

# PACK RESOURCE SHEET

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## Core Value For February

**Resourcefulness:** Using human resources and other resources to their fullest. Through participating in the pack recycling projects, boys will gain an understanding of the ways to utilize available resources to accomplish tasks. They will learn that one of the ways to be resourceful is using their imaginations.

## Preopening Activity: What Can You Do With It?

**Materials:** Paper, pencils, clean recyclable objects. Be sure the items are clean. Avoid glass items for safety reasons.

As Cub Scouts and families arrive, give each Cub Scout a pencil, paper, and something that is usually thrown away or recycled after use, such as milk cartons or jugs, aluminum cans, paper plates, paper towel tubes, newspaper, etc. Challenge the boys to write down as many ideas as they can of things that can be done with their item. They are encouraged to talk with others in the pack for additional ideas. Adults are encouraged to help boys. During the pack meeting, ask people to share some of their ideas. Give cheers for the longest list, the most original idea, the craziest idea, etc. Conclude with the Brilliant! Cheer for everyone for being resourceful.

## Opening Ceremony: Building a Nation

**Materials:** American flag, cards with text for each Cub Scout

CUB SCOUT 1: When Washington needed to cross the Delaware River, instead of building boats, his troops found boats they could use.

CUB SCOUT 2: When the new nation needed power, resourceful people built waterwheels near rivers to power their mills.

CUB SCOUT 3: When the country stretched from the Atlantic to the Pacific, resourceful people created the transcontinental railroad.

CUB SCOUT 4: In this age of technology, resourceful people keep developing new things to better our lives.

CUB SCOUT 5: In the past month, everyone in our pack participated in conserving resources and thought of better ways to recycle.

CUB SCOUT 6: Small or large project, young or old, we all do our part to be resourceful to build a better nation.

CUB SCOUT 7: Let us salute the flag of this nation, which we all love and strive to make better, and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Cheer: Brilliant!

Place closed fist under chin (as if in deep thought), pause for a moment and then quickly raise a finger in the air and shout "Brilliant!"

## Recognition Ceremony: Pack Recycling Project

**Materials:** Clean recyclable materials with "I DID MY BEST" written on them. Items may be a hat made of newspaper, empty can or plastic bottle hanging on a piece of string like a medal, etc.

CUBMASTER: In his last letter to Scouts around the world, Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, wrote, "Try to leave the world better than you found it." Tonight, we are honoring Cub Scouts who did their best to fulfill Lord Baden-Powell's request.

These boys participated in the pack recycling project. (*Briefly talk about the nature of the project.*) In an age when so much is wasted and nature is being used up faster than it can replenish itself, these Cub Scouts have helped to slow the trend. Thank you, boys, for your effort and resourcefulness. (*Present to each recipient the "I did my best" award.*)

VARIATION: If every den in the pack participated in the project, have each den recognize another den with the awards the boys have made. Assign dens the group they are to recognize ahead of time.

## Webelos Crossover Ceremony: Scouting Trail

**Materials:** Two 5-foot-long, 4-by-4-inch posts; five 5-foot-long, 2-by-12-inch planks. Paint one plank blue, one gold, one red, and one BSA green. Leave one unpainted. Posts do not have to be painted.

Ask the Webelos den leaders to place one of the posts on the ground. Then ask the Scoutmaster to place a second post on the ground about four feet away and parallel to the first post. Say that this is symbolic of the foundations of Scouting that these leaders have laid down. The leaders have set the stage for bridging the boys from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting.

Have Webelos Scout 1 and his parents bring the unpainted plank forward and place it across the foundation posts. State that this represents the boys as they arrived in Cub Scouting full of potential but unfinished.

Ask Webelos Scout 2 and parents to bring the blue plank forward and place it snugly against the unfinished plank. Say this represents the Tiger Cub, Wolf, and Bear years, where, with the help of their parents, the boys became true blue friends.

Next, Webelos Scout 3 comes forward with his parents and places the gold plank next to the blue one to represent their golden years in Cub Scouting as Webelos Scouts, learning important skills culminating in the Arrow of Light.

Webelos Scout 4 comes forward with his parents and the green plank. Announce that this represents their new beginning as Boy Scouts.

Finally, Webelos Scout 5 and parents put down the red plank. Comment that this plank is red like the predominant color of the Eagle Scout badge and represents the beginning of their journey to become Eagle Scouts.

Webelos Scouts are assembled at the unfinished board side of the now completed bridge and presented graduation certificates.

When these presentations are over, the Scoutmaster invites each boy in turn to cross the bridge. Once over, he is welcomed into the troop. He is presented with his troop neckerchief.

**Note:** If there are many graduating Webelos Scouts, divide them into five groups and have each group place a plank on the posts.