Indian Sign Language" Robert Hofsinde 1956 "Talking Hands" Aline Amon 1968.

CLOSING - SOMEBODY ELSE RECRUITING FOR LEADERS

During the meeting have distributed to all adults small birthday type candles
Group of Scouts to one side - (They will repeat the Cub Scout Promise later)
Boy with lit candle and parents come forward to Cubmaster.

LEADER: (name), I see you enjoyed your first pack meeting tonight. You carry with you the spirit of Cub Scouting. Would you like to join our pack?

BOY: Yes, I would like to become a Cub Scout.

PARENTS: Yes, (name), would make a fine Cub Scout.

LEADER: we would be very pleased to have him join our pack. However, if your sons is to receive a quality Cub Scout program we need help from the parents as pack and den leaders and as pack committee persons.

DAD: I can't help! I work. You'll have to ask somebody else.

MOM: I can't help! I have house work. You'll have to ask somebody else.

LIGHTS OUT.....

LEADER: There's a clever young fellow named somebody else. There's nothing this fellow can't do... He's busy from morning 'till way late at night. Just substituting for you. You're asked to do this or asked to do that, And what is your ready reply? "Get Somebody else", Mister Cubmaster, "I know He'll do it much better than I."

There's so much to do in our scouting, so much and the workers are few... And somebody else is getting weary and worn Just substituting for you.

So next time you're asked to do something worthwhile, Just give then this reply: "If somebody else can give time and support You bet your last dime so can i."

(Pack leaders & committee should be ready to come forward)

LEADER: To give our sons a meaningful Cub Scout experience we need somebody else - A small group of parents can not do it themselves.

LEADER: The Cub Scout Spirit Burns dimly in the boys hand and heart.

(Committee Chairman comes forward and lights candle)

(Pack committee come forward and light their candles)

(Pack and Den Leaders come forward and light their candles)

ALL ABOVE AID IN LIGHTING PARENTS CANDLES THROUGHOUT THE ROOM.

LEADER: The Cub Scout spirit now burns brightly. This shows us that starting with only a small candle, like a small group of concerned parents, when all are working together the cub scouting experience glows and fills the room... and everyone does only a small part.

SCOUTS: Repeat the Cub Scout promise.

LEADER: The Cub Scout promise reminds us "to help other people" do we know a better way to teach our boys the meaning than by our example?

LIGHTS ON.....

LEADER: Recruit for needed positions right then. Have an assistant placed at a registration table.

CLOSING - SPARK OF GENIUS

The following closing ceremony can be done very effectively by a den if the boys practice so they can speak their parts clearly. The lines can be written on a small card to help the boy's memory. Eight Cub Scouts line up on stage holding large cardboard light bulbs painted yellow, with cardboard rays fastened around the edge or use yellow pipe cleaners for rays. The light bulbs are made such that when the bottom is folded up and the light bulb is turned over it turns into a sun coming up.

CUB 1: Everyone has a spark of genius in them just waiting to be lit.

CUB 2: If they'll jump into things and not just sit.

CUB 3: Although we may not go down in history as the genius of our day.

CUB 4: We can help others in this world to travel life's way.

CUB 5: By sharing our sparks of genius with others that we know.

CUB 6: Thus helping ideas, along the way to grow and glow.

CUB 7: Remember the spark of an idea we may share with a friend.

CUB 8: Can be added to by others and become a genius idea in the end.

ALL: And we can be happy because we helped in our small way, just as we in Den ____ have each had a part in this thought for the day.

All Cubs then fold up the bottom of the bulbs as described above and turn them over to make suns and say: "May you have a good night and even brighter tomorrow."

CLOSING - STRENGTH IN UNITY

This ceremony can be used just before returning the colors or by itself to emphasize patriotism.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Cub Scout color guard and bearer.

EQUIPMENT: A single wooden match and a bundle of five wooden matches, US flag.

ARRANGEMENT: Advance the flag to a prominent place beside the Cubmaster. As he speaks he demonstrates with matches what is said.

CUBMASTER: I hold in my hand several wooden matches. You can see that one match alone is easy to break (demonstrates by breaking in two a single match), but when I put five or more together, they are almost impossible to break (makes unsuccessful effort to break bundle of five matches). Each month we learn more about the wonderful freedom and responsibilities our national flag stands for. If it could speak, it could tell about many battles fought to maintain these freedoms we love. When our pack works together to uphold the wonderful traditions behind it, we, too, will be hard to stop.

CLOSING - STRONG FOR AMERICA

PERSONNEL: 8 Cub Scouts.

EQUIPMENT: Signs to hold up showing the different types of fitness. Speeches can be written on the back of the signs.

ARRANGEMENT: Cub Scouts line up on stage and one at a time hold up their sign and read their lines.

CUB #1: When we talk about a Cub Scout being strong for America, we usually think of physical fitness and the different ways one can be "fit". In Scouting, we like to talk about five different kinds of fitness.

CUB #2: PHYSICAL FITNESS - Physical fitness means that a Cub Scout develops and keeps his body healthy for a well-rounded life.

CUB #3: MENTAL FITNESS - Mental fitness is the development of our minds, skills, and attitudes.

CUB #4: EMOTIONAL FITNESS - Emotional fitness is the ability to control feelings of fear and anger, to win and lose gracefully and to get along with others.

CUB #5: SOCIAL FITNESS - Social fitness means to work, play, and live happily with others.

CUB #6: SPIRITUAL FITNESS - Spiritual fitness means to know your obligation to God.

CUB #7: These five forms of fitness are what we mean when we say "Scouting rounds a guy out", and makes us all better Americans.

CUB #8: Please rise, give the Cub Scout Sign, and repeat the Cub Scout Promise with me.

CLOSING - SCOUTER SUCH AS I

Dear Lord, from your judgment seat of high,
Look down on a Scouter as I.
Search me through and find me whole,
Then help me, Lord, to reach my goal.

Help me, Lord to work for thee,
Guard my homeland, keep it free,
Help me work with others and be kind,
Helpful with my hands and mind.

Keep me, Lord, both well and strong,
To help our growing boys along,
Control my thoughts, keep them right,
Sound, clean weapons for Life's sight.

Protect my morals keep them high,
Grant this to a Scouter such as I, Amen