

SESSION # THE BOYS IN BLUE ARE OUR FUTURE!

2012 NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE

SESSION LENGTH: 75 Minutes

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- OA Service to Cub Scouting - Covers many of the opportunities an Arrowman has to ensure our future by reaching out to the youngest members of the BSA.
- Cub Scout Camp Promotion
- Cub Scout Recruitment
- Webelos to Boy Scout Transition.

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we leave a legacy

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- Order of the Arrow Handbook
- Northeast Region Order of the Arrow Lodge Cub Scout Service Guide
- OA Cub Scout Support Tool Kit with Arrowmen Guide - Available at www.oa-bsa.org.
- Cub Scout Task Force Promotional Flyers – Online at www.northeast.oa-bsa.org
 - ✓ Cub Scout Lodge Support Promotional Flyer
 - ✓ OA Support Tool Kit with Arrowmen Guide Promotional Flyer
 - ✓ NER OA Lodge Cub Scout Service Guide Flyer
 - ✓ Lodges Providing Cub Scout Service - Tri-fold Table Tent
- Conclave Training Initiative – The OA and Cub Scouts – Available at www.oa-bsa.org.
- Computer, Projector, Projection Screen

CUB SCOUT CAMPING PROMOTION

SESSION LENGTH: 25 Minutes

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Why is camping an important part of the Cub Scout program?
- How will camping benefit the Pack/Den?
- What is Cub Scout camping like?

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- Guide to Safe Scouting (Current Edition)
- OA Cub Scout Support Tool Kit with Arrowmen Guide - Available at www.oa-bsa.org.
- NE OA Service to Cub Scouting
- Computer, Projector, Projection Screen

TRAINER PREPARATION

Trainers should be knowledgeable about the Cub Scout program and should be able to answer questions that arise or direct the questioner to someone who knows the correct answer. The trainer should be familiar with the Guide to Safe Scouting (Section III. on Camping and the Age Appropriate Guidelines Chart). The trainer should be highly energetic and enthusiastic about Cub Scouts having an active outdoor program. Trainers should also have contact information for the Council's Camping Programs, District Roundtable Staff and Family Camp Administrators and their local representatives, in case anyone in the audience would like to learn more.

Trainers should have information and/or printouts for the audience promoting their local Council outdoor programs and summer camping options.

TRAINER TIP: Learn who is in your audience, by asking them their name, where they are from, what they hope to gain from your session and the one thing they think prevents people going camping with Cub Scouts.

SESSION NARRATIVE

INTRODUCTION:

4 MINUTES

Planned, organized, and well programmed outdoor Pack events fulfill the promise of "Fun" in the Cub Scout program. Young boys have a great desire for outdoor fun, excitement, and adventure. Remember, "Scouting is three fourths outing!" These outdoor experiences encourage young boys to spend quality time with their family and friends while doing so in a supervised, safe and age appropriate setting. Most boys join Cub Scouts because of the promise of outdoor activities. Boys in this age group have a natural curiosity about their surroundings, especially the world out-of-doors. Introducing these boys to the fun and adventure of Scouting in the outdoors will benefit them as they mature through the program. Remember, "It's more fun outdoors."

When a boy and his family join Cub Scouts, they join an organization that values the fun and excitement of experiencing the outdoors in a safe and age appropriate environment. Many boys experience their first organized outdoor adventure as a Cub Scout.

Cub Scout Day Camp is an organized, multi-day, theme-oriented program for Tiger Cubs and their adult partners, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts. Themes change yearly to offer new programs and to avoid repetition. Day Camp typically runs during the daytime or early evening hours, but do not include any overnight activities. The day camp program is age-appropriate and theme-based. Whether it's digging for buried treasure as a pirate or clowning around at the circus, Day Camp provides an excellent outdoor event for all ages.

Council-Organized Family Camps are overnight events involving more than one Pack. Family Camp allows a great bonding experience between Parent/Guardian and Child. These camps are appropriate for Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos since Parents/Guardians are responsible for the supervision of their children. Family Camps may also be known as 'Lad, Dad, Mom and Me', 'Parent Pal' or 'Adventure Weekend' events in many Councils.

For those geared up for an adventure, Wolf/Bear Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts can take advantage of resident overnight camping. Resident camping is a safe, council-organized, theme-oriented, overnight camping program operated under BSA National Camping School trained leadership and managed by the Council. Resident camps generally operate for at least two nights, providing plenty of time for outdoor program areas such as Showmanship, Sportsmanship, Craftsmanship, Waterfront, Fitness, Camp craft, and Nature, to name a few. Remember to bring your outfits because the overall theme offers quite the experience. Examples of themes include Sea Adventure, Space Exploration, Knights, Circus Big Top, Dinosaurs, Wild West and Olympics.

Want to make it a weekend and really have some fun? Pack overnights are just the type of event. Pack overnights are pack-organized overnight camping activities involving more than one family from a single Pack, focused on age-appropriate Cub Scout activities and conducted at Council-approved locations. Whether it's catching the big fish down on the lake or hiking to the top, Cub Scouts and Parents/Guardians can have a blast with fellow Pack members.

Lastly, if you're a Webelos and the parent/guardian of a Webelos, then gear up for a Webelos Den Overnight Camping trip. Learn the basics of Boy Scout camping while Webelos get ready for Boy Scouting! If you are a Webelos den leader, be sure to participate in a joint den-troop campout to ease the Webelos to Scout transition and strengthen the ties between the Pack and Troop. Have fun outdoors with your Webelos den as you learn the skills it takes to be a Boy Scout.

NOTE: According to the Guide for Safe Scouting, "[o]vernight camping by Tiger, Wolf and Bear Cub Scout dens as dens is not approved".

Now, we are going to watch a short video highlighting just a few activities that Cub Scouts can participate in, whether it's Day Camp, Resident Overnight Camping, Family Camp, Pack Overnights, or Webelos Den overnight camping.

Show the Video:

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CONCLUSION

2 MINUTES

The Cub Scout outdoor program's chief purposes are youth development and FUN in a safe, age appropriate setting. There is no better way to achieve those purposes than to "get into the great outdoors". As you saw through this video, there are a ton of activities that any Cub Scout can do.

What are some activities you feel your Pack can become involved with?

When is your next outdoor event?

APPENDIX: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q1: Who can I contact regarding more information on this topic?
- A1: Consult the Guide to Safe Scouting. You may also want to contact your Council's Camping Programs, District Roundtable and Family Camp Administrators and their local representatives.
- Q2: How do I find out more about how the Order of the Arrow can work with Cub Scouts?
- A2: Contact your Local Order of the Arrow Lodge. You may also consult the NER OA Lodge Cub Scout Service Guide. For further information about initiatives of the Northeast Region Order of the Arrow Cub Scout Taskforce you can send an e-mail to cubscouting@northeast.oa-bsa.org.

APPENDIX: SOURCE MATERIAL & RESOURCES

Cub Scouting

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/CubScouts.aspx>

Cub Scouting Fact Sheet

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/CubScouts/FAQS.aspx>