JULY—LOYAL

SCOUT SALUTE

A SCOUT IS LOYAL—HOW DOES "SCOUT SALUTE" RELATE TO THIS POINT OF THE SCOUT LAW?

A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and nation. Cub Scouts will show their loyalty during this meeting by participating in several activities such as honoring the American flag, creating a pack banner, and hearing about loyalty from a guest speaker or demonstrating loyalty to a team through a pack game.

NOTE TO CUBMASTER

Pack meetings are best when they are no more than an hour and a half in length. Pack meeting plans are guides and can be adjusted to fit the needs of your pack.

This meeting can be adapted for the outdoors. If you choose to use an outdoor space, be sure to tell the families where the meeting will be. Make sure you have lighting, restrooms, and seating if you plan to do the meeting in the evening. This pack meeting would be a great activity to incorporate into your pack summertime activities. The pack could choose to have a picnic or barbecue, or just a fun day that ends with the pack meeting plan.

You might consider setting up tables or areas for each den to display pictures and items made during this month's adventure.

If the den desires, ask a guest speaker to come speak with the Cub Scouts about loyalty. This might be someone who has or is currently serving our country in the military or government. It will be important to have your guest speaker understand the ages of the audience and that the presentation length should be about 10 minutes.

◇ BEFORE THE MEETING

Set up tables or areas for each den to display pictures and items they have made during this month's adventure, if applicable.

Be sure the following materials are available for the meeting:

- One or two American flags to be used during the gathering to practice folding
- Acrylic paint, wet wipes, and a large piece of cloth taped on a flat surface to create the pack banner
- Flags for the opening ceremony
- Red, white, and blue strips of cloth or paper for the closing
- A large five-pointed star cutout. On each point, write one of the Cub Scout ranks. Put the Arrow of Light in the center of the star. Have an Uncle Sam hat for the rank advancement recognition.
- Game supplies

◇ GATHERING

As Scout families enter, have each Scout choose a color to make his handprint. A parent or leader puts the acrylic paint on the Cub Scout's right or left hand and guides him to put that hand on the banner. Remove the paint with wet wipes. (This requires adult supervision).

At another station, Webelos Scouts help teach the younger Cub Scouts how to fold a flag.

◇ OPENING CEREMONY

The flag ceremony is led by a predetermined den. They will present the colors and lead the pack in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Cubmaster will lead the pack in a patriotic song such as “The Star-Spangled Banner,” “God Bless America,” “America the Beautiful,” or “This Land Is Your Land.”

◇ OPENING PRAYER

“As we gather tonight, let us remember to be true to our families, our friends, our pack, our school, and our nation. Being loyal means that no matter what happens, others can depend on us. We give thanks for all our loyal Cub Scouts and their families.”

◇ WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Cubmaster welcomes new families, visitors, and special guests by introducing them to the pack and thanking all who helped plan and prepare for the pack meeting.

◇ DEN DEMONSTRATIONS

If there is a den that needs to do some type of activity at a pack meeting for the completion of an adventure, please insert it here.

◇ AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

If your pack has chosen to have a guest speaker come to speak about loyalty, introduce your speaker and remind the Cub Scouts to “Do Your Best” to be a good audience.

After the talk, recognize the speaker with the pack doing a cheer.

Soldier Cheer: Stand up and salute, saying, “Well done!”

If your pack does not have a speaker, here are pack participation activities to choose from:

- America Cheer: “A-M-E-R-I-C-A, Cub Scouts, Cub Scouts, USA!”
- Play the Abe Lincoln Spoon Race game (See the Resources section.)
- Abe Lincoln Cheer: “That was great—honest!”

◇ RECOGNITION

Adventure Loops and Pins:

(Note: Adventure loops and pins can be presented at a meeting or as immediate recognition in the den.)

By den, call the names of those Cub Scouts who have completed the month’s adventure to come forward.

- Have the den leader pass out the awards to the boys as they recieve a Cub Scout handshake from the Cubmaster.
- If time allows, invite the den leader or den chief of the den to speak about the adventure work done for that month and have the den stand and be recognized.
- Use a positive cheer to recognize their accomplishments.

Other options:

- Have the den stand and be recognized or come forward to receive certificates for the adventure they have completed. This option would be appropriate for a den that has already received the adventure loop or pin.

- Adapt the advancement ceremony for the month's theme into an adventure loop presentation if no rank badges are being presented.
- Cheer: Everyone stands and yells: "Clang! Clang! Clang!"

◇ RANK ADVANCEMENT

Cubmaster: "As a symbol of loyalty to the United States, let me put on my Uncle Sam hat. *(See the Resources section.)* I would like to tell you a little about our flag.

"For more than 200 years, our flag has been a symbol of our country. Legend tells us that Betsy Ross, in 1776, sewed the first American flag. The flag had 13 red and white stripes. These stripes remain today as a symbol of our 13 original colonies. There were also 13 white stars arranged on a blue background, symbolizing a new constellation—our new nation. Today, our nation's flag proudly displays 50 stars, one for each state.

"Tonight, let's look at our Cub Scout star. Just as each star on our nation's flag stands for a state in our union, each point of our star represents one of our ranks in Cub Scouting." *(For each rank, call each Scout and his parents or guardians by name and ask them to step forward.)*

Bobcat: "Bobcat is the first point of our Scout star. Boys, you have shown your loyalty to Cub Scouting by completing the first rank in advancement along the Cub Scout path. For being true to our Scout spirit, we can depend on you to be loyal Cub Scouts. Parents, will you please present your Cub Scout with the Bobcat badge? Let's congratulate our new Bobcats with two paws up!" *(Raise hands and make a paw shape.)*

Tiger: "The next point in our star stands for the Tiger rank. Tigers, you have done your best to learn about many new adventures. You have also shown your loyalty to Cub Scouting. Parents, please present your Cub Scout with the Tiger badge. Let's congratulate our new Tigers with a big Tiger growl!" *(The Cubmaster leads the pack in a Tiger Growl Cheer.)*

Wolf: "Boys, you have worked hard and achieved the rank of Wolf, the next point on our Scout star. You have shown that you can accomplish great things through your loyalty to yourselves and to others. Parents, please present your Cub Scout with the Wolf badge. Now let's give them the Grand Howl by howling like wolves!" *(The Cubmaster leads the pack in the Grand Howl Cheer—having the entire pack howl like a wolf.)*

Bear: "The next point of our star is Bear. Bears, you have proven your loyalty through your adventures—loyalty to yourselves, our nation, and to God. Parents, please present your Cub Scout with the Bear badge. To congratulate our new Bears, let's raise our paws and given them a big 'bear claw' hooray!" *(The Cubmaster leads the pack with hands in the air, as if claws, and shouts "Hooray" with the group.)*

Webelos: "Webelos Scouts, your rank completes the five points of our Cub Scout star. The loyalty you have demonstrated in each adventure has successfully put you on the pathway to become a Boy Scout! May you continue to remain loyal to Scouting as you continue your journey. Parents, please present your Webelos Scout with the Webelos badge. Let's congratulate them with a We'll Be Loyal Scouts Cheer." *(The Cubmaster leads the pack with chanting, "We'll be loyal Scouts.")*

Arrow of Light: "Webelos Scouts, you have earned the Arrow of Light Award. Notice that this rank is in the center of our Scout star. You have completed the Cub Scout experience by earning the final rank in Cub Scouting. May your loyalty to Scouting continue as you move to Boy Scouts. Parents, please present your Webelos Scout with the Arrow of Light Award. This is the highest honor a Cub Scout can achieve before entering Boy Scouts. Gentlemen, I sincerely congratulate you on your outstanding achievement. Let's join together and give these boys three hip, hip, hoorays!" *(The Cubmaster leads the pack in chanting "Hip, hip, hooray" three times.)*

Cubmaster: "Thank you to each of the dens for sharing the fun they had this month! *(Adults bring the banner.)* Together, we have created a terrific loyal pack banner! Let us now salute everyone with the Fireworks Cheer." *(Look up, making a whistling noise and say, "Oohhh, aahhh, oohhh.")*

CUBMASTER'S MINUTE

"A Scout is loyal: A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and nation.

"Loyalty is a Webelos Scout helping a Cub Scout learn how to fold a flag; loyalty is working together with your den to create a loyal American flag, as well as having fun with other Cub Scouts during a pack game; loyalty is standing together to honor and respect our nation. When you give loyalty to others, everyone knows they can depend on you."

CLOSING

Materials: Three strips of cloth or colored paper—one red, one white, and one blue—the colors of the American flag

Cub Scout 1: *(Holds up the red strip of cloth)* "Red is the color of bravery. A Cub Scout is brave!"

Cub Scout 2: *(Holds up the white strip of cloth)* "White is the color of purity. A Cub Scout is clean!"

Cub Scout 3: *(Holds up the blue strip of cloth)* "Blue is the color of loyalty. A Cub Scout is loyal!"

Cubmaster: "Please stand and salute as the colors are retired."

The preassigned den retires the flag.

RESOURCES

Uncle Sam Hat



Cut a circle out of poster board to fit the Cubmaster's head for the brim of the hat. Cut a rectangle similar to the picture above and attach it to the brim. Color the hatband blue with white stars. Color red and white vertical stripes for the crown of the hat.

Abe Lincoln Spoon Race

Materials:

- Bowls of pennies—the same number of pennies for each relay team
- Empty bowls at the finish line
- Plastic spoons for each relay team

Instructions:

Divide the dens into relay teams and line up each team in a single-file relay line.

Give the first member of each team a plastic spoon.

The first player will put as many pennies as possible on his spoon and carry them to the empty bucket/bowl at the finish line, where he will deposit them.

If any pennies drop along the way, the player will need to stop and put them back on the spoon.

Play continues until all the pennies have been carried to the empty bowl and all players are back in their line.