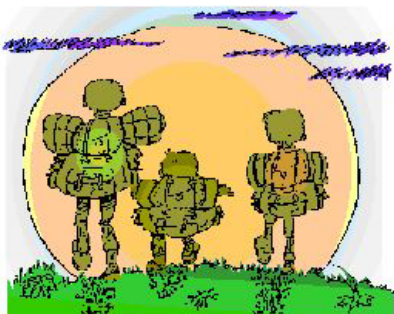


The SCOUTSCOPE

Compiling Rudimentary Resources
of SCOUTING for all Sections

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The aim of this UNOFFICIAL, resource-based newsletter is to give Scouters of every section a more focused look at some of Scouting's more fun and challenging tasks that Leaders and program builders face in the 21st century. The information contained in this resource is from the amalgamated file of Jeff Melvin (chief-editor and contributor). I encourage you to follow the PPP rule with this resource

(Print, Promote, and Pass-along)

You will find that the information in this newsletter will have locally "Field Tested" ideas on **GAMES, SONGS, PROGRAM ACTIVITIES, STORIES, MEETING PRAYERS, GROUP CHALLENGE, AND SCOUTING QUOTES** that are prepared for use in your programs. If improper credits are given to a contribution, then please feel free to contact me at scouting@canada.com. Best of luck with your planning on the adventure trail.

FEATURE ARTICLE

Letting Your Heart Sing Out Loud!



Your sitting racking your brain to what you can do to fill in between some games and activities this week at your meeting and your brain is starting to hurt. Why not try giggling or singing a simple tune. Every one can sing...your only barrier not being able to sing is telling yourself that you can not sing.

Music can be used for many reasons in your section, such as between two activities, to fill in a spare moment. Many times by singing you will sprout the voices of many good singers. No where's does it say that you have to be good at singing, just that you should try it. When you try singing in your section you allow the more meek or self-conscious youth to over come there fears of acting out in front of peers and public. You are the song leader and it is your attitude that will ensure that the song will go well or flop.

Singing is fun. Leading and teaching songs can be fun too. But there are certain sensible rules a song leader must follow. These rules aren't difficult. You don't have to sing like Caruso or wave a baton like Toscanini to lead songs well. Many top song leaders are only average singers themselves, and many get excellent results with a minimum of arm motions. So can you. Here are some tips:

How To Lead A Song

- 1 Smile at your group. Relax. Radiate confidence and enthusiasm, even if you don't feel particularly confident or enthusiastic. Morale is catching.
- 2 Tell them the name of the song they're going to sing. Always start with a rousing, well-known "warm-up" number, so everybody including you, can sing with confidence.
- 3 Be sure to give the pitch. Sing a few bars yourself or have a couple of bars played, if an instrument is available.
- 4 Start the singing with a slight upward arm motion, then a decisive downward motion, (a downbeat) and begin the song yourself. Don't worry if some don't start with the first note - they'll join in quickly. By the way, you're smiling, aren't you?
- 5 Beat time with a simple up-and-down motion of the arm - but make it definite and brisk. You're in command.
- 6 Control volume by raising your hands for loudness, lowering them for softness.
- 7 Move around a little, inject a little pep and personality. Keep smiling.
- 8 Spark enthusiasm by dividing the crowd for a song or two. Groups sing separately or when you point to them, then all together. Vary straight singing with occasional humming, whispering or rhythm clapping.
- 9 Stop before you've stopped. Leave them wanting more; not glad that you stopped.

"If only the best of the best of birds sang, then the forest would be silent."

Games for Your Meeting

Poison

Three large Indian clubs are arranged on the floor at the corners of an imaginary equilateral triangle with 15 inch sides. The Scouts form a circle around these, each Scout gripping his right hand neighbor's left wrist with his right hand. Thus it will be seen that if the circle breaks the director can instantly tell who let go. The object of the game is to pull and crowd some one onto the clubs so they will be knocked over. The Scout who lets go or knocks down a club is out of the game. When only three or four are left the game becomes quite interesting. There are many variations of this game, one of the best being a chalk circle on the floor.

Swat the Fly

Two youth are blindfolded and given swatters made by rolling newspapers into the shape of a bat. The youth lie on the ground and each boy places his free hand on a base about five inches square, from which base they must not take the hand during the game. The aim is for the boy to hit an opponent, preferably on the head, but being blindfolded he must judge his whereabouts by hearing his movements. The one who makes the greatest number of hits in a given time wins.

Cracker Eating Relay

The teams form in column of twos. A milk cracker is given each Scout. At the word "Go" the first two have to eat their crackers and whistle. As soon as a Scout whistles the next one on his team may eat his cracker. The team that finishes first, including the last whistle, wins. A suitable prize has been found to be a glass of water.

Shooting Gallery

The teams line up as in "fire." One team about faces and may or may not bend over as agreed upon. The other team tries to hit one of them in the back with a soft ball thrown underhand. Scouts who get hit or who miss their throw are out. After each throw both teams about face and the other team throws the ball, the Scouts throwing in turn, the teams alternating. The object is to eliminate all the Scouts in the opposing team.

Together Everyone Achieves More!

Program Ideas and Hints

Bleeding Heart Jello

The Preparation:

The heart is made from red jello with a some evaporated milk added to make it opaque. The blood is honey or Karo syrup with red food coloring added. Place the 'blood' in a small ziplock plastic bag and submerged in the jello. I guess you could use any mold for the jello but a heart shape really looks special.

The Presentation:

A heart shaped mold sits innocently on a platter. When pierced with a sharp knife it oozes blood red sauce. The effect is disgusting , but not bad tasting. When you've gathered everyone around for the cutting, be sure to use a fairly sharp knife so it pierces the bag. Also, the best effect is when the center of the heart is pierced, then the knife is twisted. This oozes blood out of the "wound" and looks gross!!

Page Marker

Cut diagonal corners off envelopes - about 1.5" long on the perpendicular sides. Using crayons, marker, stickers, paper cutouts, yarn, wiggly eyes, and glue, decorate the corner. Put your imagination to work to create faces, geometric designs, or abstract art. These are slipped over the corner of the page to keep your place in a book. Make lots of these to give to siblings, teachers, relatives, nursing homes, etc.

TRACK NECKERCHIEF SLIDE

Materials: Model magic or clay that hardens; Q-tip; Toy "wedding" ring or 1/2" PVC pipe. Mould clay into circle and flatten. Press footprint into clay with plastic-wrap covered Q-tip or other small round-tipped tool. Push ring into back of mould. Let dry.



Muffin Ramp Game

You Need:

- muffin tin
- cardboard
- 4" wide tape
- ping pong balls or other small balls

Cut the cardboard to the width of the muffin tin. Beware of too thin cardboard that will tend to bend. Tape along the edge to provide a smooth joint. Place small pieces of candy or toys in each muffin cup. Players take turns rolling balls up the ramp trying to get their ball in the hole to win the prizes.

Bike Rodeos are wonderful pack activities

Some suggestions from the internet:

Check with your local police and see if they have a Bike Unit. If so, ask them to come and help out with safety inspections, etc. Next contact the local bike shop and ask their help. Maybe they would donate a helmet for a door prize. Don't forget to contact your local cable TV station and ask them to video it! Oops, don't forget to have a First Aider and first aid kit on hand!!!

Use cones, plastic bottles, rope, ribbons or tires to mark the course. Bike decoration contest.... lots of categories (most colourful, most patriotic ...)

A "slow" race -- slowest time to finish a course without putting their foot down wins

Newspaper toss -- provide a box or bag that can be put on the handlebars, with rolled up newspapers; set baskets and boxes of various sizes on both sides of the course, rider has to ride without stopping and toss newspapers, more points for targets that are smaller and/or farther away from the course.

Songs & Yells

Ferris Wheel: Move right arm in a large circle, on the upswing say: "OHOOOOH!" On the downswing say: "AHHHHH!" Variation: Insert the following between the ooh and aah above: when you are at the top, hold arm in place and rock back and forth and hold other hand over the eyes and say: "GEE, YOU CAN SURE SEE A LOT FROM UP HERE!!!"

Flea Clap: Applaud by clicking the nails of the thumb and finger together.

Canary Applause (2000lbs) Put hands on opposite shoulders, while opening and closing elbows, say, "Here, kitty, kitty."

Foil Dinner: "RAW, RAW, RAW !!"

Coo-Coo Yell Everyone nod their heads up and down and say: "COO-COO" as many times as you tell them, as if you were striking the hour.

I've Been Riding on a Greyhound

Tune: I've Been Working on the Railroad

*I've been riding on a Greyhound,
'Most of these two days.
I've been riding on a Greyhound,
Just to see my Uncle Ray.
Can't you feel the wheels a-rollin',
From dusk 'til early in the morn'?'
I finally made it off to sleep when,
The driver blew his horn.
Driver why'd you blow?
Driver why'd you blow?
Driver why'd you blow your horn?
Driver did you know,
I hadn't slept befo',
Two days ago yesterday morn'?*

Two Little Fleas

Tune: Auld Lang Syne

*Two little fleas together sat
They cried when one flea said;
"I've had no place to lay my head,
Since my old dog is dead.
I've traveled far from place to place
And farther will I roam.
But the next old dog that shows his face
Will be my home sweet home."*

The Camp Counselor Song

Sung to the tune of Mr. Sandman

*Camp Akela, bring us a dream
Please bring us children who never scream,
Please make them listen and make them polite
And put them right to sleep when we turn out the light
Camp Akela, I'm never alone,
ain't got no bedroom to call my own
so please turn on your flashlight beam
camp director, bring us a dream.
Camp Akela, I've had enough
I'm going crazy, I need a day off
We've had two tick bites and lots of mosquitos
And I can't get these kids to change their clothes
Camp Akela, one wet the bed
Another one's sick with a pain in his head.
One's got poison ivy, one wants to go home
And this one's hair really needs a comb
Camp Akela (yessssss),
The tents are a mess
These kids are horrors and they want my address
I'd send them all home if I could
But they love it here in the woods.*

Greeting Song

Sung to tune "Auld Lang Syne"

*We're here for fun right from the start so drop your dignity,
Just laugh and sing with all your heart and show your loyalty.
May all your troubles be forgot, Let this night be the best.
Join in the songs we sing tonight, Be happy with the rest.*

On a bumper sticker :
*" We are not human beings
having a spiritual experience;
We are spiritual beings
having a human experience."*

Scouters' 5 (meeting stories)

Submitted by Matt Poirier

Commitment

COMMITMENT. I like the sound of that word. It means that you have pledged, obligated and bound yourself to carry out a given course of action in the future. Good grades in school requires commitment. Athletic prowess requires commitment. Achievement of any rank, from Tenderfoot to the coveted and treasured Eagle award, requires commitment. For adults, marriage requires commitment. Quality life requires commitment. Simply put, success requires commitment.

Unfortunately, I too often see adults and youth who want to be part of a movement ... but don't want to commit the most important thing they have to offer ... themselves. If something is worth doing, it is worth doing with enthusiasm ... and commitment. If you want to serve as a Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Troop Committee Member or in any other position, including Scoutmaster, you should be committed to making your unit "First Class" in every aspect.

What does it take to have commitment? In the words of Western Kentucky University Head Swimming Coach Bill Powell, there is an old Indian word that seems applicable. It is the special word "YUGOTTAWANTA."

Do you have commitment to the Troop? Are you committed to achieving your next rank? Are you committed to achieving life's successes? If you are, you're pointed toward a wonderful future. If you're not committed, your future is going to be based on the old Indian word "ICUDDA," and you're not going far.

What's the difference between success and failure? It's how much desire you have. You can do almost anything you want, given enough hard work and desire. But, ... it takes a lot of "YUGOTTAWANTA."

(Abstracted from the April, 1989 Trail Talk)

Attitude Is Everything

By Francie Baltazar-Schwartz

Jerry was the kind of guy you love to hate. He was always in a good mood and always had something positive to say. When someone would ask him how he was doing, he would reply, "If I were any better, I would be twins!"

He was a unique manager because he had several waiters who had followed him around from restaurant to restaurant. The reason the waiters followed Jerry was because of his attitude. He was a natural motivator. If an employee was having a bad day, Jerry was there telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation.

Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up to Jerry and asked him, "I don't get it! You can't be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?"

Jerry replied, "Each morning I wake up and say to myself, 'Jerry, you have two choices today. You can choose to be in a good mood or you can choose to be in a bad mood.' I choose to be in a good mood. Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or I can choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it. Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life."

"Yeah, right, it's not that easy," I protested.

"Yes, it is," Jerry said. "Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people will affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line: It's your choice how you live life."

I reflected on what Jerry said. Soon thereafter, I left the restaurant industry to start my own business. We lost touch, but I often thought about him when I made a choice about life instead of reacting to it.

Several years later I heard that Jerry did something you are never

supposed to do in a restaurant business: he left the back door open one morning and was held up at gunpoint by three armed robbers. While trying to open the safe, his hand, shaking from nervousness, slipped off the combination. The robbers panicked and shot him. Luckily, Jerry was found relatively quickly and rushed to the local trauma center.

After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, Jerry was released from the hospital with fragments of the bullets still in his body.

I saw Jerry about six months after the accident. When I asked him how he was, he replied, "If I were any better, I'd be twins. Wanna see my scars?" I declined to see his wounds, but did ask him what had gone through his mind as the robbery took place. "The first thing that went through my mind was that I should have locked the back door," Jerry replied. "Then, as I lay on the floor, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live, or I could choose to die. I chose to live."

"Weren't you scared? Did you lose consciousness?" I asked.

Jerry continued, "The paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the emergency room and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read, 'He's a dead man.' "I knew I needed to take action."

"What did you do?" I asked.

"Well, there was a big, burly nurse shouting questions at me," said Jerry. "She asked if I was allergic to anything. 'Yes,' I replied. The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply. I took a deep breathe and yelled, 'Bullets!' Over their laughter, I told them. 'I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead.'

Jerry lived thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude. I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully. Attitude, after all, is everything.

The Lone Tree

A boy was extended an invitation to visit his uncle who was a lumberjack up in the Northwest . . . [As he arrived] his uncle met him at the depot, and as the two pursued their way to the lumber camp. the boy was impressed by the enormous size of trees on every hand. There was a gigantic tree which he observed standing all alone on top of a small hill. The boy, full of awe, called out excitedly, "Uncle George, look at that big tree! It will make a lot of good lumber, won't it?"

Uncle George slowly shook his head, then replied, "No, son, that tree will not make a lot of good lumber. It might make a lot of lumber but not a lot of good lumber. When a tree grows off by itself, too many branches grow on it. Those branches produce knots when the tree is cut into lumber. The best lumber comes when they grow together in groves. The trees also grow taller and straighter when they grow together."

It is so with people. We become better individuals, more useful timber when we grow together rather than alone.

Shared with me by Henry D. Taylor.

Ask, Ask, Ask

By Jack Canfield and Mark V. Hansen

The greatest saleswoman in the world today doesn't mind if you call her a girl. That's because Markita Andrews has generated more than eighty thousand dollars selling Girl Scout cookies since she was seven years old.

Going door-to-door after school, the painfully shy Markita transformed herself into a cookie-selling dynamo when she discovered, at age 13, the secret of selling.

It starts with desire. Burning, white-hot desire.

For Markita and her mother, who worked as a waitress in New York after her husband left them when Markita was eight years old, their dream was to travel the globe. "I'll work hard to make enough money to send you to college," her mother said one day. "You'll go to college and when you graduate, you'll make enough money to take you and me around the world. Okay?"

So at age 13 when Markita read in her Girl Scout magazine that the Scout who sold the most cookies would win an all-expenses-paid trip for two around the world, she decided to sell all the Girl Scout cookies she could - more Girl Scout cookies than anyone in the world, ever.

But desire alone is not enough. To make her dream come true, Markita knew she needed a plan.

"Always wear your right outfit, your professional garb," her aunt



ESKIMO PIE

Scene: Group of Cub Scouts around a table.

Props: Ping pong ball, sponge, white golf tees, pan with ice cream bars in the bottom.

Cub 1: Isn't it great our leader is letting us make a pie for our den meeting treat?

Cub 2: Sure is. I don't know what kind of pie it is, but here are the directions.

Cub 3: Let's see, first you put in these walrus eyes.

Cub 4: Walrus you sure? eyes? Are

Cub 3: Says so right here. (Puts ping pong balls in pan.)

Cub 5: Ok, next put in a pound of blubber.

Cub 4: A pound of blubber? Are you sure?

Cub 5: That's what it says in the recipe. (Puts in white sponges.)

Cub 6: The next thing to add are two dozen polar bear teeth.

Cub 4: I don't believe that. Why would you put teeth in a pie?

Cub 3: Hey, you have to have teeth to eat a pie!

Cub 4: Oh yeah, go ahead.

Cub 6: Here go the teeth. (Puts in golf tees.)

Cub 1: Now we let it freeze for one hour. (Put lid on pan.)

Cub 2: (Hold up sign that says "one hour later".)
 Cub 1: Let's see what we've got. (Uncovers pot.)
 All: (Look into pan and exclaim.) Eskimo pies!!!! (Pull out ice cream bars, open and eat.)

SAVED BY THE DINNER BELL

Characters: 8 youth in a lifeboat.
 Props: If a lifeboat is not available, the scene must be set by a narrator. As the scene opens, we find youth from Den drifting at sea in a lifeboat.
 Boy 1: We are sure lucky to get this lifeboat.
 Boy 2: Yeah, it saved our lives.
 Boy 3: How long have we been out here?
 Boy 4: Seems like a week.
 Boy 5: (Looking at his watch.) Three days, two nights, six and a half hours and thirty seconds.
 Boy 6: Hope we get rescued soon. I'm getting hungry.
 Boy 7: Let's go swimming.
 Boy 8: Better not, there might be sharks out there.
 Boy 1: Or some weird sea monster.
 Boy 2: And they get hungry, too.
 Boy 3: Wouldn't it be great to find some deserted island like Robinson Crusoe did?
 Boy 4: Yeah, and we could do what we wanted to?
 Boy 5: Just think, an island of our very own. No freeways or pollution. No school or homework!
 All Youth: Yeah!
 Boy 7: What would we do for television?
 (Mother's voice off at a distance: "Johnny!...")
 Boy 6: Did you hear that? Sounds like someone calling me.
 (Mother's voice, a little louder: "Johnny...")
 Boy 6: It's my mom. Guess, it's dinner time. Well, I've got to go. See you all tomorrow. (Boy steps out of the boat and exits.)
 Boy 8: Guess I'd better go, too. It's getting late. (Boy exits.)
 Boy 7: Me, too! See you later, (Boy exits.)

SKY DIVING

Props: Plane out of cardboard or three chairs. Signs saying 3000 ft., 2000 ft., 1000 ft., 500 ft., two backpacks for parachutes. Boy in cock pit flying plane. Instructor and pupil with parachutes in back seats. 1st Cub walks by with sign saying 3000 ft.
 Instructor: "Pull your rip cord when I say." (They jump out of plane and act like they are free falling.)
 Pupil: Now Sir? (Second Cub enters carrying a sign saying 2000 ft.)
 Instructor: Not yet. (Third Cub enters carrying a sign saying 1000 ft.)
 Pupil: Now?
 Instructor: Wait! (Fourth Cub enters carrying a 500 ft. sign.)
 Instructor: (Pulls his ripcord.) Now pull the rip cord, now!
 Pupil: (Shrugging.) No need to now. I can jump from here!

SHAPE UP

Cub 1: I can lift an elephant with one hand.
 Cub 2: I don't believe you.
 Cub 1: Give me an elephant with one hand and I'll show you.
 Cub 3: I can bend bars with my bare hands.
 Cub 4: Iron bars?
 Cub 3: No, chocolate bars.
 Cub 5: Why are you jumping up and down?
 Cub 6: I took some medicine and forgot to shake well before using

One Day At A Time

*Whatever the goals you're pursuing,
 No matter how rugged the climb,
 you're certain to get there
 by trying your best,
 and taking one day at a time.
 "Forever" is hard to imagine,
 "the future" may seem far away --
 but every new dawn
 brings a wonderful chance
 to do what you can,
 day by day*

Tid-Bits & Hints to us Leaders...

Out on the Trail & Camper Tips

1. Air sleeping bags once a day Even the best sleeping bags trap your sweat at night and after a few days they start to stink and go mouldy
2. Unless its raining open up your tent every day. If its dry roll up the sides but if wet hang them up to dry/air. During the night you will breath out carbon dioxide and water vapour and air borne germs. Opening up the tent makes sure that this is blown out and will make you tent a far more pleasant place to be.
3. Check that you have all the poles, pegs and fittings BEFORE you take a tent out There may be some missing and you could be miles from home and no way of holding your tent up.
4. Don't eat food in tents The crumbs encourage ants and rodents, especially squirrels, who will happily chew through your ruck sack for food.
5. Don't camp under trees Water carries on dripping of trees hours after the rain has stopped and the roots will make it difficult to bang in pegs
6. Don't camp near mossy grass This indicates damp ground and there will be thousands of flying insects
7. Don't pee on the ground near your camp site. Its unhygienic, attracts insects and will turn your campsite into a stinking fetid swamp
8. No lit lanterns in tents Includes gas, tilleys, hurricane lamps etc
9. Don't touch the side of your tent This will allow water to pass through and it will drip on you. If someone does touch the side and it drips then run your finger down the tent from the drip to the edge and the water will flow away.
10. Wear shoes at all times Camp sites are not carpeted and have broken tent pegs, bits of glass, snakes, old bits of barbed wire, and sharp stones on them. If you injure your feet you may have to go home.
11. Tie up your tent when you go out This will dissuade thieves and keep animals out, especially wandering dogs
12. Loosen your guy ropes at night On tents made from natural fibre loosen the guys a fraction each night as the damp night air can cause the fabric to shrink. If the guys are too tight then as the tent stretches the pegs will come out. Many made fibres shouldn't need this.

RECIPIES for Those Who Eat...

Dirt Pie

Make or buy a graham cracker crust, either chocolate, vanilla, or plain. Fill it with chocolate pudding and top with grapenuts. Gummi worms make a nice finishing touch!

Stained Glass Cookies

Wilton makes 2 different jack O lantern cookie cutters, one smiling and one not. Take either or both, and make your favorite sugar cookie recipe. Be sure to color it orange!
 Make sure that the holes are cleared out when you cut out your pumpkins. Before baking, crush yellow hard candies (by hand or with coffee bean grinder- life savers work well), and fill the eye & mouth holes with the crushed candy. Bake as directed, and you will end up with a very pretty stained glass effect, and delicious cookies!

Smokey Wraps

- 2/3 cup Dijon mustard
- 1/3 cup honey
- 10 flour tortillas (6 inch)
- 16 oz pkg. Little Smokies (Little Wieners)

Mix mustard and honey in small bowl. Spread each tortilla lightly with mustard sauce. Cut each tortilla into 6 strips. Roll 1 Little Smokie in each tortilla strip; secure with toothpicks and place on nonstick cookie sheet (or sheet sprayed with no stick cooking spray). Reserve extra sauce for dipping. Bake at 350°F for 5 to 8 minutes or until hot. Serve with reserved dipping sauce.

Quick Pizza Dip

- 8oz. Cream Cheese
- 1 cup Grated Parmesan Cheese
- 1/2 cup pizza sauce
- 1/2 cup shredded Mozzarella Cheese

pepperoni bits bits of peppers, onions, mushrooms, etc. Mix cream cheese and 1/2 cup of the Parmesan cheese with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Spread on bottom of 9-inch pie plate. Top with pizza sauce, mozzarella cheese, remaining 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese and toppings. Bake at 350°F for 20 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Serve with crackers or breadsticks.

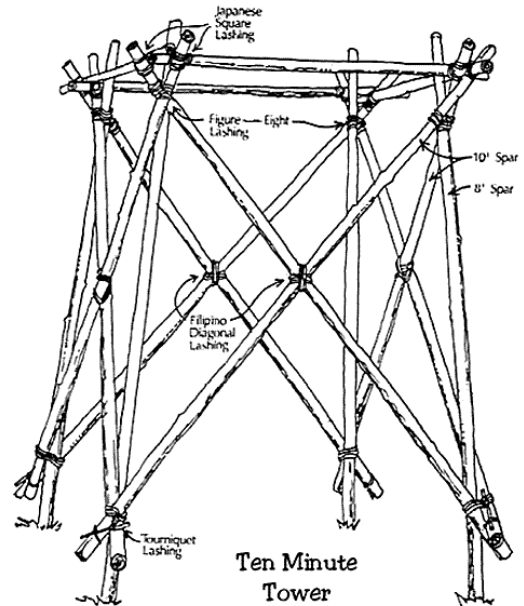
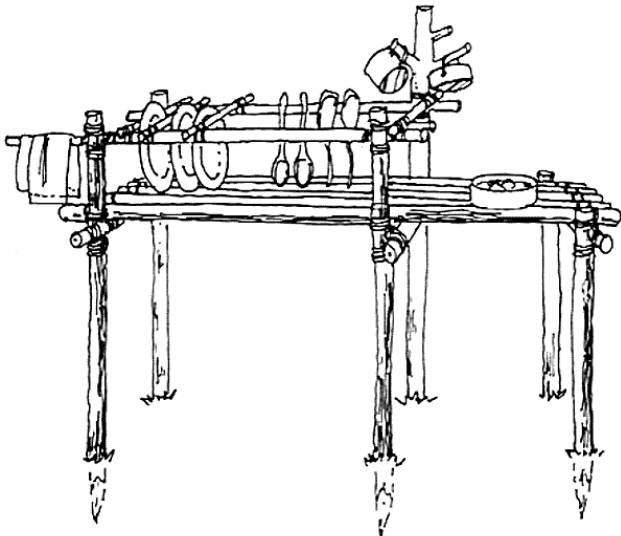
HOTDOGS A LA BEDROLL

- 1 can refrigerator biscuits
- 5 hot dogs
- 1 2/3 cups shredded cheddar cheese

1. Separate the dough into two biscuits for each hot dog.
2. On a piece of wax paper, press and flatten two biscuits together until the dough is large enough to wrap around a hot dog.
3. Sprinkle 1/3 cup grated cheese over the flattened dough.
4. Put a hotdog on top, and wrap the dough around it. Seal the edges of the dough by pinching them together.
5. Insert a roasting stick or skewer into each hot dog and cook over coals. Or cook on cookie sheet in a 375 degree oven until brown.

Back to the Basics

Bring back one of true Scouting skills...lashing and rope work. Give these simple projects a try with your troop or company and send us a copy of it for publication!



Meeting Prayers (Universal & Generic)

**Prayer Composed By Chief Yellow Lark
A Blackfoot Indian**

O h, 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 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 brothers, 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.

Philmont Grace

For food, for raiment,
for life, for opportunity,
For friendship, and fellowship,
We thank thee, O Lord.
-Amen

Lord, Thank you for bringing us together in the Family of Scouting
Bless our Group and all its Members Help us to be loyal to our Promise,
to each other, and to ourselves And in everything that we do, help us to
put other people first. Forwarded by Owen Sayers

"Successful people are always looking for opportunities to help others. Unsuccessful people are always asking, 'What's in it for me?'"
- Brian Tracy -

Father of us all, we meet before you here today numerous in the places that we come from and in the people that we represent but one in the great Family of Scouting. We come before you with hearts grateful and gladdened by the many blessings you have given us, thankful that our Movement has prospered. In return we would lay before you as our humble thanks, offering such sacrifice we can make of self in service of others. We ask that during our time here together we may, under your Divine Inspiration, gain a wider outlook, a clearer vision of all that lies before us and of our opportunity. Then may we go forth with strengthened faith to carry on our mission of heightening the ideals of Scouting and of helping through closer understanding to bring about the rule of peace and goodwill upon Earth. Hear us, O Father. Amen.

The Final Thoughts to Take Home...

The Nine Aspects Of Life

*William Arthur Ward
Quote magazine*

The adventure of life is to learn.
 The purpose of life is to grow.
 The nature of life is to change.
 The challenge of life is to overcome.
 The essence of life is to care.
 The opportunity of life is to serve.
 The secret of life is to dare.
 The spice of life is to befriend.
 The beauty of life is to give.

BLESSED is the leader who has not sought the high place, but who had been drafted into service because of his ability and willingness to serve.
 BLESSED is the leader who knows where he is going, why he is going, and how to get there.
 BLESSED is the leader who knows no discouragement, who presents no alibi.
 BLESSED is the leader who knows how to lead without being dictatorial, true leaders are humble.
 BLESSED is the leader who seeks the best for those he serves.
 BLESSED is the leader who leads for the good of the most concerned, and not for the personal gratification of his own ideas.
 BLESSED is the leader who develops leaders while leading.
 BLESSED is the leader who marches with the group, interprets correctly the signs of the pathways that lead to success.
 BLESSED is the leader who has his head in the clouds but his feet on the ground.
 BLESSED is the leader who considers leadership an opportunity for service.
 -Bay Area Council Pow Wow, 1994

1. STOP TALKING - You cannot listen while you are talking. Polonius said: "Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice."
2. PUT THE SPEAKER AT EASE - Help him feel that he is free to talk.
3. SHOW HIM THAT YOU WANT TO LISTEN - Look and act interested. Don't ignore him while he talks. Listen to understand...rather than to reply.
4. REMOVE DISTRACTIONS - Don't doodle, tap your foot or shuffle papers.
5. EMPATHIZE WITH HIM - Try to put yourself in his shoes so you can see his point of view.
6. BE PATIENT - Allow plenty of time. Don't interrupt him. Don't start for the door or walk away.
7. HOLD YOUR TEMPER - An angry man gets the wrong meaning from words. "He who angers you, conquers you."
8. GO EASY ON ARGUMENT AND CRITICISM - This puts him on the defensive. He may 'clam up' or get angry. Don't argue. If you win...you lose.
9. ASK QUESTIONS - This encourages him and shows that you are listening. It helps develop points further.
10. STOP TALKING - This is the first and last commandment, because all the others depend on it. You just can't do a good job of listening while you're talking!



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