

October Monthly Character Connection – Responsibility

Responsibility: Fulfilling our duty to God, country, other people, and ourselves. Being responsible is being dependable and doing what you say you will do.

The Little Cub Scout Who Follows Me

A careful Scouter I want to be,
A little Cub Scout follows me.
I do not dare to go astray
For fear he'll go the self-same way.

Not once can I escape his eyes,
Whate'er he sees me do he tries.
Like me, he says he's going to be –
That little Cub Scout who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine,
Believes in every word of mine.
The base in me he must not see –
That little Cub Scout who follows me.

(Consider sharing this with other parents and leaders in your units... every time a cub scout sees you smoking, playing games on your phone or texting when you should be listening, talking to someone else instead of watching the presentation in front of the room, etc. Those cub scouts are watching and learning from you!)

Who Did It?

There is a story about four people. Their names are EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY, and NOBODY. The story goes that there was a very important job that needed to be done. EVERYBODY was asked to do this job. Now ANYBODY could have done this job but NOBODY was willing to do it. Then SOMEBODY got angry about this because it was EVERYBODY'S job to do. Well, EVERYBODY thought that ANYBODY could have done it! But NOBODY realized that. EVERYBODY blamed SOMEBODY for not doing the job. Still NOBODY did it. The arguing got worse and finally NOBODY would talk to ANYBODY and EVERYBODY blamed SOMEBODY. What a shame that ANYBODY could have done the job and EVERYBODY could have helped SOMEBODY but yet NOBODY did it! If there is something you know must be done, don't wait for ANYBODY else to do it or hope that SOMEBODY else will do it because NOBODY else will do it unless you show EVERYBODY else how to do it.

RIP - Someone Else

The pack was saddened this week to learn of the death of one of our most valuable members, Someone Else. Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. He had been with us for years and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever leadership was mentioned, we looked to this wonderful person for inspiration as well as results: "Someone else can do that job." When there was a job to do, a need to be filled, or a place of leadership, one name always mentioned was Someone Else. It is common knowledge that Someone Else was among the largest givers of time and money in the pack. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone assumed that Someone Else would make up the difference. Now Someone Else is gone. We wonder what we are going to do. No longer can we say, "Let Someone Else do it." If it is going to be done, one of us will have to do it.

Bobcat Catcher

This is a variation of a fortune teller or cootie catcher than can help boys learn the Bobcat requirements in a fun way. The requirement 8 is not included as the boy works on it with his family.

Copy the pattern on paper. Cut out the pattern.

- With the printed side up, fold into quarters. Then open and flatten out.
- Turn over. Fold the corners to the center. You should see pictures of the cub scout badges.
- Turn over again. Fold corners to the center.
- Turn back, and it should look like this.
- Put thumbs and index fingers into the pockets to play the game.

10 Commandments Of Ceremonies

1. Thou shalt have one (or more) **every** month.
2. Thou shalt keep it simple, make it fun (KISMIF.)
3. Thou shalt not repeat a ceremony, no matter how many adults want to (or how good you look in an Indian Headdress.)
4. Thou shalt not ask Cub Scouts (or adults) to memorize or read a lot of big words.
5. Thou shalt be heard and be seen by all.
6. Thou shalt include both child and his parent.
7. Thou shalt not forget Webelos Activity pins; make them important, also.
8. Neither shalt thou ignore the Tigers for they are small and easy to forget.
9. Thou shalt understand Cub Scout Advancement and how important it is to the boys.
10. Thou shalt use thy brain to come up with new ideas

Pack Assignment (Chore) Chart

How do you ensure every Den has a part in every Pack Meeting?? That every Den has a chance to do each part of the Pack meeting?? Use a Pack Assignment (or Chore) Sheet that rotates all the parts amongst all the Dens. Chores to consider include (but are not limited to) setup, flag ceremony, decorations, cleanup, skits, opening ceremony, closing ceremony, etc.

Responsibility Ideas

- Boys can take responsibility for completing the Bobcat or helping another boy earn his.
- Parents can help teach responsibility by example by making sure to read and discuss the first section of each rank's book.
- Den leaders can model responsibility by taking time to plan their meetings, being on time and going the "extra mile". Den leaders can also point out opportunities to be responsible.
- Cubmaster and committee chair can take responsibility for checking unit leader contributions to determine if any leaders have earned awards and special recognition and send them in.
- The pack committee can take responsibility to complete the re-charter on time and journey to excellence paperwork is turned in on time.
- All unit leaders can take responsibility to ensure they are properly trained for their positions. Many trainings are offered online!

Licorice Treats

To encourage responsible behavior, post a length of licorice for each boy at the front of the room – As the boys arrive explain that they will get the licorice at the end of the meeting. Then comes the fun – if a boy is loud, or doesn't do what he's asked, don't say anything. Just go to his licorice string and cut off a length. He will of course protest – Just say he's responsible to figure out WHY for himself and go on with your den meeting. At the end of meeting, give each boy whatever remains of his licorice string. (They will get the point – and anything with food attached is always more memorable!)



Pack awards



Cub scout world conservation... award was est. in 1983. Only 7 to 10% of cub scouts earn this award. Its worn in place of the world crest. Webelos must earn the forester, naturalist, and outdoorsman along with a conservation project.(meritbadge.org)



National summertime pack award... is earned by packs who plan and follow through with at least 3 summer time activity's, 1 taking place each month during June, July, and August.(meritbadge.org)



National summertime pack award...every den that had 50% of there scouts show up to each summer time pack activity earns a pin to wear on there uniform, in the 80s to 2005 it was a gold pin but in 2005 they made a pin for each level of scouting .(meritbadge.org)



Conservation good turn... is for units doing a project to better there community its been in scouting since 2001.(meritbadge.org)



God and me(1-3 grades) and **God and family** (4-5 grades) are both religious emblems you can earn and like the arrow of light its also the only award from cub scouting you can bring with you to boy scouting. (praypub.org)



Whitlin' chip... is the award all cubscouts eventually get, wolf threw webelos can earn this and also earn the ability to carry a pocket knife with them (at scout events) more info can be found at (meritbadge.org)



Leave no trace... this award was created in 2002 and can be placed on the uniform as a temporary insignia, to get this award a scout must; attend a class, make a poster, complete achievements toward their rank, do a service project and take the leave no trace pledge. (meritbadge.org)



service stars... these are a great way to track your service years, this year they came out with a **tiger service star that has no year on it, it's a solid star with a dark yellow back.** Cubscout stars have a yellow back, green is for boyscouts, brown is for venturing and red is for exploring, the light blue is for adult service years. (meritbadge.org)



Messenger of peace... This award just came out just recently and to earn it you must learn about peace and also do a project that better your community, then turn in your application to national, no one in calapooia district to my knowledge has earned this yet. (scouting.org)



Inturpurter strip... this is not awarded but there are requirements as to understanding a language to get this designation, bsa has interpreter strips for American Sign Language and also Morse code too! (meritbadge.org)



outdoor activity award... can be earned by going to a resident camp and participating in summer activities along with working towards your rank, after earning this once a boy can earn "wolf tracks" a small pin to wear on the award to show he's earned it more than once. (meritbadge.org)



emergency preparedness pin... this award shows scouts how to be prepared as an individual, as a family and in the community, you could earn this over the course of a few classes



Beltloops... remember as you're doing rank advancement you will also be doing part of a belt loop in most cases. These are also expensive awards so don't earn too many without first checking to see if it's in the budget for the pack. (meritbadge.org)

Leader Knots



Pack Trainer... discontinued end of 2012 (meritbadge.org)



adult religious award... nominate your local leader who's also involved in church, to find out more about the requirements go to Praypub.org.



unit award of merit... know someone who's doing a great job in the district named Jennifer or Bryan? Then nominate them for this award...only 2-3 people get it every year in our district. It's awarded in the end of May at the Callapooia district dinner (people not named Jennifer and Bryan can get it too) (cpcbsa.org)



Cubmaster knot... earned over 2 years of service this knot will be **discontinued** as of the end of 2013 (meritbadge.org)



Cubscouter knot... this is earned over 2 years and is primarily for committee members, it is also being **discontinued** by the end of 2012. (meritbadge.org)



Tiger denleader knot... will be **discontinued** by the end of 2012, it takes one year to earn. (meritbadge.org)



Webelos den leader knot... this knot takes one year to earn and will be **discontinued** in 2012. (meritbadge.org)



Cubscout denleader knot... this knot takes a year to earn and will be replacing the Webelos and Tiger knots so this will now be the universal den leader knot and not just for Wolf and Bear den leaders. You can only wear one. (meritbadge.org)



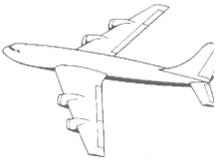
Unit leader award of merit... this came out in 2010 and will be replacing the Cubmaster knot it takes 18 months to earn it and also has as a requirement that you must have an exit strategy as a Cubmaster.



James e west fellowship award... feel like donating a 1000 bucks to council? That's how you can qualify for this award!!

Getting to Know You BINGO

Have people sign within the square and introduce yourself! Each person may sign only one box on each form.

Rode a school bus to school	Has seen the movie Batman	Member of a gym	Owens a pair of cowboy boots 	Loves Pizza
Knows the Cub Scout Promise	Has two or more pets	Name begins with the letter "B"	Went to camp this summer	Born in Oregon 
Has ridden a horse 	Cooked dinner tonight	FREE SPACE	Read five or more books this summer 	Attended College
Has earned a trophy	Is a bear den leader	Only child	Wearing a scout uniform	Has been involved in scouting for at least 3 years.
Has a five letter name	Traveled to a different state this year 	Has never broken a bone	Born in October 	Has done a community service project this year