



JANUARY—HELPFUL



JOBS, JOBS, JOBS

A SCOUT IS HELPFUL. HOW DOES “JOBS, JOBS, JOBS” RELATE TO THIS POINT OF THE SCOUT LAW?

There are many ways that people can be helpful. One way is by volunteering time to help others. Cub Scouts, Scout leaders, and coaches are examples of volunteers. Another way people help is by doing jobs that provide a service. This month we celebrate those who help out in their homes, schools, and communities.

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.

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

◆ BEFORE THE MEETING

- Assign dens to be responsible for the flags, the opening ceremony, and the closing ceremony.
- Set up tables or areas for the den adventure displays (see above), if applicable.
- Arrange for a number of different tradespeople or professionals, either parents of Scouts or community members, to participate in a round-robin for the audience participation. They will spend two to three minutes telling how they help others while they are at work. *(Note: A high school guidance counselor who has some experience with career fairs could be a useful resource for this theme.)* There should be approximately one presenter per eight boys in the pack.
- If it is not possible to have visiting presenters in attendance, ask parents or Boy Scouts to wear signs indicating which role they will be playing for the pack meeting. Prepare the signs in advance.
- Prepare song sheets or make arrangements to have the words to the “I’ve Been Working Helping Others” song projected at the front of the room.
- Have the den that will be performing the opening ceremony skit prepare pictures of the workers they will mention in the skit.
- Set up tools for the gathering with corresponding numbered tent cards and cards for the Scouts. Bring pencils for the Scouts to write on these cards.
- Prepare awards for the recognition ceremony.
- Set up hats and awards for the advancement ceremony.
- Prepare large posters with the Scout Oath and Scout Law or project them at the front of the room for the closing.

◆ GATHERING

Set up around the meeting place a variety of tools that would be used by people in different professions. Number each tool. As the Scouts enter, give each one a card numbered 1–10 (or up to the actual number of items on display, if different). Instruct Scouts to circulate through the tool display and attempt to identify the professions that would use the tools.

◆ OPENING CEREMONY

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

Salute to the Working Men and Women

A preassigned den performs the “Salute to the Working Men and Women” opening skit. Have this den make posters with pictures of people working in the various professions.

Cub Scout 1: “Let’s say thanks to the moms and dads”

Cub Scout 2: “Who work all night and day.”

Cub Scout 3: “They work to keep our tummies full”

Cub Scout 4: “And make places to sleep and play.”

Cub Scout 5: “The doctor looks in ears and throats.”

Cub Scout 6: “The dentist checks our mouth.”

Cub Scout 7: “The grocer sells us food to eat.”

Cub Scout 8: “The bus driver knows north from south.”

Cub Scout 1: “The teacher shows us how to read.”

Cub Scout 2: “The builder hammers nails.”

Cub Scout 3: “The farmer grows our food from seed.”

Cub Scout 4: “The custodian carries pails.”

Cub Scout 5: “So thank you, all you moms and dads,”

Cub Scout 6: “For showing what work is about.”

Cub Scout 7: “And thank you, too, for making sure that”

Cub Scout 8: “We can be CUB SCOUTS!”

◆ OPENING PRAYER

“May we always care about other people. May we willingly volunteer to help others without expecting payment or reward, and may we appreciate others who are helpful.”

◆ 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. Be sure to introduce the guest presenters attending 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 the activity here.

◆ AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Group the Scouts by den. Seat each professional at stations spread throughout the meeting room. Have the dens visit the professionals in a round-robin, talking to each one for three minutes or so, depending on the size of the crowd. At the end of the round-robin, ask everyone to return to their seats and thank the guests who led the stations.

I've Been Working Helping Others

Tune: *"I've Been Working on the Railroad"*

I've been working helping others
All the livelong day,
I've been working helping others;
It's the best part of the day.

This work makes me very happy.
Makes others feel good, too.
It's all part of being helpful,
And that's what Cub Scouts do.

Everyone can help.
Everyone can help.
Oh, everyone can help, that's tru-u-ue.
You and you and you (*point around group*),
Everyone can help.
Oh, everyone can help—that's true!

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 receive 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.

RANK ADVANCEMENT

Place the following six hats on a table, representing a required adventure for each rank. Put all of the rank badges in their appropriate hats.

- **Bobcat:** Scout hat
- **Tiger:** Baseball cap
- **Wolf:** Firefighter's helmet or veteran's hat
- **Bear:** Top hat
- **Webelos:** Chef's hat
- **Arrow of Light:** Uncle Sam hat

After all boys in a rank level have received their badges, lead the pack in the corresponding cheer (see Resources for descriptions of the cheers).

Bobcat: “Will (*names of boys receiving their Bobcat badge*) and their families please come forward? You have learned a lot about Scouting, which is why we find your badge in a Scout hat. Cub Scouting is all about doing your best. In fact, that is our motto. (*Hand the badge to the parent or guardian to present to the Scout.*) I would now like to shake your hand and challenge you to start following the Boy Scout slogan, “Do a Good Turn Daily.” It is never too early to start being helpful. (*The Cubmaster shakes each Scout’s hand with the Cub Scout handshake.*)

“Pack (*number*), please join me in giving these Scouts who have earned the Bobcat badge the Big Hand Cheer.”

Tiger: “Will (*names of boys receiving their Tiger badge*) and their families please come forward? One of the adventures that you completed to earn this badge was called Games Tigers Play, which is why we find your badge in the baseball cap. Just like the coaches help the players to play a better game, I challenge you to be helpful to others each day. (*Hand the badge to the parent or guardian to present to the Scout.*) I would now like to shake your hand and challenge you to start following the Boy Scout slogan, ‘Do a Good Turn Daily.’ Find at least one person to help each day. That is the Scouting way. (*The Cubmaster shakes each Scout’s hand with the Cub Scout handshake.*)

“Pack (*number*), please join me in giving these Scouts who have earned the Tiger badge the Baseball Cheer.”

Wolf: “Will (*names of boys receiving their Wolf badge*) and their families please come forward? One of the adventures that you completed to earn this badge was called Council Fire, which gave you the opportunity to visit with a military veteran, law enforcement officer, or someone else who works for the community. One thing that these people have in common is that they serve the community. (*Hand the badge to the parent or guardian to present to the Scout.*) I would now like to shake your hand and challenge you to start following the Boy Scout slogan, ‘Do a Good Turn Daily.’ Find at least one person to help each day. That is the Scouting way. (*The Cubmaster shakes each Scout’s hand with the Cub Scout handshake.*)

“Pack (*number*), please join me in giving these Scouts who have earned the Wolf badge the Scout Salute.”

Bear: “Will (*names of boys receiving their Bear badge*) and their families please come forward? One of the adventures that you completed to earn this badge was called Grin and Bear It, which gave you the opportunity to help younger Cub Scouts take part in a Cub Scout carnival. You have had the opportunity to practice the third point of the Scout Law: A Scout is helpful. I hope it made you feel good to be so helpful. (*Hand the badge to the parent or guardian to present to the Scout.*) I would now like to shake your hand and challenge you to start following the Boy Scout slogan, ‘Do a Good Turn Daily.’ Find at least one person to help each day. That is the Scouting way. (*The Cubmaster shakes each Scout’s hand with the Cub Scout handshake.*)

“Pack (*number*), please join me in giving these Scouts who have earned the Bear badge the Ringmaster’s Cheer.”

Webelos: “Will (*names of boys receiving their Webelos badge*) and their families please come forward? One of the adventures that you completed to earn this badge was called Cast Iron Chef, which gave you the opportunity to prepare a balanced meal for your den or your family. Taking your turn to prepare the meal was being helpful. (*Hand the badge to the parent or guardian to present to the Scout.*) I would now like to shake your hand and challenge you to start following the Boy Scout slogan, ‘Do a Good Turn Daily.’ Find at least one person to help each day. That is the Scouting way. (*The Cubmaster shakes each Scout’s hand with the Cub Scout handshake.*)

“Pack (*number*), please join me in giving these Scouts who have earned the Webelos badge the Cookie Cheer.”

Arrow of Light: “Will (*names of boys receiving their Arrow of Light badge*) and their families please come forward? One of the adventures that you completed to earn this badge was called Building a Better World. You had the opportunity to learn about your rights and duty as a citizen and to talk to a government leader and learn about his or her role. One of the things that I am sure you discovered was that service to others is essential in building a better world. (*Hand the badge to the parent or guardian to present to the Scout.*) I would now like to shake your hand and challenge you to start following the Boy Scout slogan, ‘Do a Good Turn Daily.’ Find at least one person to help each day. That is the Scouting way. (*The Cubmaster shakes each Scout’s hand with the Cub Scout handshake.*)

“Pack (*number*), please join me in giving these Scouts who have earned the Arrow of Light badge the USA/BSA Cheer.”

◆ CUBMASTER’S MINUTE

“A Scout is helpful. You have had the opportunity through your adventures to learn about people who help others through their jobs or volunteer roles. We know that, in being helpful, we do things for others without expecting others to tell us “thank you.” But doesn’t it feel good when others do tell you “thank you”? The words “thank you” are two simple but very important words. I *thank you* for the service that you have given and that you will give. I also challenge each of you to tell people that you appreciate what they have done to help you. Thank you.”

◆ CLOSING

The preassigned den performs the “Helpful” closing ceremony. Each member of the den holds up a paper displaying one letter from the word HELPFUL as he delivers his line. (Write the words on the back in large print so each Scout can read them if necessary. Also, depending on the age of the den, it might be helpful to place the poster of the Scout Law nearby as reference for the end.)

Cub Scout 1: H is for helping. Helping others is what Cub Scouts do.

Cub Scout 2: E is for every Scout. Every Scout should “Do a Good Turn Daily.” That’s the Scout slogan.

Cub Scout 3: L is for living the Scout slogan each day.

Cub Scout 4: P is for parents. They are people we can help.

Cub Scout 5: F is for friends. We can help our friends too.

Cub Scout 6: U is for the universe, which will be a better place if everyone helps one another.

Cub Scout 7: L is for the Scout Law. All Scouts should follow the Scout Law.

Cub Scout 8: Please join me in saying the Scout Law.

(*Everyone gives the Scout sign and recites the Scout Law in unison.*)

The preassigned den retires the flags.

RESOURCES

◆ GATHERING

The Right Tool for the Job

Arrange a display with tools from various service trades. Consider asking the parents in your pack to bring items from their professions. Assign each tool a number, and place a tent card with that number next to the tool.

Possible Choices:

- Plumber's snake or plunger (plumber)
- Stethoscope (doctor or nurse)
- Skillet (chef)
- Air-conditioner filter (air-conditioning repair technician)
- Shoehorn (shoe salesperson)
- Blow-dryer (hairdresser)
- Mail bag (postal worker)
- Safety glasses, beaker, magnifying glass, etc. (scientist)
- Pen and notebook (writer)
- Hammer (carpenter)
- Socket wrench set (mechanic)
- Hand weight (personal trainer)
- Mop (custodial worker or housekeeper)
- Dental probe or dental mirror (dentist or dental hygienist)
- Nail file (manicurist)

Advancement Cheers

Big Hand Cheer: Raise a hand, making sure it is open high above your head.

Baseball Cheer: Pretend to throw a ball up and pretend to hit it with a bat. Follow the imaginary ball with your eyes and shout: "Home run!"

Scout Salute: The leader says, "Scout salute." Everyone responds by giving the Cub Scout salute. The leader then says, "Two," and everyone returns their hands to the resting position.

Ringmaster's Cheer: The leader says, "And now, behind me in the center ring, the Cubs!" All Cub Scouts respond by growling "YEEOOOOOOOO-OW!"

Cookie Cheer: "Yummy! Yummy! Yummy!"

USA/BSA Cheer: Divide the audience into two groups. One group yells, "USA!" The other group yells, "BSA!" Repeat three times. Then both groups yell together, "That's us!"