

September Monthly Character Connection – Cooperation

Cooperation: Being helpful and working together with others toward a common goal. Cub Scouts will gain a better understanding of the importance of cooperation as they work together to make the pack harvest festival a memorable occasion for everyone, including the new families. The core value of cooperation is important as Webelos begin to work together more as a team, looking ahead to Boy Scouts and being part of a patrol. Working together towards a common goal requires cooperation among team members.

Scavenger Hunts

Take the den meeting outside and have a scavenger hunt. To encourage cooperation consider using a rope to tie the boys together. Preselect a course with challenging riddles and objectives. The boys will be forced to use their heads and cooperate to solve the riddles to find the next clue and the prize that awaits them at the end. Prizes could include certificates, freezer pops, fun pencils or any other trinkets or items you've collected along the way.

Involve the entire den in the scavenger hunt. Here are requirements and electives that could be satisfied while doing this activity:

Tiger

Elective 29: Safety in the sun (talk about sunscreen and sun protection)

Requirement 5F: Go outside and watch the weather

Elective 35: Play a game outdoors with family or den

Wolf

Elective 18C: Help plan and lay out a treasure hunt

18E: Help plan and lay out an adventure trail (could be made part of treasure hunt?)

Bear

Achievement 9 A: Make cookies with an adult

B: Make snacks for a den meeting with an adult

C: Make trail food for a hike.

Webelos

Start Athlete requirements while younger scouts are on scavenger/treasure hunt.

If you are having an evening event Outdoorsman #2: Help plan and take part in an evening outdoor activity that includes a campfire.

A sample day could be letting the Wolves plan the treasure hunt for Tigers, Wolves and Bears, Bears can bring snacks they have made, and while the younger dens do their hunt, Webelos start work on Athlete, and they all end the day together around the Webelos campfire with the activity they planned. This could be a fun end of summer gathering, or a fun joining day activity.

Other Ideas to Promote Cooperation

TOSS THE BIRD

- This is a tag game with a twist.
- The “bird” can be a knotted towel or some other soft object suitable for throwing.
- You can have as many as you think are necessary.
- The point is that you can’t be tagged if you are holding a bird.
- Scouts can toss the bird(s) to each other to help “protect” each other from being caught.
- You will want to have fewer birds than you have people who are being chased.
- More than one person can be “it.”

Create a Den Yell

Have the Cubs in your Den decide on an original Den Yell. Use any standard process you wish. Watch them as they go through various processes and negotiations. After the decision is reached, lead a Character Connection discussion on cooperation.

Fun Songs

Doughnut Song -II

Oooooohhhh

I walked down the corner
And I walked down the block
And I walked right into a doughnut shop
And I picked up the doughnut
And I wiped off the grease
And I handed the dude a five-cent piece

Wellllllllll

He looked at the nickel
And he looked back at me
And he said well ma’am [kind sir]
You can plainly see
There’s a hole in the nickel
There’s a hole right through
I said, there’s a hole in your doughnut too

Thanks for the doughnut, So long

WE’RE GLAD TO SEE YOU HERE

(Tune: Farmer in the Dell)

We’re glad to see you here,
It gives us joy and cheer.
Sure, it’s true, we say to you,
We’re glad to see you here.