

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF CUB SCOUTING 75 WAYS TO CELEBRATE THE 75TH

From September 2004 through December 2005, Cub Scouting celebrates its 75th Anniversary—75 years of doing our best and still having fun! The Cub Scouts, families, and leaders in your dens and pack will want to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime celebration. Here is a list of ideas to help celebrate the 75th!

1. Promote the 75th Anniversary Award by ensuring that all members of your pack, including Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, families, and leaders, have copies of the requirements (available on the national BSA Web site: www.scouting.org).
2. Plan a celebration commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting by making the anniversary the theme for your blue and gold banquet.
3. Plan a membership event using the 75th Anniversary as your theme.
4. Conduct a service project for your chartered organization or the community. If possible, post a sign telling the public about your project.
5. Find out about typical games of the 1930s and play one or more at pack or den meetings during the year.
6. Have your pack historian (appoint one if you don't have one) start or update your den or pack scrapbook.
7. Look for former leaders in your pack and invite them to a special event, possibly your blue and gold banquet. You might place notices in your chartered organization's newsletter, local newspapers, and school newsletters and with local radio and television stations asking former leaders to contact someone in your pack. (Be sure to provide contact information—e-mail, phone, or address.)
8. Encourage Cub Scouts to research the Internet (with adult assistance) to find out about the history of Cub Scouting. Dens can use the information they learn to write a skit or puppet show to perform at the monthly pack meeting.
9. Designate a special Uniform Day on which all boys wear the Cub Scout uniform to school. Arrange for a special flag ceremony or other commemoration.
10. Make a time capsule. Have each boy contribute an item that represents him. Set a date for when the capsule will be opened.
11. Start a collection. Keep adding to your collection until you have at least 75 items.
12. Conduct a space derby with a 75th Anniversary theme. Have boys decorate their spaceships as they would expect them to look 75 years in the future.
13. Conduct a raingutter regatta with a 75th Anniversary theme. Have boys decorate the boats and sails with a "75th" motif.
14. Take a picture of each boy. Make a collage with the pictures.
15. Encourage boys to submit a joke to *Boys' Life*.
16. Encourage Cub Scouts to enter the *Boys' Life* reading contest.
17. Make a neckerchief slide that goes with the theme of the month.
18. Have each boy write a thank-you letter to someone who has helped him in Cub Scouting.
19. Promote the new Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award.

20. Hold a pack overnight campout. As part of your activities, play games or make a craft from the 1930s.
21. Conduct a kite derby with kites decorated to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting. Hold the event at a local park or other area that will stimulate public interest in Scouting.
22. Conduct a special campfire program centered on *Jungle Book* tales or stories about the history of Cub Scouting.
23. Take part in a parade or other community event through which your pack can promote the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting.
24. Make a 75th Anniversary banner for your pack to carry in a parade or to display at other community events.
25. Work with your chartered organization to promote recognition of Cub Scouting's 75th Anniversary in the organization's correspondence, newsletters, or other media.
26. Prepare a photo display that highlights activities of your pack today and in years past for use in your chartered organization or other community location. The display may include photos from other family members who also were in Scouting.
27. Conduct a pack photo contest for pictures of your pack in action during the 75th Anniversary year. Have categories for youth and adult entries. Display entries in a visible community location.
28. If your chartered organization is a religious institution, work with the organization on special plans for Scout Sunday or Scout Sabbath.
29. At your chartered organization, local park, or other community site, plant a tree to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting.
30. Place 75 luminarias to light the path to any or all of your pack's events—pack meeting, pinewood derby, blue and gold banquet, etc. Luminarias could be crafted from floating candles in tin cake plates, white paper lunch bags with sand in the bottom and a tea light, or cutout plastic milk jugs with sand in the bottom and tea lights.
31. Have each boy in each den make a 75-link paper chain using blue and gold colors. Cub Scouts write messages on the links about summer camp fun, outdoor adventure, or den and pack activities. On "Linkup Day" have the dens gather, link their chains, and see how long the combined chain is. Use a local park or playground, or line up along Main Street for a sidewalk event. Have local authorities there to help and keep everyone safe. Or make the linkup a districtwide event, with packs from your district linking together, den to den, pack to pack, town to town. At the end of the linkup, have a round-robin of Cub Scout fun. Make this event a recruitment day and invite all boys to join in linking to Cub Scouting.
32. In 1953, American Cub Scouts collected 2,889 pennies for Korean Scouts. Have each boy of each den earn and collect 75 pennies (from chores, recycling, etc.). Combine the earnings and make a donation to the World Friendship Fund.
33. As a den or pack, do a 0.75-mile hike through a local park or other area of your community. Make this a recruitment event, distributing informational fliers to Cub Scout-age boys you meet along the way.

34. Encourage every boy in your pack to swim laps over the anniversary celebration time, logging a total of 75 laps per Cub Scout and adult. Award a special patch, ribbon, or certificate.
35. Have a “Keeping Fit—Try for 75” pack meeting night. Set up a round-robin of fitness stations and aim to do 75 push-ups, 75 sit-ups, 75 basketball shots, 75 jumping jacks, broad jump of 7.5 feet, and best time in 75-yard dash. Keep a wall chart of achievements.
36. Arrange with your chartered organization, local school, or council camp to conduct a “*Boys’ Life* Camp-In” during which the boys of your pack (collectively) log 75 hours of reading *Boys’ Life* magazine. Have an assortment of *Boys’ Life* magazines for the boys to read during the evening. They may read on their own or together; have adults ready to read to the group. After reaching 75 hours of reading (collectively; 38 boys would read for two hours each) and before lights-out, have an “indoor campfire” on what the boys just read. Examples: they could perform skits based on “Scouts in Action,” Dink and Duff, or Webelos Woody, do some of the run-ons, tell the jokes, or solve the Codemaster. Have plenty of pencils for the Cub Corner. At breakfast the next morning, award recognitions (certificates or patches) to the boys.
37. Conduct a 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting Sidewalk Chalk Art Show. Get permission and arrange for the boys of your pack to illustrate Cub Scout fun and the 75th Anniversary by drawing on a sidewalk using washable sidewalk chalk. Invite local government to help celebrate, award recognitions, and include neighborhood boys to make this a recruitment event.
38. Arrange for a pack blood drive, with the goal to collect 75 or more pints of blood for a local blood center.
39. Over a predetermined length of time, have the boys of your pack each collect 75 nonperishable food items for a local food pantry.
40. Have each den record each boy’s Good Turn hours. Upon reaching 75 hours, boys become members of the “75 Good Turns Club.” Have each Cub Scout put his Good Turn for each week on a small piece of colored paper (unsigned) and collect the papers at den meetings. Decoupage/glue 75 Good Turn papers on a small papier-mâché ball so that each Good Turn is visible. Display the ball(s) by hanging or on stands, or pass around at a pack meeting.
41. Have each den design an anniversary edition of its den flag. Have the pack leaders and the Cubmaster design an anniversary edition of the pack flag.
42. Conduct a “Joke-a-Thon 75” at a pack campout. Assign each den a certain number of jokes (totaling 75 for the pack) to tell at your campfire. *Boys’ Life* magazine is a great resource!
43. Make a 75-year collage to display in your chartered organization, school, or other community location. Have the boys gather pictures from their adventures in Cub Scouting. Cut a large 7 and a large 5 from heavy cardboard, foam core, or similar sturdy backing; have the Scouts make a collage with the pictures to cover the boards. Cover front and back if you have enough pictures. Mount the numbers on the wall, place on easels, or hang from the ceiling so that both sides show.
44. Have Cub Scouts bring a small photo (school-sized, head shot only). Find old photos/illustrations of Cub Scouts through the decades; copy and enlarge to size

- so that when the faces are cut out, you can insert the Cub Scouts' photos in the openings. Mount these on stiff cardboard; with easel backs they can stand alone and you will have the entire den in vintage uniforms.
45. Have Cub Scouts gather on a given date and say the Cub Scout Promise together at a community location or event. You might join with other packs in your district to make a great impact on your community.
 46. Have a Cub Scout circus parade. Entries could be anything that is Cub Scout-powered—wagons, bikes, etc.
 47. Begin a collection of patches. Have someone come and display the patches he or she collected in years past. Have the collector share some personal Scouting stories.
 48. In the 1950s, there was a scrapbooking achievement. Help boys start a Cub Scout scrapbook.
 49. Make special 75th Anniversary bookmarks for the boys to use in their handbooks.
 50. If your pack publishes a newsletter, have special articles about the history of Cub Scouting.
 51. At a pinewood derby, have someone bring a car they built in the past, and race it.
 52. On Scout Sunday or Sabbath, offer to do a special opening ceremony related to the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting.
 53. Offer to do a special flag ceremony at the school your boys attend.
 54. Offer to do a flag ceremony for a district or council event.
 55. Make special 75th Anniversary cards and send to leaders and committee members.
 56. Make up a special pack yell for the 75th Anniversary.
 57. Compose a special 75th Anniversary song for the pack.
 58. Make special 75th Anniversary den flags to display at each pack meeting.
 59. Find out the history of your pack and present it at your blue and gold banquet.
 60. Invite 75-year-olds (or thereabouts) to your blue and gold banquet and celebrate their birthdays with Cub Scouting's birthday.
 61. Hold a birthday party in a retirement home or senior citizens center and focus your celebration on what life was like 75 years ago.
 62. Invite anyone who was in Boy Scouting or Girl Scouting 75 years ago to make a presentation on what Scouting was like then.
 63. Plant a garden in commemoration of 75 years of Cub Scouting and agree to care for it in the growing season. If the organization or government will allow a sign, place a sign to tell others what the garden represents. Strive to make the garden a community focal point.
 64. Have a 75th birthday party at your local sports team's game and announce it over the speaker and on the scoreboard. Have Cub Scouts in uniform handle flag-raising, pledge to the flag, and other ceremonial duties. Have all Scouts march in to their seats before the game starts.
 65. Organize a special community service project to commemorate 75 years of service. Enlist all companies and organizations in the community to participate (similar to United Way's "Day of Service").
 66. Locate Scouts of yesteryear. Each boy finds one or more former Scouts who were Cub Scouts in the 1930s and '40s. Interview them with questions like "What did

- you do as a Cub Scout? Which activities were your favorites? What were your most memorable accomplishments?"
67. Make a birdhouse or pet house using tools common in the 1930s.
 68. Visit the library to research newspapers from the 1930s to learn the cost of everyday foods. Research the "foods" section to locate old, favorite after-school snacks and dessert recipes.
 69. Organize a family game night playing games (board games or sports) that were popular in the 1930s.
 70. Design a T-shirt to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting.
 71. Set a goal to collect 75 gently worn coats (or gloves or mittens) and donate them to a homeless shelter at the beginning of winter.
 72. Collect back-to-school materials in the fall and give them to an urban school or a homeless shelter, or send them to a school in another country where the need is great.
 73. Gather packs together and have boys share signatures in autograph books, with a goal for each boy to collect 75 signatures. Invite a "celebrity" to participate—a sports figure, local radio or television personality, government official, school principal, or other local luminary.
 74. Have two packs hold a joint pack meeting and begin with each boy shaking the hands of 75 people.
 75. Watch your council newsletter or your council Web site for other events in which your pack may choose to participate.