NOVEMBER—REVERENT

CUBS GIVE THANKS

A SCOUT IS REVERENT. HOW DOES "CUBS GIVE THANKS" RELATE TO THIS POINT OF THE SCOUT LAW?

During this time of the year, we give thanks for the bounty we have received. Giving thanks is an expression of our inner strength and confidence based on our trust in a higher power.

NOTE TO CUBMASTER

Pack meetings are best when they are no longer 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.

This theme would fit well with the Arrow of Light rank's Building a Better World adventure, requirement 10b. Set up an exhibit at a pack meeting to share information about the World Friendship Fund.

Alert the dens about the gathering activity in advance so they will remember to bring pennies.

◇ BEFORE THE MEETING

Set up tables or areas for each den (see above), if applicable.

Be sure the following materials are available for the meeting:

- Flags for the flag ceremony
- Materials for the gathering activity
- Eight quarter sheets of poster board, each with one letter from the word "REVERENT" on one side and the corresponding lines for the Scout to say written on the other
- Awards for the recognition ceremony

◇ GATHERING

Have the Webelos den set up a display about the World Friendship Fund and introduce the fund to arriving guests and members.

A Penny for Your Thoughts

As the Cub Scouts arrive, they can donate a penny to give their thoughts of thankfulness. Each penny entitles them to write one thing they are thankful for on a leaf-shaped card. Supervising adults will assist with placing the leaves on a tree trunk or on a poster board. Be certain to attach the leaves with materials that will not damage the walls. The Cub Scouts may donate as many pennies as they would like. The money may be designated for the World Friendship Fund, or for a local charity or food bank that the pack would like to help.

Materials:

- Note cards or paper in the shape of leaves (can be in fall colors)
- Poster board, or a tree trunk made from poster paper
- Adhesive for the leaves (something that is wall-friendly)
- Container to hold pennies

◇ 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.

A preassigned den performs the opening skit."

Cub Scout 1: "R is for remembering all we have to be thankful for."

Cub Scout 2: "E is for every member of our family."

Cub Scout 3: "V is for vittles, which means food."

Cub Scout 4: "E is for every friend."

Cub Scout 5: "R is for raiment, which means clothes."

Cub Scout 6: "E is for every creature, big and small."

Cub Scout 7: "N is for nature, the great outdoors where we love to camp."

Cub Scout 8: "T is for thankful. I am thankful to be a Cub Scout."

All: "A Scout is REVERENT."

◇ OPENING PRAYER

"May we remember all that we have to be thankful for each day. May we always respect the beliefs of others as we would want them to respect our beliefs. May we always be reverent Scouts."

◇ 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 the activity here.

◇ AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The Big Turkey Hunt

Divide the audience into seven groups. Assign a part to each group and have them practice:

Pilgrim: Whistling

Turkey: "Gobble, gobble!"

Fish: "Bubble, bubble!"

Bear: "Growl, growl!"

Squirrel: "Chatter, chatter!"

Bee: "Buzz, buzz!"

Duck: "Quack, quack!"

Hunt: All sounds at once

The narrator the reads the story, and groups respond to the appropriate words.

Once upon a time, there was a **PILGRIM** who decided to go out and **HUNT** for a **TURKEY.** As he walked through the forest, he met a **DUCK.** The **PILGRIM** asked the **DUCK,** "Have you seen the **TURKEY?** I'm on a big **HUNT** for him." "No," the **DUCK** said, with a sly wink.

So the **PILGRIM** marched along until he spied a **SQUIRREL** playing in the treetops. "Good day, **SQUIRREL**," the **PILGRIM** said. "Have you seen the **TURKEY?** I'm on a big **HUNT** for him." "No, no," the **SQUIRREL** said, smiling behind his paw.

As the **PILGRIM** crossed the brook, he bent toward the water and saw a **FISH** swimming near the surface. "Oh, **FISH,"** said he, "has the **TURKEY** been down to the water for a drink today?" "No, not for a long time," the **FISH** said, diving deep to hide his laughter.

The poor **PILGRIM** continued down the shady path and suddenly came face to face with a big, brown **BEAR.** "Hello, **B-B-BEAR,"** said the **PILGRIM.** "H-h-have you s-s-seen the **TURKEY?** I'm on a big **HUNT** for him." "No," the **BEAR** said. "I don't even know what a **TURKEY** is." But he gave a rumbling laugh.

The **PILGRIM** was feeling quite depressed by now, for he thought that he would never find the **TURKEY.** Finally, he saw a **BEE** buzzing by. "Stop a minute, **BEE,"** he said. "You fly just about everywhere. Is the **TURKEY** near? I'm on a big **HUNT** for him." "No," buzzed the **BEE,** "nowhere around here." And he flew away, buzzing hard to hide his chuckles.

Soon the **PILGRIM** saw ahead of him a clump of bushes and small trees. As he came close, there suddenly rang out from the bushes and trees the most deafening noise you've ever heard! It was the most ferocious growl of the **BEAR,** the loudest buzz of the **BEE,** the biggest bubbles of the **FISH,** the noisiest chatter of the **SQUIRREL,** and the deepest gobble of the **TURKEY.** Mr. **TURKEY** had hidden himself in the midst of the thicket, and all of his animal friends had gathered together to try to scare the **PILGRIM** out of his boots and away from the **TURKEY.** But guess what: The joke was on them. All the **PILGRIM** had wanted to do was invite the **TURKEY** to help him eat his bountiful Thanksgiving harvest as a way of showing thanks for all that the **TURKEY** had done to help with the harvest! As the poor, misunderstood **PILGRIM** let out a loud yell and took off for home, all heard him exclaim as he went out of sight, "That's the last **HUNT** I'll go on—so good night, good night!"

◇ 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

Value of a Badge

Cubmaster: "A badge in Cub Scouting is a piece of embroidered cloth. It might not be worth a lot of money, but the real value of the badge is in what it represents—the things you learned to earn it. As we think about the value of the badge, let us also reflect on thankfulness for the Scouting program and those who helped us earn this badge."

Bobcat: "We have some boys who are to receive the Bobcat badge and take their first step along the Scouting trail. Will the following boys and their families please come forward? *(Call the names and present the badges to families to give to their boys.)* To earn the Bobcat badge, these boys learned the Scout Oath and Law, the Cub Scout sign, and the Cub Scout motto. These things are part of the map that will guide you along the Cub Scouting trail. As your families present this badge, please remember the value of the badge and the Cub Scout motto to Do Your Best."

Tiger: "Will the following boys and their families please come forward? *(Call the names and present the badges to families to give to their boys.)* As you worked toward earning your Tiger badge, you had the opportunity to work on adventure requirements at home and in your den. You learned about the outdoors, health and safety, and communication. Congratulations on your achievement. Think about how your family helped you as your parents present to you the Tiger badge."

Wolf: "Will the following boys and their families please come forward? *(Call the names and present the badges to families to give to their boys.)* As each of you worked toward your Wolf badge, you had the opportunity to develop new skills, help at home and in your community, and learn respect for our flag. You have completed the adventures required for the Wolf badge. As your families present this award, think about how you will wear it with pride."

Bear: "Will the following boys and their families please come forward? (*Call the names and present the badges to families to give to their boys.)* As you worked toward your Bear badge, you found that the challenges became more difficult with each step. We all experience choices in our lives and must decide the best path to follow. To achieve the rank of Bear, you made choices as you selected which adventures to complete. As your families present this badge, think about the choices you make in your lives."

Webelos: "Will the following boys and their families please come forward? *(Call the names and present the badges to families to give to their boys.)* As each of you joined the Webelos den, you faced new challenges and choices in working toward the Webelos badge. Your Webelos den leader now approves the completion of your requirements. You have earned adventure pins as you have worked toward this badge. As your family presents this award to you, think about the value of the Webelos badge and the changes that took place while you earned this award."

Arrow of Light: "Will the following boys and their families please come forward? *(Call the names and present the badges to families to give to their boys.)* Each of you has completed the adventure of Cub Scouting, and each of you is prepared to begin a new adventure in Boy Scouting. In the spirit of giving thanks, take a moment to appreciate the gift of your Cub Scout experience—the time with family and friends, the fun you've had, and all that you've learned. As your family presents this award to you, reflect on the time and support they and others have given you during this great journey.

"Along the Cub Scout trail, you've learned Scouting traditions as a Bobcat, worked with your Tiger family, tried new skills as a Wolf, made choices as a Bear, experienced changes as a Webelos Scout, and faced challenging adventures while working toward the Arrow of Light. Think of the value of each badge you have earned. Each rank is a step-by-step adventure in your life along the Scouting trail."

CUBMASTER'S MINUTE

"This is the time of year when we are reminded to be thankful for all we have. A part of being reverent is acknowledging what we have and showing our thanks in an active way. From school we have learned the story of the harvest feast known as the first Thanksgiving. We learned that the Wampanoag people, a group of American Indians, showed kindness to the Pilgrims when they helped them learn about the new land and how to grow food. In a show of thankfulness, the two groups came together and shared what they had grown and harvested. They were repaying kindnesses to each other while showing thankfulness. I challenge each of you—Scouts, parents, and siblings—to find a way to show thankfulness to another person. May the great Scoutmaster of all true Scouts watch over us until we meet again."

CLOSING

Cub Scout 1: "May I grow in character and ability as I grow in size."

Cub Scout 2: "May I be honest with myself and others in what I do and say."

Cub Scout 3: "May I always honor my parents, my elders, and my leaders."

Cub Scout 4: "May I develop high moral principles and the courage to live by them."

Cub Scout 5: "May I strive for health in body, mind, and spirit."

Cub Scout 6: "May I always respect the rights of others."

Cub Scout 7: "May I remember that each person has the right to worship in his or her own way."

Cub Scout 8: "May I set a good example so that others may enjoy and profit from my company."

Cub Scout 9: "May I always live the 12th point of the Scout Law."

All: "A Scout is REVERENT."

The preassigned den retires the flags.