

Crafts on a Shoestring: **Yesterday's Junk, Tomorrow's Creations!**



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Boys LOVE working with their hands, and especially during their Cub Scout years, they are very active learners.

Crafts are a great way to engage the boys, but often strap the budget. This packet is full of budget-friendly ideas that will keep the boys engaged, relate to the topics and subjects being taught, and are age appropriate. Adjust them to fit the needs and personality of your dens.

There are 16 Numbered Den Meeting Plans listed for each Den, in the official Cub Scout program that leaders should be following.

This packet includes craft ideas to help supplement the 16 main lessons for each Den.

Den Meeting No.	Wolf Den Meeting Plans	Requirements/Electives Covered *HA = Home/family assignment	Download
1	Bobcat and Your Flag	Do: Achievement 2b or 2f, Bobcat (partial), Electives 9b, 12e HA*: Achievement 8b-e, How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse	PDF 
2	Your Flag and Feats of Skill	Do: Achievements 2a and 1a-f	PDF 
3	Your Flag, and Sports Electives	Do: Achievement 2c, 2d, 2e, 2g; Elective 20h, i, j (one of k, l, or m), Bowling belt loop HA: Achievement 3a	PDF 
4	Keep Your Body Healthy and Bowling Field Trip	Verify: Achievement 3a Do: Achievement 3b-c, Elective 20g, Bowling belt loop	PDF 
5	Know Your Home and Community and Be Safe at Home and on the Street	Do: Achievements 4f, 9a, 9d, 9e HA: Achievements 4a-d, 9b-d, 7e	PDF 
6	Know Your Home and Community, Make a Gift and Sing-Along	Verify: Achievement 9b-d Do: Achievement 4a-d, Electives 9b-c, 11a HA: Achievement 4e	PDF 

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- Wolf Den
- Bear Den
- Webelos
- Accumulative list of all ideas included in this packet (and a few bonus ideas!)

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# TIGER DEN

## **Den Meeting #1: Bobcat**

This link is actually for a girl scout law wall hanging - but try adapting it to the cub scout law. You'll need a few popsicle sticks and some ribbon and you'll be set! This page shares 2 examples of crafts you can make to help the boys learn. I like the idea of putting the words onto popsicle sticks and before attaching them to the ribbon, let the boys practice putting them in order. Once they learn it, they can glue it down and hang it in their rooms. \*\*\*Also would work for the scout motto, promise AND GREAT for Webelos that are learning the Scout Law for their Arrow of Light!

## **THE CUB SCOUT LAW**

**I promise to:**

**Do my best**

**To do my duty**

**To God**

**And my Country**

**To help other people**

**And obey the law**

**Of the pack**

[http://www.gsnc.org/resource\\_room/crafts.asp](http://www.gsnc.org/resource_room/crafts.asp)

## **Whoooo Am I?**

Great getting to know you activity for new dens. The owl's wings give clues as to whose photo is hidden inside.

[http://www.lakeshorelearning.com/general\\_content/free\\_resources/teachers\\_corner/projects/OwlCraft.jsp](http://www.lakeshorelearning.com/general_content/free_resources/teachers_corner/projects/OwlCraft.jsp)

## **Den Meeting #2: Making My Family Special**

### **DIY Lift the Flap Book**

Few supplies are required, but lots of scout creativity is needed! This project can be used for any subject. \*Use lift a flap books to make a book about families. Lift the flap to learn more about each member of the family.

<http://www.toddlerapproved.com/2013/10/homemade-lift-flap-book-nick-sharratt.html>

### **Stick Journals**

Use a stick to help bind together a journal or book for your boys.

<http://family.yourway.net/make-stick-journals-for-summer-fun/>

If sticks are hard to come by (and sometimes they are here in AZ!) try a notched popsicle stick as shown here:

<http://www.toddlerapproved.com/2013/10/homemade-lift-flap-book-nick-sharratt.html>

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## **Den Meeting #3: Keeping Myself Healthy and Safe**

### **3D Food Pyramid**

Print and fold this pyramid.

<http://www.ellenjmchenry.com/homeschool-freedownloads/lifesciences-games/documents/3DFoodPyramids.pdf>

### **Paper Plate Food Art**

Plan out a nutritious meal that they boys can draw or paint onto paper plates. This helps them understand portion control as well.

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Use the inexpensive pony beads to represent each of the food groups. A good visual reminder about what to eat and how often.

<http://www.aitcla.org/docs/foodpyramidbracelet.pdf>

## **Den Meeting #4: Keeping Myself Healthy and Safe**

### **Toilet Paper Tube Binoculars** *For watching the game!*

These classic creations are great for younger boys. This example makes really cool looking binoculars, but requires camouflage felt. This could be substituted with tissue paper, construction paper, magazine clippings - or good old markers :)

<http://thekrazycouponlady.com/family/edit-repurposeful-play-turn-toilet-paper-rolls-into-kids-binoculars/>

## **Den Meeting #5: Let's go Outdoors**

### **Story Stones** *\*Collect rocks to be used for this upcoming craft while hiking*

Decoupage fabric, magazine cuttings, paper, etc onto stones. Use them to create stories.

<http://www.redbirdcrafts.com/2009/04/mouse-stones.html>

### **Recycled Tin Can Windsocks** *Weather Watching*

The post suggests "outdoor" decoupage medium. If you wanted a cheaper option, make an indoor windsock using the same technique, streamers in place of ribbons, you could even use a piece of paper taped into a cylinder if cans were a problem.

<http://wabisabiwanderings.blogspot.com/2010/07/revamped-recyclables-tin-can-windsock.html>

### **Tissue Paper and Drinking Straw Kites** *Weather*

Easily made with drinking straws, tissue paper and craft glue.

<http://www.creativejewishmom.com/2012/06/kids-ki.html>

### **Cloud Dough** *Weather*

Feels like flour when you run your fingers through it but surprise! It's moldable! Made from flour and baby oil.

<http://www.jugglingwithkids.com/2011/11/cloud-dough.html>

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## **Den Meeting #6: Where I Live**

### **Patriotic Skewers**

Less of a 'craft' and more of an interactive snack! Rice Krispy treats cut with a star cookie cutter, skewer a strawberry, blue berries, and top with a star!

<http://www.5minutesformom.com/57796/making-everyday-food-special-rice-krispy-treat-sparklers/>

### **Red, White, and Blue Layered Drinks**

A fun drink with a scientific lesson! Uses fruit punch, blue Gatorade, and DIET 7-up or Sprite.

[http://blogs.babycenter.com/life\\_and\\_home/a-patriotic-mocktail-for-the-kids/](http://blogs.babycenter.com/life_and_home/a-patriotic-mocktail-for-the-kids/)

## **Den Meeting #7: Go See It: Where I Live**

### **Milk Carton School Bus - Recycled!**

\*Try making a firetruck in place of a bus - same directions, different paint :)

A fun transportation craft for younger boys. Milk cartons are not very common anymore - but often families buy juice in cartons, or nail down a family that buys soy, almond or other specialty milks. They often come in boxes. This would work great with those little milk cartons, or whipping cream cartons. Little mini busses would be fun, too!

<http://www.momto2poshlildivas.com/2011/08/back-to-school-fun-milk-carton-school.html>

### **Popsicle Stick Chain Reaction**

\*Great way to show how families must work together and "stick" together - when one goes astray - the whole thing comes apart.

Not really a craft but a super fun thing to do with craft sticks!

<http://frugalfun4boys.com/2013/05/13/build-a-chain-reaction-with-popsicle-or-craft-sticks/>

## **Den Meeting #8: Go See It: How I Tell It**

### **Microphone**

\*Practice interviewing with your own pretend microphone!

A toilet paper tube and ball of aluminum foil make a great microphone. A little fancier version replaces the aluminum foil with a styrofoam ball covered in glitter. I would probably have the boys create something in-between these two examples:

<http://howtodosomething.blogspot.com.au/2012/04/how-to-make-play-microphones.html>

<http://craftbits.com/project/microphone/>

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## **Den Meeting #9:**

The meeting plans describe a great balloon craft for the boys to make. If you are looking for different options, try this:

### **TP Roll Campfire**

Toilet paper rolls painted brown become the logs, with yellow and orange tissue paper flames! A great centerpiece for tables at any scouting event.

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/scouts/mcampfiretp.htm>

-or- search through the Idea Page for crafts that coordinate with your theme.

## **Den Meeting #10: Change and Banking**

### **Piggy Bank**

The craft described in the link uses juice bottle caps as money. Real coins or other lids (from water bottles, milk, etc) could be substituted.

<http://www.allkidsnetwork.com/crafts/animals/farm/piggy-bank-craft.asp>

## **Den Meeting #11: Show Must Go On & Recycle**

### **Snake Puppet**

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<http://eastcoastmommyblog.blogspot.ca/2013/07/ecm-kids-craft-club-17-snake-puppet-and.html>

### **Hovercraft**

Made from a CD, water bottle cap and balloon. Use an old CD & water bottle top - Recycling!

<http://scribbit.blogspot.com/2010/08/summer-kid-crafts-make-hovercraft.html>

## **Den Meeting #12: Transportation**

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<http://www.momto2poshlildivas.com/2011/08/back-to-school-fun-milk-carton-school.html>

## **Den Meeting #13:**

### **Color Mixing for Little Guys**

Artistic: <http://amomwithalessonplan.com/painting-fun-with-mixing-colors/>

Mess Free: <http://www.thefrugalnavywife.com/?p=69722>

Messy, but fun: <http://preschool-daze.com/2012/01/24/m-is-for-mouse-paint-with-a-movie/>

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## **Color Mixing for All Ages**

Scientific: <http://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2008/09/yellow-and-blue-make-green.html>

Artistic: <http://artlessonsforkids.me/2010/12/01/mixing-colors-in-grade-one/>

Edible (color frosting inside ziplock bags and then ice graham crackers): <http://thecreativekindergartener.blogspot.com/search/label/science>

See-through blending color wheel (paint free): <http://mamaslittlemuse.blogspot.com/2012/02/shamrock-color-viewer-craft-and-tool-in.html>

## **Den Meeting #14:**

### **TP Owl - Recycled!**

These cute guys are made from fabric scraps and buttons, but tissue paper, magazine clippings, construction paper, etc - would work great!

<http://happyhooligans.ca/adorable-owls/> or

<http://innerchildfun.com/2010/10/owl-family-play-set.html>

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<http://www.toddlerapproved.com/2013/03/mom-and-tot-craft-time-simple-rainbow.html>

## **Paper Cup Spiders**

You'll need a few supplies for this craft, but they are simple supplies that would help build up your stash.

<http://www.craftown.com/Paper-Cup-Spiders.html>

## **Beaded Spiders**

Pipe cleaners, beads, and a few pom poms make these adorable spiders

<http://handsonaswegrow.com/beaded-spider-craft-for-kids/>

## **Lunch Sack Spiders**

A fun painted craft - you will need to allow drying time.

<http://littlewondersdays.blogspot.com/2012/10/design-spider.html>

## **Hatching Birds**

Click on the link. When it opens, click the picture to download the pattern.

<http://yourtherapysource.com/freehatch.html>

## **Duck Quack Craft**

A crack up - quack up project!

[http://pennycarnival.typepad.com/penny\\_carnival/2008/08/a-duck-craft-th.html](http://pennycarnival.typepad.com/penny_carnival/2008/08/a-duck-craft-th.html)

## **Den Meeting #15:**

### **Snack Time BINGO**

Fill your entire bingo board with some type of small treat (this sample uses Scrabble Cheeze-its) and in place of marking a square that you get, you take away a treat unveiling the square that you earn.

<http://www.tipjunkie.com/all-crafts/edible-bingo/>

## **Den Meeting #16:**

Make a magnifying glass! Cut a circle out of thin cardboard (recycled cereal box), then cut out a smaller circle inside of the first - to make the 'glass' part. Add a popsicle stick and ta-dum! An easy, fun way to hunt for treasures! Cover in brown or grey duct tape to make it sturdier, or paint it to make it fancier - your choice. It doesn't magnify, but kids love to pretend!

## Crafts on a Shoestring: Yesterday's Junk, Tomorrow's Creations!

# WOLF DEN

### Den Meeting #1: Bobcat and Your Flag

#### Den Flags

Boys love having their own Den Flags! LDS Troops: Keep in mind, you will want something that you change as boys move in-and-out throughout the year. Slightly sewing (tac) down a felt hand with someone's name vs fabric glue will allow for easier transitioning. Dens that move as a single unit at the start of every school year will not need to worry about that.

Ideas:

Handprints as a flame: <http://media-cache-ec0.pinimg.com/originals/b1/84/7a/b1847a00fc3005c7901cfd75d88bb5a.jpg>

Handprints around Den Emblem: <http://media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/dc/26/7f/dc267fc259b7378639f3747149f3c1bf.jpg>

Examples of different flag shapes and ideas for hanging: <http://www.bsa241.org/gallery/var/resizes/Cub%20Pack%20241/2010%20Photos/Blue%20and%20Gold/0%20den%20flags.jpg?m=1325699149>

Generic Flag without names: <http://media-cache-ec0.pinimg.com/originals/23/36/84/233684e1b3ad38d83ca0732aee9b621c.jpg>

Scout Emblem and handprints: <http://media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/15/38/bc/1538bca45f8888697b624419386d8bcc.jpg>

Parent's print behind child's print, symbolizing them working hand-in-hand: <http://media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/39/16/f0/3916f022cc3ea785e34038a2fd266580.jpg>

Sample shows how you could take a single yardage of felt, fold over and sew to make a flag: <http://media-cache-ec0.pinimg.com/originals/f3/a6/ea/f3a6ea702c10e309f7294e28dfe1b611.jpg>

I've often used a solid colored pillowcase (the edges are already finished) as a flag base. Sew up the open end leaving a small slot to allow for flag pole to run through. If desired, sew along the top to create a sleeve for the flag pole. (Please see accumulative list for a graphic of this.)

### Den Meeting #2: Your Flag and Feats of Skill

#### DIY Basketball Hoop

The boy in this YouTube video talks you through his homemade basketball hoop. He uses an old frisbee with the center cut out for the hoop - but improvise here. Cut the bottom out of a large (Costco sized) butter, sour cream or cream cheese carton and use that. It's more of a hoop shape. Or even make mini-hoops using regular size tubs and a smaller cardboard. Use those great removable wall hanging strips that don't ruin paint for hanging on the wall.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ZpcoPTgtgQ>

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## **Trophies**

Make trophies out of cups! Who doesn't love a trophy?

<http://media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/ca/96/e1/ca96e1fda4112feaff47e725cbeb460c.jpg>

## **Den Meeting #3: Your Flag, and Sports Electives**

### **Flip Chore Chart**

Use this for the Wolf Achievement 3a. Boys can open each flap as they complete each task. Instructions are not included, just a photo.

<http://media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/28/69/b6/2869b6dc8bdde8ca68f5557516e5b697.jpg>

## **Den Meeting #4: Keep Your Body Healthy and Bowling Field Trip**

### **First Aid Kit from Pot Holder**

Make this fun first aid kit from a square pot holder and some ziplock bags. A single line sewn down the middle is needed. Boys can - and actually enjoy - pushing the peddle on a sewing machine!

<http://www.finditmakeitloveit.com/2013/04/diy-purse-caddy.html>

### **First Aid Kit from an Altoid Tin**

The video uses a sheet of printed Duct Tape. These are hard to find. You can just use the regular duct tape strips.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGH-zbTOosk&feature=youtu.be>

Duct Tape free version: <http://spoonful.com/crafts/first-aid-kit-and-donation>

## **Spear It**

Use this project to help teach 1st Aid. Try wooden skewers in place of pencils.

<http://4herrerass.blogspot.com/2012/03/spear-it.html>

## **Den Meeting #5: Know Your Home and Community and Be Safe**

### **Milk Carton School Bus - Recycled! (try making this into a firetruck - same process, different paint)**

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### **Footprint Fire Truck**

A painted barefoot is always fun (and only a little messy)! Use each boys' foot as the body of their own firetruck.

<http://sweetandlovelycrafts.blogspot.com/2011/08/footprint-fire-trucks.html>

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## **Den Meeting #6: Know Your Home and Community, Make a Gift, Sing-Along Stand Up Photo Frame from Popsicle Sticks**

So cute and easy to assemble. Looks great with plain popsicle sticks, so decoration is optional. Sometimes, less is more. I think this is one of those times! Pictures can be taken in and out of this frame! Cool!

<http://www2.fiskars.com/Kids-Activities-School/Projects/Kids-Crafts/Summer-Camp/Popsicle-Photo-Frames>

## **Den Meeting #7: Your Living World and Tie It Right Square Knot Bracelet**

The example uses a knitted wire, but paracord is super boy friendly and fun. Use the same process with paracord for a guy-friendly bracelet while teaching the practical Square Knot.

<http://benfranklincraftsmonroe.blogspot.com/2012/04/how-to-square-knot-bracelet-using.html>

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## **Den Meeting #9: Tools for Fixing and Building**

This is a great opportunity to utilize your local Lowes and/or Home Depot free child craft on Saturday mornings. If that's not an option, try this:

### **Wooden Bookends**

Wood cutting and drilling must be done in advance for this project. Instructions include an initial for each bookend, but a baseball, or favorite old toy are great substitutions and can just be glued in place.

<http://www.prettyhandygirl.com/2013/04/kids-bookend-kit-build-your-own-bookend.html>

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### **Guatemalan Clic Clack Creatures**

Paint, bottle caps, scissors, cardboard, construction paper, and glue make these fun noise makers.

<http://greenkidcraftsblog.com/2013/08/19/guatemalan-clic-clack/>

## **Den Meeting #11: Making Choices**

### **Finger Legged Printable Puppets**

Simple and quick puppets. Print out the template and then boys create their own puppets. They could be people, monsters, animals - their imagination is the creative process. Cut out the greyed holes and stick in a cub's two finger as legs and start pretending.

<http://picklebums.com/2013/03/05/finger-leg-puppets/>

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## **Den Meeting #12: Books, Books, Books**

### **How to Draw People**

Kids are sometimes hesitant to draw people. It's just really hard to do! Here are a few helpful links to get them started with something a little more advanced than stick people - just a little.

<http://www.my-how-to-draw.com/how-to-draw-children.html>

<http://www.my-how-to-draw.com/how-to-draw-a-boy.html>

Try stamping a shape from a basic sponge and then have the boys make them into people like this:

<http://apexelementaryart.blogspot.com/2013/02/shape-people.html>

### **Candy People**

Make figurines out of candy! Great project for after Halloween!

<http://isewcute.blogspot.com/2011/10/halloween-crafts-for-kids-to-do-part-1.html>

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## **Den Meeting #13: Pets**

### **SNACK TIME!**

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#### **Charm a Snake**

Make a snake from tissue paper. Vigorously rub a plastic ruler on a piece of wool then use it to "charm" the snake!

<http://deceptivelyeducational.blogspot.com/2013/05/one-very-charming-snake-static.html>

## **Den Meeting #14: American Indian Lore**

### **Indian Lore Shield**

A Native American War Shield is a really boy-friendly craft. They'll love this! Click the link then scroll to the bottom of the page for pictures. I would use one of those sturdy, dense paper plates for the base of this. Use the pictures for examples of what to paint. Glue feathers on the sides, punch holes in the top and tie with leather lacing for hanging.

<http://bookunitteacher.com/indians/crafts/plainscrafts.htm>

~ Den Meeting #14 continued~

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## **Teepee**

Using brown craft foam and a couple of twigs to create these fun teepees!

<http://spoonful.com/crafts/teepee-centerpiece>

## **Milk Jug Totem Pole**

Lots of milk jug crafts on this page. Scroll down for the totem pole instructions. Every den needs a totem pole! Try making one 'head' per den and putting everything together to make one Pack Pole!

<http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/milk-jug-crafts.html>

## **Spin Drum**

I would probably pre-hammer the lids prior to the meeting. I would also use permanent markers so that paint drying time could be avoided. The boys are going to want to start spinning these drums right away!

<http://prudentbaby.com/2012/11/baby-kid/diy-spin-drum/>

## **Den Meeting #15: Marbles**

### **Marble Launch**

Uses a pool noodle cut in half! To race marbles, put something at the bottom to catch them. If you want to launch the marbles, try measuring distance - comparing marble sizes, etc.

<http://spoonful.com/family-fun/marble-launch>

## **Junk Model Marble Run - Recycled!**

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<http://nurturestore.co.uk/marvellous-marbles-how-to-make-a-marble-run>

## **Den Meeting #16: Outdoor Adventure and Fishing**

### **2-liter Tropical Fish**

This example uses paper mache, but I actually BOUGHT one from a craft shop in the mid-west that was made with a clear bottle and they decorated it with permanent markers. It was adorable and I knew for sure my boys would love to make one. Just follow the directions for cutting and assembling (switching out for clear bottle and clear packing tape) and then let the boys decorate. Again, I'd suggest having a sample made up ahead of time to help them 'visualize' the finished product. My fish did not have the milk-jug & googly eyes - I LOVE that addition! Poke a small hole and thread fishing line through the top fin so it can be hung. The markers make for a fun sun-catcher like finish that would be cute outside near the pool.

<http://spoonful.com/crafts/tropical-bottle-fish>

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## BEAR DEN

### **Den Meeting #1: Bobcat, Past is Exciting, Build Muscles**

#### **Family Tree Crafts**

The link below shares 3 great ideas for fun family tree crafts. The one I think best suited for a Den Meeting is the 3-D Family Tree Craft. Please note: The instructions say to use "brown construction paper" for the tree trunk. Brown construction paper would not stand up the way it does in the picture. I would use BROWN POSTER BOARD instead for the trunk. Construction paper would be just fine for the leaves.

<http://www.sheknows.com/parenting/articles/985565/womens-history-month-family-tree-crafts-for-kids>

Not overly artistic? I have created a template for the tree trunk/branches and leaves:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3M8lyzow\\_e2Vjc5UT13c0ViQ2M/edit?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3M8lyzow_e2Vjc5UT13c0ViQ2M/edit?usp=sharing)

Or try this version:

<http://www.simplystacie.net/2013/05/family-photo-tree-craft/>

Perhaps have them add words cut from magazines to describe their families.

### **Den Meeting #2: What Make America Special and Past is Exciting**

#### **Flag Neckerchief Slide**

Pony beads on safety pins grouped together to make a patriotic neckerchief slide. Add a small piece of PVC pipe to the back and slip it on! Not a fan of cutting PVC? Try a piece of the handle on a plastic milk jug.

<http://www.overthebigmoon.com/american-flag-neckerchief-slide-cub-scouts/>

#### **Patriotic Skewers**

Less of a 'craft' and more of an interactive snack! Rice Krispy treats cut with a star cookie cutter, skewer a strawberry, blue berries, and top with a star!

<http://www.5minutesformom.com/57796/making-everyday-food-special-rice-krispy-treat-sparklers/>

#### **Red, White, and Blue Layered Drinks**

A fun drink with a scientific lesson! Uses fruit punch, blue Gatorade, and DIET 7-up or Sprite.

[http://blogs.babycenter.com/life\\_and\\_home/a-patriotic-mocktail-for-the-kids/](http://blogs.babycenter.com/life_and_home/a-patriotic-mocktail-for-the-kids/)

#### **Arizona Facts for Kids**

Arizona has a great kid-friendly page all about our state. I believe that most states will have something similar. Great for teaching about state animals, history, flag, etc.

<http://www.azlibrary.gov/links/kidsaz.aspx>

#### **AZ State Flip Book**

Printable and fun!

<http://firstclassteacher.blogspot.com/2012/03/arizona-symbols-freebies.html>

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## **Den Meeting #3: Ride Right**

### **Mohawk Helmet**

A great gathering activity for bike rodeos, bike safety, etc. Use pipe cleaners to create "mohawks" on the boys' helmets. Removable- won't damage the helmet. Choose pipe cleaners in colors that reinforce your theme. Yellow/Blue for Cubs, Red/White/Blue for American holidays, Black/Orange if it's around Halloween...

<http://spoonful.com/crafts/mohawk-helmet>

### **Bike Streamers**

Make your own using basic supplies. Ribbon can be expensive, an alternative would be colored plastic - like a plastic tablecloth cut into strips.

<http://thechicsite.com/2013/08/06/make-your-own-bike-streamers/>

### **Bike Name Plate**

Try having the boys use code names for this - or create fun license plate like sayings like "I-M-2-Cool" "2-FAST-4-U" "KETCHUP" - this seems safer than having their real names on their bikes.

<http://www.crayola.com/things-to-do/crafts-landing/bike-streamers--plates.aspx>

## **Den Meeting #4: Law Enforcement**

### **Law Enforcement**

Hat Pattern:

[http://www.makingfriends.com/pattern\\_cophat.htm](http://www.makingfriends.com/pattern_cophat.htm)

Hat out of Craft Foam:

[http://www.makingfriends.com/summer/visor\\_police.htm](http://www.makingfriends.com/summer/visor_police.htm)

Thumbprint Police Officer

<http://www.scrappincop.com/2009/08/thumbprint-characters.html>

## **Den Meeting #5: Ways We Worship, Law Enforcement, Sawdust & Nails**

### **Toolbox**

Great basic toolbox pattern:

<http://sawdustmaking.com/Childs%20Toolbox/toolbox.htm>

Looking for a non-wooden option? Try this cardboard version:

<http://thecardboardcollective.com/2013/01/18/build-a-cardboard-toolbox/>

Here is a printable cut and fold paper version:

<http://titatoni.blogspot.de/2012/11/u-120m-bewohner-des-hauses-warender.html>

## **Den Meeting #6: Sawdust & Nails, Games, Games, Games!**

### **Pinewood Derby Car Templates**

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<http://www.smdscouts.com/scouts/forms/clients/Pinewood%20Derby%20Templates.pdf>

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## **Den Meeting #7: What's Cooking?**

### **SNACK TIME!**

#### **Candy Crabs**

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<http://thesevenyearcottage.com/2011/sand-crabs/>

For a healthy snack option, try these **Apple Frogs**

<http://www.cleanandscentsible.com/2011/07/apple-frogs.html>

Or my most favorite;

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Made from red apples (shark), mini marshmallows (teeth), blue jell-o (water), and gold fish with a little peanut butter - glue. If you have a peanut allergy, try frosting. Not as healthy but a little dab will do ya!

<http://kitchenfunwithmy3sons.blogspot.com/2011/08/shark-attack-snack.html>

#### **Knot Your Cookie!**

Cookie recipe for a finished cookie in the shape of a knot. Fun for cubs!

<http://www.delish.com/recipefinder/ribbon-cookies-recipe-opr1211>

#### **Fruit Car**

Made from apple wedges and grapes.

<http://www.bentonbetterlunches.com/2012/01/eating-real-food.html>

## **Den Meeting #8: Be Ready!**

### **First Aid Kit from Pot Holder**

Make this fun first aid kit from a square pot holder and some ziplock bags. A single line sewn down the middle is needed. Boys can - and actually enjoy - pushing the peddle on a sewing machine!

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGh-zbTOosk&feature=youtu.be>

Duct Tape free version: <http://spoonful.com/crafts/first-aid-kit-and-donation>

### **Survival Bracelet**

Paracord bracelets are made with 'paracord' which is the cording used in parachutes. It's strong and very useful in an emergency. They can be worn when hiking/camping and when needed, unwound and be a useful 8' length of rope.

The cording can be purchased from craft stores for about \$4.50 for a 16 foot piece. This will make 2. You can buy it online in larger quantities for less. You can make them with or without clips. Search "paracord bracelets" on <http://www.instructables.com> for

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various patterns and techniques - both with and without clips. Clips & paracord can be purchased from [www.etsy.com](http://www.etsy.com) but be aware of the shipping charges. It may be cheaper to buy from local craft stores with coupons. If you have an army/navy type supply store in your area, they will have the paracord.

## **Den Meeting #9: Building Muscles & Games, Games, Games! Magazine Hockey - Recycled!**

Use rolled and wadded magazines to create hockey sticks and a ball - then let the boys play!

<http://www.toddlerapproved.com/2011/12/magazine-challenge-game-time.html>

## **Cub Scout Olympics**

Outdoor Olympics - not a craft but a fun activity! Try incorporating these fun ideas with some of the physical requirements (ex: Bear Achievement 16)

<http://balancingeverything.com/2012/09/24/cub-scout-olympics/>

## **Den Meeting #10: Saving Well, Spending Well, & Games, Games, Games! Duct Tape Wallet**

A very cool craft. Especially with all the fun duct tape options available now.

<http://www.octanecreative.com/ducttape/howto/>

## **Milk/Juice Carton Wallet**

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Fun for older boys with a little more skill and patience. A craft knife is optional - I'd probably use scissors, but you can determine what your den can handle.

<http://spoonful.com/crafts/carton-wallet>

## **Den Meeting #11: The Past is Exciting and Information Please Story Stones**

Decoupage fabric, magazine cuttings, paper, etc onto stones. Use them to create stories.

<http://www.redbirdcrafts.com/2009/04/mouse-stones.html>

## **Stick Journals**

Use a stick to help bind together a journal or book for your boys.

<http://family.yourway.net/make-stick-journals-for-summer-fun/>

If sticks are hard to come by (and sometimes they are here in AZ!) try a notched popsicle stick as shown here:

<http://www.toddlerapproved.com/2013/10/homemade-lift-flap-book-nick-sharratt.html>

Alternate Activities:

## **Popsicle Stick Chain Reaction**

Not really a craft but a super fun thing to do with craft sticks!

<http://frugalfun4boys.com/2013/05/13/build-a-chain-reaction-with-popsicle-or-craft-sticks/>

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## **Black Out Poems**

In place of creating poems, maybe have the boys find words on the page that describe themselves.

[http://learningparade.typepad.co.uk/learning\\_parade/2011/07/newspaper-blackout-poems.html](http://learningparade.typepad.co.uk/learning_parade/2011/07/newspaper-blackout-poems.html)

## **Snack Time BINGO**

Fill your entire bingo board with some type of small treat (this sample uses Scrabble Cheeze-its) and in place of marking a square that you get, you take away a treat unveiling the square that you earn.

<http://www.tipjunkie.com/all-crafts/edible-bingo/>

## **Den Meeting #12: Sharing Your World With Wildlife pt.1 & Den Meeting #13: Sharing Your World With Wildlife pt.2**

### **Bird Feeders**

Made by mixing gelatin and birdseed together and forming with cookie cutters. They must dry overnight, so put a little wax paper on a paper plate and send them home with the boys.

<http://prudentbaby.com/2012/04/baby-kid/cookie-cutter-bird-feeder/>

### **Angry Bird Pom Pom Balls**

Stack some Dixie cups and play away! MAYBE use your catapult!

<http://www.makeandtakes.com/crafting-with-angry-birds>

### **Guatemalan Clic Clack Creatures**

Paint, bottle caps, scissors, cardboard, construction paper, and glue make these fun noise makers.

<http://greenkidcraftsblog.com/2013/08/19/guatemalan-clic-clack/>

### **Clothespin Animals**

Again, not in english, and not such great instructions, but the link provides a picture, which helps. I would NOT use the tiny clothespin for the head and opt for a drawn-on version. I feel like the weight would be an issue. However, the legs add a cool factor for sure!

<http://www.estefimachado.com.br/2012/04/zoologico-de-pregadores-de-roupa.html>

### **Den Meeting #14: Take Care of Your Planet**

#### **Robots - Recycled!**

Scouts raid their recycle bins to create fun robots to bring to the next meeting.

<http://www.redtedart.com/2010/12/01/kids-get-crafty-robots/>

Or here:

<http://nurturerstore.co.uk/how-to-make-a-junk-model-robot>

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## **Tin Can Windsocks - Recycled!**

The post suggests "outdoor" decoupage medium. If you wanted a cheaper option, make an indoor windsock using the same technique, streamers in place of ribbons, you could even use a piece of paper taped into a cylinder if cans were a problem.

<http://wabisabiwanderings.blogspot.com/2010/07/revamped-recyclables-tin-can-windsock.html>

## **Newspaper Structures - Recycled!**

The kids may not be able to bring this craft home, but I guarantee most will recreate one as soon as they can! Note that the page I am sending you to below actually links to another post to share specific instructions. Note that the original author uses staples, while the link below chooses to use pipe cleaners through a hole punched end. Choose whatever works best with your group and supplies you have on hand.

<http://innerchildfun.com/2011/10/newspaper-play-structures.html>

## **Cardboard Roll Racetracks - Recycled!**

Using cardboard fabric rolls (see if a fabric store will donate) create large runs. Possible adaptation, use wrapping paper and paper towel tubes taped together for shorter heights. The author from this article created a run from the 2nd floor to the 1st floor. If going shorter distances, perhaps from the top of a chair, then I believe that the wrapping paper and paper towel tubes would be sufficient. In place of cars, try marbles or dry beans.

<http://www.bigdandme.com/2011/09/fun-with-rolls/>

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<http://nurturerstore.co.uk/marvellous-marbles-how-to-make-a-marble-run>

## **Plastic Bottle Beads**

This craft requires a few tools - which you will want to borrow if possible. A heat gun is used in rubber stamping, so ask around. If not, you can buy one for \$15-\$20. Great way to use your discount coupon from Michaels or Hobby Lobby. The tutorial is a great step-by-step video. The instructor mentions using needle-nose pliers, but shows round-nose pliers (used in jewelry making) either will do. It would be helpful to have the boys bring their own pliers so that they could be rolling and ready when the heat gun was available.

<http://thefrugalcrafter.wordpress.com/2011/04/06/lets-make-beads-for-free/>

## **DIY Basketball Hoop**

The boy in this YouTube video talks you through his homemade basketball hoop. He uses an old frisbee with the center cut out for the hoop - but improvise here. Cut the bottom out of a large (Costco sized) butter, sour cream or cream cheese carton and use that. It's more of a hoop shape. Or even make mini-hoops using regular size tubs and a

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smaller cardboard. Use those great removable wall hanging strips that don't ruin paint for hanging on the wall.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ZpcoPTgtgQ>

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<http://www.smdscouts.com/scouts/forms/clients/Pinewood%20Derby%20Templates.pdf>

## **Trophies**

Make trophies out of cups! Who doesn't love a trophy?

<http://media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/ca/96/e1/ca96e1fda4112feaff47e725cbeb460c.jpg>

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## **WEBELOS**

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Talk about healthy milk drinking - then make one of these:

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#### **Back-to-Back Journal**

Simple supplies make these cool journals. A little more complex - great for older boys.

<http://www.designmom.com/2013/07/diy-hand-sewn-book-dos-a-dos-technique/>

#### **Recycled Notebook with Crayon Holder**

This notebook is made from cardboard from the pantry (cereal box). It has a fun holder for crayons on the front - for those artistic boys - or you can just make it with a single loop for a pen for those who are more interested in words.

<http://childhoodlist.blogspot.com/2012/02/95-cereal-box-notebook-with-crayon.html>

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## **Den Meeting #3:**

### **Butterfly Feeder**

A project that could be done by younger boys, if you had a few extra adults around. Perfect for Webelos!

<https://brightnest.com/posts/attract-butterflies-by-making-a-diy-feeder-in-6-simple-steps>

### **Law of the Pack Game**

Think pick up sticks ~

<http://cubscoutideas.com/1821/cub-scout-law-of-the-pack-activity/>

## **Den Meeting #4:**

### **3D Map**

A fun way to "make a map of your neighborhood". Try using these 3D printable shapes for buildings. I could not find instructions for making the city, but the photo below shows you what you can do with the printable 3D shapes found on the link.

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Free-Nets-of-3D-Shapes-189270>



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## **Den Meeting #5:**

### **Den Flags**

Boys love having their own Den Flags! LDS Troops: Keep in mind, you will want something that you change as boys move in-and-out throughout the year. Slightly sewing (tac) down a felt hand with someone's name vs fabric glue will allow for easier

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transitioning. Dens that move as a single unit at the start of every school year will not need to worry about that. Ideas:

Handprints become the flame: <http://media-cache-ec0.pinimg.com/originals/b1/84/7a/b1847a00fc3005c7901cfd75d88bb5a.jpg>

Handprints around Den emblem: <http://media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/dc/26/7f/dc267fc259b7378639f3747149f3c1bf.jpg>

Examples of different shapes and idea for hanging: <http://www.bsa241.org/gallery/var/resizes/Cub%20Pack%20241/2010%20Photos/Blue%20and%20Gold/0%20den%20flags.jpg?m=1325699149>

Generic Flag without names: <http://media-cache-ec0.pinimg.com/originals/23/36/84/233684e1b3ad38d83ca0732aee9b621c.jpg>

Scout Emblem and handprints: <http://media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/15/38/bc/1538bca45f8888697b624419386d8bcc.jpg>

Parent's print behind child's print, symbolizing them working hand-in-hand: <http://media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/39/16/f0/3916f022cc3ea785e34038a2fd266580.jpg>

Sample shows how you could take a single yardage of felt, fold over and sew to make a flag: <http://media-cache-ec0.pinimg.com/originals/f3/a6/ea/f3a6ea702c10e309f7294e28dfe1b611.jpg>

I've often used a solid colored pillowcase (the edges are already finished) as a flag base. Sew up the open end (shown by white dotted line) leaving a small slot to allow for flag pole to run through. If desired, sew along the top to create a sleeve for the flag pole. (Please see accumulative list for a graphic of this.)

## **Flip Chore Chart**

Use this for the Wolf Achievement 3a. Boys can open each flap as they complete each task.

<http://www.mynameissnickerdoodle.com/2012/08/do-i-hear-1000.html>

## **Den Meeting #6:**

### **Make a CSI Kit**

When you first click on this link, they will ask you to join their site for free - if you don't want to do that, just click on the 'x' and close out that window. You will still be taken to the instructions. You do not have to sign up to see this page.

<http://www.education.com/activity/article/forensice-science-csi-kit/>

## **Den Meeting #7:**

### **Jeopardy Game**

I laugh when I read the Den Meeting Plans, and for legal reasons they can not use the word "Jeopardy". It took me a few minutes to figure out what they were suggesting! See the following links for online versions:

<http://edbdscouts.com/Webelos/indexJeo.html>

<http://www.superteachertools.com/jeopardy/usergames/Sep201136/game1315584241.php>

<https://jeopardylabs.com/play/webelos-citizen-jeopardy>

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## **Football Game**

No internet connection? Need something more active? Try this version:

<http://scoutermom.com/588/citizenship-football-game/>

## **Den Meeting #8:**

### **Wet Chalk Art**

Cool technique to make fun art.

<http://www.momto2poshlildivas.com/2013/07/wet-chalk-tape-resist-art-for-kids.html>

### **Black Glue Art**

Outline with the black glue and then paint with watercolors in-between the lines.

<http://pinkandgreenmama.blogspot.com/2011/08/black-glue-and-watercolor-resist.html>

Try a butterfly:

<http://kidworldcitizen.org/2012/10/31/monarch-butterfly-art-for-kids/>

### **Make Your Own Beads**

Use the pattern to help manage sizes for the boys. Scrapbook paper is great, but try magazine pages to make this budget and recycle bin friendly.

<http://www.papervinenz.com/2012/07/paper-bead-tutorial-summer-fun.html>

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<http://spoonful.com/crafts/easy-weave-newsprint-basket>

### **Flag Neckerchief Slide**

Pony beads on safety pins grouped together to make a patriotic neckerchief slide. Add a small piece of PVC pipe to the back and slip it on! Not a fan of cutting PVC? Try a piece of the handle on a plastic milk jug.

<http://www.overthebigmoon.com/american-flag-neckerchief-slide-cub-scouts/>

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## **Pinewood Derby Slide**

Two wooden pieces from the clothespin are glued back-to-back, add paint and a few beads and perfection!

<http://channelingwhittlinjim.blogspot.com/2011/06/pinewood-derby-racer.html>

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## **Den Meeting #9:**

### **Story Stones**

Decoupage fabric, magazine cuttings, paper, etc onto stones. Use them to create stories.

Use this idea to label rocks after you have figured out the hardness.

<http://www.redbirdcrafts.com/2009/04/mouse-stones.html>

## **Sling Shot and Rocks!**

Sounds like a dangerous combination - but try this version.

First, make rocks out of cotton balls like shown here:

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Cotton-Ball-Rocks/>

Second, make a sling out of 12 feet of paracord. (See the post about Paracord Bracelets for information about purchasing paracord). This is something really only suitable for older boys. Talk about safety and NOT putting REAL rocks in the sling. I would also let parents know that this is coming home - they may want to reiterate that REAL rocks should never be used. Otherwise, you'll end up with some angry neighbors and broken windows!

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Rock-Sling-1/>

## **Den Meeting #10:**

### **Volcanos**

Several different options with varying supplies and skill levels:

Erupting eggs: <http://mommasfunworld.blogspot.com/2013/03/volcano-egg-science.html>

Super Easy Volcano (goodbye moge podge - hello tinfoil!): <http://jennwa.blogspot.com/2009/05/super-easy-volcanos.html>

Mini-Volcano: <http://crayonboxchronicles.com/2013/07/08/mini-volcano-eruption-craft/>

Homemade Playdough Volcano: uses found objects from nature as landscape around the volcano <http://www.artfulparent.com/2011/02/volcano-eruptions-in-our-kitchen.html>

## **Fossils**

Create fossil rubbings. Just sketch (or print from google images) a basic, simple dinosaur fossil (try typing in "simple dino clip art"). Outline everything with glue - let dry. Then do a rubbing!

<http://www.papercraftsforchildren.com/2012/02/16/glue-print-fossil-rubbing/>

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<http://curiouslittlekid.com/preschool-crafts/d-dinosaur/>

## **Den Meeting #11:**

### **Simple Electric Motors**

#### Comics

A fun comic to teach the boys in the process. A tried and true project!

<http://www.instructables.com/id/E8CC8DU4IYEP2866C2/>

Battery, Wire, & Magnet A youtube video demo is included on the link:

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Simple-Homopolar-Electric-Motor/>

\*Search instructables.com or youtube for "simple electric motors". There are tons of ideas!

## **Den Meeting #12:**

### **Online Interactive Floor Plan Creator**

Digital way to create a floor plan

<http://www.floorplanner.com/help/tour>

## **Bridges**

Out of straws: [http://www.ehow.com/how\\_6620094\\_make-bridge-out-straws.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_6620094_make-bridge-out-straws.html)

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Out of spaghetti: [http://www.ehow.com/how\\_7694082\\_make-strong-spaghetti-bridge.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_7694082_make-strong-spaghetti-bridge.html)

## **Den Meeting #13:**

### **Pinewood Derby Car Templates**

Having the boys make their own design is great - but often really hard. It's tough for them to imagine how their flat sketch will work on a 3D car. This link includes a blank for boys to draw their own designs and tons of templates that they can choose from for

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many basic car shapes. My boys would take these pre-made shapes and edit them into their own designs, but having this as a starting point was very helpful.

## **Toolbox**

Great basic toolbox pattern:

<http://sawdustmaking.com/Childs%20Toolbox/toolbox.htm>

Looking for a non-wooden option? Try this cardboard version:

<http://thecardboardcollective.com/2013/01/18/build-a-cardboard-toolbox/>

Here is a printable cut and fold paper version:

<http://titatoni.blogspot.de/2012/11/u-120m-bewohner-des-hauses-warender.html>

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## **Den Meeting #14:**

### **Stand Up Photo Frame from Popsicle Sticks**

So cute and easy to assemble. Looks great with plain popsicle sticks, so decoration is optional. Sometimes, less is more. I think this is one of those times! Pictures can be taken in and out of this frame! Cool!

<http://www2.fiskars.com/Kids-Activities-School/Projects/Kids-Crafts/Summer-Camp/Popsicle-Photo-Frames>

## **Pinewood Derby Trophy Stand**

This takes some serious adult supervision - and someone with some real tools/ experience. Only something I would do with older boys, but great idea and fairly inexpensive when you are making several at a time. A great service that the Webelos could provide for the entire pack!

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Pinewood-Derby-Trophy-Stand/>

## **Pinewood Derby Car Display Stand**

Simpler and easier for boys to make with less assistance. You will need a mitre saw - or mitre box. Probably more suitable for Bears and up.

<http://spamandhamsters.blogspot.com/2011/02/pinewood-derby-building-cool-car-stand.html>

## **Den Meeting #15:**

### **Make a mini-notebook**

Out of a box of cereal! <http://www.cremedelacraft.com/2012/06/diy-mini-notebook-from-cereal-box.html>

## **Leather Notebook**

What boy wouldn't love a leather notebook?

<http://duofiberworks.com/journal/2010/12/6/tutorial-rustic-leather-sketchbook.html>

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## **Den Meeting #16:**

### **Snake Puppet**

The snake puppet isn't much harder than the classic paper bag puppet - but so much more fun!

<http://eastcoastmommyblog.blogspot.ca/2013/07/ecm-kids-craft-club-17-snake-puppet-and.html>

### **Egg Carton Chicks**

Use two egg cartons to make a chick.

<http://paperplateandplane.wordpress.com/2011/03/19/easter-egg-carton-chicks/>

### **Easy Origami Rabbit**

An easy origami project for kids.

<http://tinkerlab.com/easy-origami-for-kids-origami-rabbit/>

### **Hatching Birds**

Click on the link. When it opens, click the picture to download the pattern.

<http://yourtherapysource.com/freehatch.html>

### **Guatemalan Clic Clack Creatures**

Paint, bottle caps, scissors, cardboard, construction paper, and glue make these fun noise makers.

<http://greenkidcraftsblog.com/2013/08/19/guatemalan-clic-clack/>

### **Egg Carton Dragon**

<http://nurturerstore.co.uk/egg-box-dragon>

### **Finger Legged Printable Puppets**

Simple and quick puppets. Print out the template and then boys create their own puppets. They could be people, monsters, animals - their imagination is the creative process. Cut out the greyed holes and stick in a cub's two finger as legs and start pretending.

<http://picklebums.com/2013/03/05/finger-leg-puppets/>

### **How to Draw People**

Kids are sometimes hesitant to draw people. It's just really hard to do! Here are a few helpful links to get them started with something a little more advanced than stick people - just a little.

<http://www.my-how-to-draw.com/how-to-draw-children.html>

<http://www.my-how-to-draw.com/how-to-draw-a-boy.html>

Try stamping a shape from a basic sponge and then have the boys make them into people like this:

<http://apexelementaryart.blogspot.com/2013/02/shape-people.html>

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## **Candy People**

Make figurines out of candy! Great project for after Halloween!

<http://isewcute.blogspot.com/2011/10/halloween-crafts-for-kids-to-do-part-1.html>

## **Den Meeting #17:**

Every song needs a Kazoo!

### **Craft Stick Kazoo**

The boys will love this - maybe not their parents :)

<http://craftclub.com/craft/craft-stick-kazoo>

## **Hovercraft**

Made from a CD, water bottle cap and balloon.

<http://scribbit.blogspot.com/2010/08/summer-kid-crafts-make-hovercraft.html>

This other version used a flip-top water bottle cap. A little harder to find but maybe easier to use? Try both and decide for yourself.

<http://www.thechocolatemuffintree.com/2011/06/cd-hovercraft.html>

## **Den Meeting #18:**

### **Felt Animal Masks**

A template is available for this one. Just cut from felt and glue with felt glue. I would suggest adding some ribbon on the sides to tie it around the child's head.

<http://prudentbaby.com/2012/10/baby-kid/diy-animal-masks-free-template/>

## **Monster T-Shirt**

This example shows 'Yo Gabba Gabba' but you could make any design, using an image from the internet.

<http://www.iheartmygluegun.com/2011/08/yo-gabba-gabba-in-da-houuussee.html>

## **Super Cape - Recycled!**

You can make two from a pair of men's trousers. Just cut the seam and sew on a piece of matching ribbon for the tie (for safety reasons - maybe attach one end of the tie to velcro squares so that it can be pulled away)

<http://www.redtedart.com/2012/08/31/how-to-make-an-upcycled-batman-costume/>

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## **Alphabetical List of Craft Ideas**

### **3D Food Pyramid**

Print and fold this pyramid.

<http://www.ellenjmchenry.com/homeschool-freedownloads/lifesciences-games/documents/3DFoodPyramids.pdf>

### **3D Map**

A fun way to "make a map of your neighborhood". Try using these 3D printable shapes for buildings. I could not find instructions for making the city, but the photo below shows you what you can do with the printable 3D shapes found on the link.

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Free-Nets-of-3D-Shapes-189270>



## **A-**

### **Airplane from Clothes Pins**

I would glue together and then color with permanent markers. Again because painting takes too much time. Another option would be to base coat everything prior to that night so that they were colored and then decorate with markers.

The airplane instructions are found on slide 4. Click "NEXT" through the pictures until you get to the airplane.

<http://www.parents.com/fun/arts-crafts/kid/simple-wood-crafts>

The **Dragonfly Clip** is fun as well. Go to slide 9.

### **Angry Bird Pom Pom Balls**

Stack some Dixie cups and play away! MAYBE use your catapult!

<http://www.makeandtakes.com/crafting-with-angry-birds>

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## **Clothespin Animals**

Again, not in english, and not such great instructions, but the link provides a picture, which helps. I would NOT use the tiny clothespin for the head and opt for a drawn-on version. I feel like the weight would be an issue. However, the legs add a cool factor for sure!

<http://www.estefimachado.com.br/2012/04/zoologico-de-pregadores-de-roupa.html>

## **CD Apple -Recycle!**

Little guys would love this! Drawing on their finger to make a little worm to stick through the apple will be the highlight of this craft! The instructions are NOT in english - but you know what they say "a picture is worth a thousand words"!

<http://krokotak.com/2013/09/tcherveytcheto-i-yabalkata/>

## **Individual Apple Pies**

A fun activity that will teach basic cooking skills and end with a yummy pie baked in just 15 minutes! Include the apple activities if you'd like.

<http://theeducatorsspinonit.blogspot.com/2011/09/little-hands-that-cook-with-books-apple.html>

## **Arizona Facts for Kids**

Arizona has a great kid-friendly page all about our state. I believe that most states will have something similar. Great for teaching about state animals, history, flag, etc.

<http://www.azlibrary.gov/links/kidsaz.aspx>

## **Arizona State Flip Book**

Printable and fun!

<http://firstclassteacher.blogspot.com/2012/03/arizona-symbols-freebies.html>

## **B-**

### **DIY Basketball Hoop**

The boy in this YouTube video talks you through his homemade basketball hoop. He uses an old frisbee with the center cut out for the hoop - but improvise here. Cut the bottom out of a large (Costco sized) butter, sour cream or cream cheese carton and use that. It's more of a hoop shape. Or even make mini-hoops using regular size tubs and a smaller cardboard. Use those great removable wall hanging strips that don't ruin paint for hanging on the wall.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ZpcoPTgtgQ>

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## **Bike Name Plate**

Try having the boys use code names for this - or create fun license plate like sayings like "I-M-2-Cool" "2-FAST-4-U" "KETCHUP" - this seems safer than having their real names on their bikes.

<http://www.crayola.com/things-to-do/crafts-landing/bike-streamers--plates.aspx>

## **Bike Streamers**

Make your own using basic supplies. Ribbon can be expensive, an alternative would be colored plastic - like a plastic tablecloth cut into strips.

<http://thechicsite.com/2013/08/06/make-your-own-bike-streamers/>

## **Toilet Paper Tube Binoculars**

These classic creations are great for younger boys. This example makes really cool looking binoculars, but requires camouflage felt. This could be substituted with tissue paper, construction paper, magazine clippings - or good old markers :)

<http://thekrazycouponlady.com/family/edit-repurposeful-play-turn-toilet-paper-rolls-into-kids-binoculars/>

## **Bird Feeders**

Made by mixing gelatin and birdseed together and forming with cookie cutters. They must dry overnight, so put a little wax paper on a paper plate and send them home with the boys.

<http://prudentbaby.com/2012/04/baby-kid/cookie-cutter-bird-feeder/>

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## **Black Glue Art**

Outline with the black glue and then paint with watercolors in-between the lines.

<http://pinkandgreenmama.blogspot.com/2011/08/black-glue-and-watercolor-resist.html>

Try a butterfly:

<http://kidworldcitizen.org/2012/10/31/monarch-butterfly-art-for-kids/>

## **Black Out Poems**

In place of creating poems, maybe have the boys find words on the page that describe themselves.

[http://learningparade.typepad.co.uk/learning\\_parade/2011/07/newspaper-blackout-poems.html](http://learningparade.typepad.co.uk/learning_parade/2011/07/newspaper-blackout-poems.html)

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## **Bow and Arrow- PVC**

So cool! The boys will love this craft! I would precut the pieces so the boys just needed to assemble the bows that night. Bows could be decorated with colored duct tape.

<http://www.skiptomylou.org/2012/07/24/diy-pvc-bow-and-arrow/>

For a fun target, try these **BALLOON NINJAS!**

Instructions are not included - but draw faces on helium balloons and weight them down. The photo shows balloons filled with something, probably sand. So fun!

<http://lolsnaps.com/news/46882/0/>

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## **Butterfly Feeder**

A project that could be done by younger boys, if you had a few extra adults around. Perfect for Webelos!

<http://brightnest.com/posts/attract-butterflies-by-making-a-diy-feeder-in-6-simple-steps>

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## **C-**

### **Toilet Paper Roll Campfire**

Toilet paper rolls painted brown become the logs, with yellow and orange tissue paper flames! A great centerpiece for tables at any scouting event.

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/scouts/mcampafiretp.htm>

### **Cardboard Climbing Toy (Spaceship)**

The example is for a spaceship, but a monkey would be cute - or whatever shape fits your theme. The project would be the same, just change the shape of the cardboard pieces. Rather than a moon and spaces ship, a monkey going to a banana, or a race car to the finish line or flags - the possibilities are endless!

<http://www.pinkstripeysocks.com/2013/09/cardboard-spaceship-climbing-toy.html>

### **Craft Stick Catapult**

All boys love catapults! Made with craft sticks and rubber bands this thing will really shoot his mini-marshmallows!

<http://doitandhow.com/2011/10/01/craft-stick-catapult/>

### **Popsicle Stick Christmas Trees**

Expensive at \$6 each - but SO cute!

<http://www.revamphomegoods.com/2011/12/copycat-holidays-west-elm-scalloped.html?showComment=1324127625343>

### **Cloud Dough**

Feels like flour when you run your fingers through it but surprise! It's moldable! Made from flour and baby oil.

<http://www.jugglingwithkids.com/2011/11/cloud-dough.html>

### **Cloud Jars**

Shaving cream, food coloring and an eye dropper make for fun cloud science in a jar!

<http://www.learnwithplayathome.com/2012/04/cloud-jars.html>

### **Coffee Filter Art**

Use this technique to create any shape; monsters (as shown), leaves, christmas trees, etc. Coffee filters, washable markers, and a spray bottle.

<http://www.housingaforest.com/monster-marker-prints/>

### **Color Mixing for All Ages**

Scientific: <http://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2008/09/yellow-and-blue-make-green.html>

Artistic: <http://artlessonsforkids.me/2010/12/01/mixing-colors-in-grade-one/>

Edible (color frosting inside ziplock bags and then ice graham crackers): <http://thecreativekindergartener.blogspot.com/search/label/science>

See-through blending color wheel (paint free): <http://mamaslittlemuse.blogspot.com/2012/02/shamrock-color-viewer-craft-and-tool-in.html>

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Artistic: <http://amomwithalessonplan.com/painting-fun-with-mixing-colors/>

Mess Free: <http://www.thefrugalnavywife.com/?p=69722>

Messy, but fun: <http://preschool-daze.com/2012/01/24/m-is-for-mouse-paint-with-a-movie/>

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Color Mixing through DIY playdough: <http://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/making-colored-play-dough-mixing-colors/>

## **Printable Mix & Match Coloring Book**

Cut along the dotted lines to be able to mix and match the story and art. A fun take on the classic Mad Gabs.

<http://b-inspiredmama.com/2013/08/printable-coloring-book/>

## **Knot Your Cookie!**

Cookie recipe for a finished cookie in the shape of a knot. Fun for cubs!

<http://www.delish.com/recipefinder/ribbon-cookies-recipe-opr1211>

## **Crossbow Pencils**

This one REALLY shoots! You MUST talk safety first and have some targets to shoot at. I'd also dull the points of your skewers.

<http://gizmodo.com/5422121/how-to-build-a-pencil-crossbow/>

## **Make a CSI Kit**

When you first click on this link, they will ask you to join their site for free - if you don't want to do that, just click on the 'x' and close out that window. You will still be taken to the instructions. You do not have to sign up to see this page.

<http://www.education.com/activity/article/forensice-science-csi-kit/>

## **D-**

### **Decoder**

SO COOL! Completes Wolf Elective 1a, AND Webelos Communicator 5 - but would be TONS of fun for all boys!

<http://spoonful.com/crafts/super-decoder>

Here is a template if you want an easier version:

<http://www.secretcodebreaker.com/ciphrdk.html>

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[www.kidsactivitiesblog.com/15493/scout-swaps-dinosaur-fossils](http://www.kidsactivitiesblog.com/15493/scout-swaps-dinosaur-fossils)

## **Drinking Straw Flute**

9 drinking straws cut to specific lengths actually do make a magical flute.

<http://deceptivelyeducational.blogspot.com/2012/04/making-magic-drinking-straw-flute.html>

## **Duck Quack Craft**

A crack up - quack up project!

[http://pennycarnival.typepad.com/penny\\_carnival/2008/08/a-duck-craft-th.html](http://pennycarnival.typepad.com/penny_carnival/2008/08/a-duck-craft-th.html)

## **Duct Tape Rockets and Launcher**

NOT an easy project. Will take advance planning and prep by some adults - but the boys can build their own rockets and everyone will have a blast launching them together!

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Duct-Tape-Rockets/>

## **Duct Tape Wallet**

A very cool craft. Especially with all the fun duct tape options available now.

<http://www.octanecreative.com/ducttape/howto/>

## **E-**

### **Egg Carton Chicks**

Use two egg cartons to make a chick.

<http://paperplateandplane.wordpress.com/2011/03/19/easter-egg-carton-chicks/>

### **Egg Carton Dragon**

<http://nurturestore.co.uk/egg-box-dragon>

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## **Simple Electric Motors**

### Comics

A fun comic to teach the boys in the process. A tried and true project!

<http://www.instructables.com/id/E8CC8DU4IYEP2866C2/>

Battery, Wire, & Magnet A youtube video demo is included on the link:

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Simple-Homopolar-Electric-Motor/>

\*Search instructables.com or youtube for "simple electric motors". There are tons of ideas!

## **F-**

### **Crazy Faces**

Cut different magazine pieces and glue them together to create silly faces. A fun - easy - self-led project with minimal cost

<http://jennwa.blogspot.com/2009/07/funny-faces.html>

### **Fall Felt Garland, No Sew**

Cut out leaf shapes, thread string and hang!

<http://www.sunhatsandwellieboots.com/2013/10/no-sew-autumn-garland-for-toddlers.html>

### **Family Tree Crafts**

The link below shares 3 great ideas for fun family tree crafts. The one I think best suited for a Den Meeting is the 3-D Family Tree Craft. Please note: The instructions say to use "brown construction paper" for the tree trunk. Brown construction paper would not stand up the way it does in the picture. I would use BROWN POSTER BOARD instead for the trunk. Construction paper would be just fine for the leaves.

<http://www.sheknows.com/parenting/articles/985565/womens-history-month-family-tree-crafts-for-kids>

Not overly artistic? I have created this template for the tree trunk/branches and leaves:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3M8lyzow\\_e2Vjc5UTI3c0ViQ2M/edit?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3M8lyzow_e2Vjc5UTI3c0ViQ2M/edit?usp=sharing)

Or try this version:

<http://www.simplystacie.net/2013/05/family-photo-tree-craft/>

Perhaps have them add words cut from magazines to describe their families.

### **First Aid Kit from an Altoid Tin**

The video uses a sheet of printed Duct Tape. These are hard to find. You can just use the regular duct tape strips.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGH-zbTOosk&feature=youtu.be>

Duct Tape free version: <http://spoonful.com/crafts/first-aid-kit-and-donation>

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## **First Aid Kit from Pot Holder**

Make this fun first aid kit from a square pot holder and some ziplock bags. A single line sewn down the middle is needed. Boys can - and actually enjoy - pushing the peddle on a sewing machine!

<http://www.finditmakeitloveit.com/2013/04/diy-purse-caddy.html>

## **Tropical Fish from a 2-liter**

This example uses paper mache, but I actually BOUGHT one from a craft shop in the mid-west that was made with a clear bottle and they decorated it with permanent markers. It was adorable and I knew for sure my boys would love to make one. Just follow the directions for cutting and assembling (switching out for clear bottle and clear packing tape) and then let the boys decorate. Again, I'd suggest having a sample made up ahead of time to help them 'visualize' the finished product. My fish did not have the milk-jug & googly eyes - I LOVE that addition! Poke a small hole and thread fishing line through the top fin so it can be hung. The markers make for a fun sun-catcher like finish that would be cute outside near the pool.

<http://spoonful.com/crafts/tropical-bottle-fish>

## **Flag Neckerchief Slide**

Pony beads on safety pins grouped together to make a patriotic neckerchief slide. Add a small piece of PVC pipe to the back and slip it on! Not a fan of cutting PVC? Try a piece of the handle on a plastic milk jug.

<http://www.overthebigmoon.com/american-flag-neckerchief-slide-cub-scouts/>

## **Flip Chore Chart**

Use this for the Wolf Achievement 3a. Boys can open each flap as they complete each task.

<http://www.mynameissnickerdoodle.com/2012/08/do-i-hear-1000.html>

## **Online Interactive Floor Plan Creator**

Digital way to create a floor plan

<http://www.floorplanner.com/help/tour>

## **Flowers - Egg-Carton, Recycled!**

The classic egg-carton flowers are always a hit and a great gift. Think about delivering them to a nursing center, or homeless shelter. These bright flowers are a welcomed gift any time of year!

<http://www.kitchencounterchronicle.com/2011/05/may-flowers.html>

## **Paper Plate Food Art**

Plan out a nutritious meal that they boys can draw or paint onto paper plates. This helps them understand portion control as well.

<http://www.homeschoolviews.com/articles/feature/foodpyramid.html>

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## **Food Pyramid Bracelet**

Use the inexpensive pony beads to represent each of the food groups. A good visual reminder about what to eat and how often.

<http://www.aitcla.org/docs/foodpyramidbracelet.pdf>

## **Footprint Fire Truck**

A painted barefoot is always fun (and only a little messy)! Use each boys' foot as the body of their own firetruck.

<http://sweetandlovelycrafts.blogspot.com/2011/08/footprint-fire-trucks.html>

## **Fossils**

Create fossil rubbings. Just sketch (or print from google images) a basic, simple dinosaur fossil (try typing in "simple dino clip art"). Outline everything with glue - let dry. (I did this with hot glue to speed up the process) Then do a rubbing!

<http://www.papercraftsforchildren.com/2012/02/16/glue-print-fossil-rubbing/>

## **Stand Up Photo Frame from Popsicle Sticks**

So cute and easy to assemble. Looks great with plain popsicle sticks, so decoration is optional. Sometimes, less is more. I think this is one of those times! Pictures can be taken in and out of this frame! Cool!

<http://www2.fiskars.com/Kids-Activities-School/Projects/Kids-Crafts/Summer-Camp/Popsicle-Photo-Frames>

## **G-**

### **Glowing Eyeballs**

The dollar store sells the supplies for this craft: Ping Pong Balls and battery operated tea light candles. Decorate with markers and you've got one creepy and boy approved craft perfect for Halloween!

<http://kimberlystoney.blogspot.com/2012/11/glowing-eye-halloween-activity.html>

### **Growing Geodes Inside of Eggs**

This is SO cool, but you will need a lidded jar to go home with each boy as the egg shells must soak for 12+ hours.

<http://www.makelifelovely.com/2013/03/how-to-grow-geode-in-egg.html>

### **Guatemalan Clic Clack Creatures**

Paint, bottle caps, scissors, cardboard, construction paper, and glue make these fun noise makers.

<http://greenkidcraftsblog.com/2013/08/19/guatemalan-clic-clack/>

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## **H-**

### **Mohawk Helmet**

A great gathering activity for bike rodeos, bike safety, etc. Use pipe cleaners to create "mohawks" on the boys' helmets. Removable- won't damage the helmet. Choose pipe cleaners in colors that reinforce your theme. Yellow/Blue for Cubs, Red/White/Blue for American holidays, Black/Orange if it's around Halloween...

<http://spoonful.com/crafts/mohawk-helmet>

### **Hockey from Magazines, Recycled!**

Use rolled and wadded magazines to create hockey sticks and a ball - then let the boys play!

<http://www.toddlerapproved.com/2011/12/magazine-challenge-game-time.html>

### **Homemade Slime**

Borax, Elmers Glue and a little water - add a little food color for fun! Read through entire post to understand the process. You will have to keep 'mushing' to get the right consistency. The writer also suggests white glue vs clear. I have only tried white.

<http://www.ourbestbites.com/2010/09/kids-in-the-kitchen-slime/>

### **Hovercraft**

Made from a CD, water bottle cap and balloon.

<http://scribbit.blogspot.com/2010/08/summer-kid-crafts-make-hovercraft.html>

This other version used a flip-top water bottle cap. A little harder to find but maybe easier to use? Try both and decide for yourself.

<http://www.thechocolatemuffintree.com/2011/06/cd-hovercraft.html>

## **I-**

### **Indian Lore Shield**

A Native American War Shield is a really boy-friendly craft. They'll love this! Click the link then scroll to the bottom of the page for pictures. I would use one of those sturdy, dense paper plates for the base of this. Use the pictures for examples of what to paint. Glue feathers on the sides, punch holes in the top and tie with leather lacing for hanging.

<http://bookunitsteacher.com/indians/crafts/plainscrafts.htm>

## **J-**

### **Journal - Back-to-Back**

Simple supplies make these cool journals. A little more complex - great for older boys.

<http://www.designmom.com/2013/07/diy-hand-sewn-book-dos-a-dos-technique/>

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## **K-**

### **Craft Stick Kazoo**

The boys will love this - maybe not their parents :)

<http://www.sophie-world.com/crafts/popsicle-stick-kazoo>

### **Knot Board**

Knock down the cost of this project by using found objects rather than purchased. For example, mount everything on a piece of recycled cardboard, tie knots around cardboard tubes (toilet paper, paper towels, wrapping paper). Using colored wire is awesome, but could be hard to actually make the knots. Maybe use colored yarn and then lay it out flat on the table and put a piece of colored packing tape on top of it. Take that "preserved" knot and tape it to the display board.

[http://www.e-scoutcraft.com/misc/knot\\_board.html](http://www.e-scoutcraft.com/misc/knot_board.html)

## **L-**

### **Lava Lamps**

Use water bottles, vegetable oil, food coloring and the secret ingredient: Alka Seltzer.

<http://mommasfunworld.blogspot.com/2012/03/lava-lamp.html>

### **Law Enforcement**

Hat Pattern:

[http://www.makingfriends.com/pattern\\_cophat.htm](http://www.makingfriends.com/pattern_cophat.htm)

Hat out of Craft Foam:

[http://www.makingfriends.com/summer/visor\\_police.htm](http://www.makingfriends.com/summer/visor_police.htm)

Thumbprint Police Officer

<http://www.scrappincop.com/2009/08/thumbprint-characters.html>

### **Law of the Pack Game**

Think pick up sticks ~

<http://cubscoutideas.com/1821/cub-scout-law-of-the-pack-activity/>

### **Leaf Creations**

In AZ fall leaves are hard to come by - so make your own!

<http://www.livecrafteat.com/craft/fall-leaf-crafts-kids/>

Once you've made your leaves, this would be a fun activity. It's a makeshift leaf hunt complete with a story and magnifying glasses. Younger boys would love this!

<http://letslassothemoon.com/2013/09/26/kids-leaf-hunt/>

### **Lift the Flap Book**

Few supplies are required, but lots of scout creativity is needed! This project can be used for any subject.

<http://www.toddlerapproved.com/2013/10/homemade-lift-flap-book-nick-sharratt.html>

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## **M-**

### **Marble Launch**

Uses a pool noodle cut in half! To race marbles, put something at the bottom to catch them. If you want to launch the marbles, try measuring distance - comparing marble sizes, etc.

<http://spoonful.com/family-fun/marble-launch>

### **Marble Maze**

Straws in a recycled box make for a fun, easy marble maze.

<http://www.momtastic.com/parenting/activities/171909-kids-activity-making-a-straw-marble-maze/>

### **Marble Run - Recycled!**

Use all types of recyclables to make a fun marble run! All you need is a little tape, some clean recyclables and lots of creativity. Make one as a den, or break off into smaller groups. A suggestion is to have a very simple, small version, made for the kids to see at the start of the meeting - that might help them visualize what they are trying to do. If yours is very simple, they will try and 'outdo' yours - perfect!

<http://nurturestore.co.uk/marvellous-marbles-how-to-make-a-marble-run>

### **Marshmallow Constellations**

Toothpicks and mini marshmallows help form fun eatable constellations.

<http://greenkidcraftsblog.com/2013/09/03/big-dipper-fun/>

### **Microphone**

A toilet paper tube and ball of aluminum foil make a great microphone. A little fancier version replaces the aluminum foil with a styrofoam ball covered in glitter. I would probably have the boys create something in-between these two examples:

<http://howtodosomething.blogspot.com.au/2012/04/how-to-make-play-microphones.html>

<http://craftbits.com/project/microphone/>

### **Mini-Marshmallow Shooters**

Cutting plastic cups in half wrapping in balloons - easy quick craft. Shoot mini marshmallows.

<http://www.cometogetherkids.com/2011/09/mini-marshmallow-shooters-or-pom-pom.html>

### **Mini SK8 Boards!**

Made with tongue depressors, toothpicks and beads.

<http://www.se7en.org.za/2009/05/28/miniature-skateboards-in-se7en-steps>

### **Monster Shootout!**

Draw monsters and shoot with water guns (rubber band guns, dart guns)

<http://www.whatilivefor.net/2011/07/monster-shootout.html>

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## **Custom T-Shirt**

Freezer Paper Stencils are the latest and greatest way to make custom shirts. They are inexpensive and can be done (with help) by cubs. There are hundreds of tutorials online. Like this one:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71p3llaK2Rk>

**NOTES:** I made freezer paper den shirts for years. Search google images for "silhouette" versions of whatever design you like. For example, I used this bear pattern, which I found by searching "bear silhouette" in google images:

<http://www.search-best-cartoon.com/cartoon-bear/cartoon-bear-silhouette.jpg>

I was searching for a basic, simple design that would not require lots of cuts. I ignored the 'furry' parts and just drew a simple outline. I also did not mess with the eye. Simple is better!

I also use cardboard as a cutting mat and, depending on the boys, did let my bears cut out their own with an x-acto knife - not a huge box cutter, but a pen sized knife. If I had younger boys, or rowdy boys, I would just have the pattern pre-cut. There will need to be loads of supervision with knives and irons!

The link above shares a pretty good tutorial. My only change - do NOT remove the stencil when it's wet! That's a mess waiting to happen. Bring your blow dryer and let the boys blow them dry. After they are all dry (only a few minutes) then start ripping away the freezer paper. You may have to stretch the shirt to loosen it, but it beats the heck out of wet paint everywhere!

We used white t-shirts with black paint. This made it easy to add shirts as boys moved in and out of our den. We repeated this pattern and technique on our den flag.

This next example shows a 'Yo Gabba Gabba' monster shirt but you could make any design. Gluing down felt would be a cute shirt idea!

<http://www.iheartmygluegun.com/2011/08/yo-gabba-gabba-in-da-houuussee.html>

## **Mother's Day Necklace**

Felt flowers on rickrack make a fun necklace for Mom!

<http://www.toddlerapproved.com/2012/04/flowers-on-string-simple-mothers-day.html>

## **Mouse Trap Race Cars!**

The tension of the trap gives this little car power!

<http://scribbit.blogspot.com/2010/06/summer-kid-crafts-build-mouse-trap-car.html>

## **N-**

### **Newspaper Structures - Recycled!**

The kids may not be able to bring this craft home, but I guarantee most will recreate one as soon as they can! Note that the page I am sending you to below actually links to another post to share specific instructions. Note that the original author uses staples, while the link below chooses to use pipe cleaners through a hole punched end. Choose whatever works best with your group and supplies you have on hand.

<http://innerchildfun.com/2011/10/newspaper-play-structures.html>

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## **Notebook with Crayon Holder - Recycled!**

This notebook is made from cardboard from the pantry (cereal box). It has a fun holder for crayons on the front - for those artistic boys - or you can just make it with a single loop for a pen for those who are more interested in words.

<http://childhoodlist.blogspot.com/2012/02/95-cereal-box-notebook-with-crayon.html>

## **Make a mini-notebook**

Out of a box of cereal! <http://www.cremedelacraft.com/2012/06/diy-mini-notebook-from-cereal-box.html>

## **Leather Notebook**

What boy wouldn't love a leather notebook?

<http://duofiberworks.com/journal/2010/12/6/tutorial-rustic-leather-sketchbook.html>

## **O-**

### **Oatmeal Container Planetarium**

A fun look at the stars!

<http://deceptivelyeducational.blogspot.com/2012/02/oatmeal-container-planetarium.html>

### **Cub Scout Olympics**

Outdoor Olympics - not a craft but a fun activity! Try incorporating these fun ideas with some of the physical requirements (ex: Bear Achievement 16)

<http://balancingeverything.com/2012/09/24/cub-scout-olympics/>

### **Out of This World!**

Solar System Crafting (best on a hot day - or try a blow dryer to dry the 'stars')

<http://www.iheartcraftythings.com/2011/07/out-of-this-world-craft.html>

Book: "There's No Place Like Space!" Dr. Seuss Book (by Tish Rabe)

## **P-**

### **Paper Airplane Templates**

<http://www.geeksaresexy.net/2011/07/05/paper-planes-how-to-pic/>

### **Paper Bag Princesses Pirates!**

The article linked below shows how to take a photo of a child, cut out their heads and make them into princesses. I think the boys would love a "manly" version of this! Fit it into whatever your theme may be; pirates, animals, dinosaurs, spacemen, jedi, ninjas, the possibilities are endless!

<http://www.toddlerapproved.com/2013/03/paper-bag-princess-photo-craft-poppins.html>

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## **Parachutes - Trash Bag, Recycled!**

All boys love parachutes. In the example, the author uses a small doll. Try substituting a little green army guy - that worked for us! Note of caution: The thread tangles really easily. Try a thin yarn. You may have to adjust your 'load' accordingly - but that process is great for the boys. Using their thinking caps is something that excites and engages them.

<http://mamasmiles.com/learning-laboratory-parachute-dada-guest-post/>

## **VERY SIMPLE Paracord Bracelet (See also: Survival Bracelets)**

Using a double Fisherman's Knot, your boys will love making this! Instructions on how to do the knot are included.

<http://www.instructables.com/id/VERY-SIMPLE-Paracord-Bracelet-using-the-Double-Fis/>

## **Patriotic Skewers**

Less of a 'craft' and more of an interactive snack! Rice Krispy treats cut with a star cookie cutter, skewer a strawberry, blue berries, and top with a star!

<http://www.5minutesformom.com/57796/making-everyday-food-special-rice-krispy-treat-sparklers/>

## **Candy People**

Make figurines out of candy! Great project for after Halloween!

<http://isewcute.blogspot.com/2011/10/halloween-crafts-for-kids-to-do-part-1.html>

## **How to Draw People**

Kids are sometimes hesitant to draw people. It's just really hard to do! Here are a few helpful links to get them started with something a little more advanced than stick people - just a little.

<http://www.my-how-to-draw.com/how-to-draw-children.html>

<http://www.my-how-to-draw.com/how-to-draw-a-boy.html>

Try stamping a shape from a basic sponge and then have the boys make them into people like this:

<http://apexelementaryart.blogspot.com/2013/02/shape-people.html>

## **Cub Scout Photo Cartoons**

Better for older boys, this craft is a great take-home souvenir for each cub, after serving as an adorable centerpiece that everyone will love. Take photos of each boy (will need to be done prior, printed and then brought to the meeting). When assembling the cubs, boys will carefully cut out each head, then glue on the appropriate body parts and hat. I would then laminate them if possible for long-term keeping -----they are THAT cute!

These guys don't have to be put into vases, as shown in the instructions. They would be cute in the center of each boy's plate, or taped to the walls. \*\*\*Note that in the comment section, the author mentions that she googled "Cub Scout Clip Art" and chose a cub clip art that she liked, printed them, then added the picture of the boys' face.

<http://ingyfamily.blogspot.com/2011/04/whole-pack-of-scouts-in-my-kitchen.html>

This looks very similar to the clip art she used:

[http://www.kiddosandpups.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/cub\\_scout\\_sign\\_color.jpg](http://www.kiddosandpups.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/cub_scout_sign_color.jpg)

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## **Piggy Bank - Recycled!**

The craft described in the link uses juice bottle caps as money. Real coins or other lids (from water bottles, milk, etc) could be substituted.

<http://www.allkidsnetwork.com/crafts/animals/farm/piggy-bank-craft.asp>

## **2-liter Piggy Bank**

Uses a plastic 2-liter bottle, 2 toilet paper tubes and a few embellishments to make an adorable piggy bank! The instructions have you paper mache everything - which is really cool - but if you're tight on time, pink tissue paper sheets will be fine. Just coat it with glue. Even faster: Have all items pre-painted (spray paint them) and the boys will just have to assemble. This version eliminates all drying time.

<http://spoonful.com/crafts/recycled-piggy-bank>

## **Pinball Machine from Rubber Bands**

Now this one looks like a BLAST! What little boy wouldn't love his own pinball machine - heck, I want one! (Tip for hammering: hold the nail still between the tines of a hair comb - a trick that has been saving scout leader fingers for years!)

<http://unschoolme.blogspot.com/2010/02/rubberband-pinball-machines.html>

## **Pinewood Derby Car Templates**

Having the boys make their own design is great - but often really hard. It's tough for them to imagine how their flat sketch will work on a 3D car. This link includes a blank for boys to draw their own designs and tons of templates that they can choose from for many basic car shapes. My boys would take these pre-made shapes and edit them into their own designs, but having this as a starting point was very helpful.

<http://www.smdscouts.com/scouts/forms/clients/Pinewood%20Derby%20Templates.pdf>

## **Pinewood Derby Slide**

Two wooden pieces from the clothespin are glued back-to-back, add paint and a few beads and perfection!

<http://channelingwhittlinjim.blogspot.com/2011/06/pinewood-derby-racer.html>

## **Pinewood Derby Trophy Stand**

This takes some serious adult supervision - and someone with some real tools/ experience. Only something I would do with older boys, but great idea and fairly inexpensive when you are making several at a time. A great service that the Webelos could provide for the entire pack!

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Pinewood-Derby-Trophy-Stand/>

## **Pinewood Derby Car Display Stand**

Simpler and easier for boys to make with less assistance. You will need a mitre saw - or mitre box. Probably more suitable for Bears and up.

<http://spamandhamsters.blogspot.com/2011/02/pinewood-derby-building-cool-car-stand.html>

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## **Pool Noodle Horses**

The cheap skinny Dollar Store Noodles work best for this. If you don't want to glue things on, or are on a very tight budget, use markers to draw the facial features.

<http://mrskingrocks.blogspot.com.au/2012/07/making-swimming-noodle-ponies.html>

## **Popsicle Stick Chain Reaction**

Not really a craft but a super fun thing to do with craft sticks!

<http://frugalfun4boys.com/2013/05/13/build-a-chain-reaction-with-popsicle-or-craft-sticks/>

## **Pumpkins, Beaded**

Pipe cleaners and pony beads make adorable pumpkins!

<http://www.cutesycrafts.com/2013/09/kiddie-crafts-pony-bead-pumpkins.html>

## **Finger Legged Printable Puppets**

Simple and quick puppets. Print out the template and then boys create their own puppets. They could be people, monsters, animals - their imagination is the creative process. Cut out the greyed holes and stick in a cub's two finger as legs and start pretending.

<http://picklebums.com/2013/03/05/finger-leg-puppets/>

## **Yarn Pumpkins**

Coated in white glue, kids squiggle orange yarn around into a basic pumpkin shape. Add construction paper features and a little green yarn for a stem - let dry and hang! You'll have to send them home with the boys wet, or keep them until the following meeting to hand out.

<http://www.housingaforest.com/yarn-pumpkins/>

## **R-**

### **Racetracks -Cardboard Roll, Recycled!**

Using cardboard fabric rolls (see if a fabric store will donate) create large runs. Possible adaptation, use wrapping paper and paper towel tubes taped together for shorter heights. The author from this article created a run from the 2nd floor to the 1st floor. If going shorter distances, perhaps from the top of a chair, then I believe that the wrapping paper and paper towel tubes would be sufficient. In place of cars, try marbles or dry beans.

<http://www.bigdandme.com/2011/09/fun-with-rolls/>

### **Easy Origami Rabbit**

An easy origami project for kids.

<http://tinkerlab.com/easy-origami-for-kids-origami-rabbit/>

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## **Racing Paper People**

The instructions are for a witch and ghost, but you could just make them into people (imagine the witch minus the hat) attach them to straws and watch them race. Two strings and two 'people' would make a fun race. Be sure to have the string taut and at a downward angle.

<http://www.doodlesandjots.com/2012/10/27/witchcraft/>

## **Rain Stick**

Tons and tons of nails stuck into a mailing tube makes a beautiful sound when filled with dry beans.

<http://frugalfun4boys.com/2011/04/13/make-a-rainstick-musical-instrument-craft/>

## **Red, White, and Blue Layered Drinks**

A fun drink with a scientific lesson! Uses fruit punch, blue Gatorade, and DIET 7-up or Sprite.

[http://blogs.babycenter.com/life\\_and\\_home/a-patriotic-mocktail-for-the-kids/](http://blogs.babycenter.com/life_and_home/a-patriotic-mocktail-for-the-kids/)

## **Robots - Recycled!**

Scouts raid their recycle bins to create fun robots to bring to the next meeting.

<http://www.redtedart.com/2010/12/01/kids-get-crafty-robots/>

Or here:

<http://nurturerstore.co.uk/how-to-make-a-junk-model-robot>

## **Rock Necklaces**

Find a fun small rock on one of your outings and then make it into a necklace as a keepsake. 22-gauge wire and leather cord is required, which bumps up the price for this one.

<http://www.octanecreative.com/ducttape/howto/>

## **Rocket Man!**

Make rocket blasters for each boy out of larger water bottles.

<http://www.sewinginnomansland.com/2010/10/21/rocket-man-little-boys-space-party/>

## **Roll to Draw a Monster**

This is a fun game/craft using dice. Each boy takes turns rolling a dice and then drawing the specified shape. See what crazy creations they come up with!

<http://www.expressivemonkey.com/Monsters/Monsters.pdf>

If they want a little guided 'freestyle' monster drawing, try these;

[http://www.expressivemonkey.com/Monsters/Monster\\_Buddies.pdf](http://www.expressivemonkey.com/Monsters/Monster_Buddies.pdf)

[http://www.expressivemonkey.com/Monsters/Friendly\\_Monsters.pdf](http://www.expressivemonkey.com/Monsters/Friendly_Monsters.pdf)

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## **S-**

### **School Bus - Milk Carton, Recycled!**

A fun transportation craft for younger boys. Milk cartons are not very common anymore - but often families buy juice in cartons, or nail down a family that buys soy, almond or other specialty milks. They often come in boxes. This would work great with those little milk cartons, or whipping cream cartons. Little mini busses would be fun, too!

<http://www.momto2poshlildivas.com/2011/08/back-to-school-fun-milk-carton-school.html>

### **Scout Law Wall Hanging**

This link is actually for a girl scout law wall hanging - but try adapting it to the cub scout law. You'll need a few popsicle sticks and some ribbon and you'll be set! This page shares 2 examples of crafts you can make to help the boys learn. I like the idea of putting the words onto popsicle sticks and before attaching them to the ribbon, let the boys practice putting them in order. Once they learn it, they can glue it down and hang it in their rooms. \*\*\*Also would work for the scout motto, promise AND GREAT for Webelos that are learning the Scout Law for their Arrow of Light!

#### **THE CUB SCOUT LAW**

**I promise to:**

**Do my best**

**To do my duty**

**To God**

**And my Country**

**To help other people**

**And obey the law**

**Of the pack**

[http://www.gsnc.org/resource\\_room/crafts.asp](http://www.gsnc.org/resource_room/crafts.asp)

### **Sling Shot and Rocks!**

Sounds like a dangerous combination - but try this version.

First, make rocks out of cotton balls like shown here:

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Cotton-Ball-Rocks/>

Second, make a sling out of 12 feet of paracord. (See the post about Paracord Bracelets for information about purchasing paracord). This is something really only suitable for older boys. Talk about safety and NOT putting REAL rocks in the sling. I would also let parents know that this is coming home - they may want to reiterate that REAL rocks should never be used. Otherwise, you'll end up with some angry neighbors and broken windows!

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Rock-Sling-1/>

### **Snakes!**

Charm a Snake: Make a snake from tissue paper. Vigorously rub a plastic ruler on a piece of wool then use it to "charm" the snake!

<http://deceptivelyeducational.blogspot.com/2013/05/one-very-charming-snake-static.html>

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Snakes from Paper Plates: I'd skip the dot maker and give the boys markers/crayons or paper to cut and glue. They'll love learning to cut a paper plate into a snake!

<http://www.toddlerapproved.com/2013/03/mom-and-tot-craft-time-simple-rainbow.html>

Snake Puppet: The snake puppet isn't much harder than the classic paper bag puppet - but so much more fun!

<http://eastcoastmommyblog.blogspot.ca/2013/07/ecm-kids-craft-club-17-snake-puppet-and.html>

## **Spear It**

Use this project to help teach 1st Aid. Try wooden skewers in place of pencils.

<http://4herrerass.blogspot.com/2012/03/spear-it.html>

## **Spiders!**

Paper Cup Spiders: You'll need a few supplies for this craft, but they are simple supplies that would help build up your stash. <http://www.craftown.com/Paper-Cup-Spiders.html>

Beaded Spiders: Pipe cleaners, beads, and a few pom poms make these adorable spiders <http://handsonaswegrow.com/beaded-spider-craft-for-kids/>

Lunch Sack Spiders: A fun painted craft - you will need to allow drying time.

<http://littlewondersdays.blogspot.com/2012/10/design-spider.html>

## **Spin Drum**

I would probably pre-hammer the lids prior to the meeting. I would also use permanent markers so that paint drying time could be avoided. The boys are going to want to start spinning these drums right away!

<http://prudentbaby.com/2012/11/baby-kid/diy-spin-drum/>

## **Spoon Music Station**

This article shows spoons being made into an outdoor music station. Pick up some spoons at garage sales or thrift stores.

<http://www.sunhatsandwellieboots.com/2013/10/outdoor-music-station-made-with-spoons.html>

They can easily be made into **wind chimes** when hung where the wind will catch them.

<http://www.redtedart.com/2012/03/02/how-to-make-cutlery-wind-chimes/>

## **Square Knot Bracelet**

The example uses a knitted wire, but paracord is super boy friendly and fun. Use the same process with paracord for a guy-friendly bracelet while teaching the practical Square Knot.

<http://benfranklincraftsmonroe.blogspot.com/2012/04/how-to-square-knot-bracelet-using.html>

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## **Stained Glass**

The example shows and **acorn**, but any shape can be used! Shaved crayons and torn tissue paper are sandwiched between two pieces of wax paper, covered in a towel and ironed. It makes a fun stained glass effect. Frame it out and ta-da! A masterpiece!

<http://www.toddlerapproved.com/2010/09/acorn-stained-glass-window.html>

Include a foot print and you get a **turkey!**

<http://spoonful.com/crafts/birds-of-feather>

Or omit the crayons and just use tissue paper. Add clear contact paper and avoid the ironing step.

<http://www.allkidsnetwork.com/crafts/fall/fall-leaf-craft.asp>

## **Stick Journals**

Use a stick to help bind together a journal or book for your boys.

<http://family.yourway.net/make-stick-journals-for-summer-fun/>

If sticks are hard to come by (and sometimes they are here in AZ!) try a notched popsicle stick as shown here:

<http://www.toddlerapproved.com/2013/10/homemade-lift-flap-book-nick-sharratt.html>

## **Story Stones**

Decoupage fabric, magazine cuttings, paper, etc onto stones. Use them to create stories.

<http://www.redbirdcrafts.com/2009/04/mouse-stones.html>

## **Sundial Paper Plate**

It's amazing what you can do with a paper plate and drinking straw!

<http://www.nwf.org/kids/family-fun/crafts/sundial.aspx>

## **Super Cape - Recycled!**

You can make two from a pair of men's trousers. Just cut the seam and sew on a piece of matching ribbon for the tie (for safety reasons - maybe attach one end of the tie to velcro squares so that it can be pulled away)

<http://www.redtedart.com/2012/08/31/how-to-make-an-upcycled-batman-costume/>

## **Make Your Own Superhero**

Color your own superhero. Determine what his super power is and why.

<http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/sites/kids/files/attachment/design-a-superhero-activity.pdf>

Or:

<http://talesofanelementaryteacher.blogspot.com/2012/08/super-hero-theme-templates.html>

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## **Survival Bracelet**

Paracord bracelets are made with 'paracord' which is the cording used in parachutes. It's strong and very useful in an emergency. They can be worn when hiking/camping and when needed, unwound and be a useful 8' length of rope.

The cording can be purchased from craft stores for about \$4.50 for a 16 foot piece. This will make 2. You can buy it online in larger quantities for less. You can make them with or without clips. Search "paracord bracelets" on <http://www.instructables.com> for various patterns and techniques - both with and without clips. Clips & paracord can be purchased from [www.etsy.com](http://www.etsy.com) but be aware of the shipping charges. It may be cheaper to buy from local craft stores with coupons. If you have an army/navy type supply store in your area, they will have the paracord.

## **T-**

### **THANK YOU from our Den!**

Throughout the year, you will have lots of reason to express gratitude from your den to others for assisting you and making your boys' experience a great one. These custom photo cards would be a great way to do that.

The author shows her children holding blank white boards, on which she will write in later whatever words fit her needs. Knowing that you are making Thank You cards, you could go ahead and write it out.

Depending on the number of boys you have, you could write out the word "THANKS" on individual pieces of construction paper and have each of them holding one letter. If you only have a few boys, write "Thank" and "You" on a couple of papers and have the boys in the center of your picture hold them.

Lay the boys on the ground and write it in chalk above their heads.

Have them spell out Thanks with their bodies or have them form a smile face with their bodies and take a photo from above.

There are tons of creative ways you run with this idea for the picture. Print several out, glue them to a blank card and have the boys express their gratitude when needed. A GREAT lesson for our scouts!

<http://www.julietiu.com/2013/02/02/easy-diy-photo-card-stationery/>

### **Pool Noodle Telescope**

A pretend telescope for pretend pirates!

<http://www.repeatcrafterme.com/2012/06/pool-noodle-telescope.html>

### **Teepee**

Using brown craft foam and a couple of twigs to create these fun teepees!

<http://spoonful.com/crafts/teepee-centerpiece>

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## **Tin Can Windsocks - Recycled!**

The post suggests "outdoor" decoupage medium. If you wanted a cheaper option, make an indoor windsock using the same technique, streamers in place of ribbons, you could even use a piece of paper taped into a cylinder if cans were a problem.

<http://wabisabiwanderings.blogspot.com/2010/07/revamped-recyclables-tin-can-windsock.html>

## **Tissue Paper and Drinking Straw Kites**

Easily made with drinking straws, tissue paper and craft glue.

<http://www.creativejewishmom.com/2012/06/kids-ki.html>

## **Toilet Paper Owl - Recycled!**

These cute guys are made from fabric scraps and buttons, but tissue paper, magazine clippings, construction paper, etc - would work great!

<http://happyhooligans.ca/adorable-owls/> or  
<http://innerchildfun.com/2010/10/owl-family-play-set.html>

## **Toolbox**

Great basic toolbox pattern:

<http://sawdustmaking.com/Childs%20Toolbox/toolbox.htm>

Looking for a non-wooden option? Try this cardboard version:

<http://thecardboardcollective.com/2013/01/18/build-a-cardboard-toolbox/>

Here is a printable cut and fold paper version:

<http://titatoni.blogspot.de/2012/11/u-120m-bewohner-des-hauses-warender.html>

## **Tools for Younger Hands**

Holding a nail while your Bear Cub hammers is scary enough - trying it with Tigers? Yikes! But boys do love their tools! Try substituting golf tees for nails and hammer them into styrofoam.

If a real hammer and nail is needed - hold the nail still between the tines of a hair comb - a trick that has been saving scout leader fingers for years!

## **Milk Jug Totem Pole**

Lots of milk jug crafts on this page. Scroll down for the totem pole instructions. Every den needs a totem pole! Try making one 'head' per den and putting everything together to make one Pack Pole!

<http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/milk-jug-crafts.html>

## **Trees from Paper Towel Tube**

Paper towel tubes are used for the trunk and branches. The author purchased leaves, but I would have the boys cut them from construction paper. They always love to paint, but if that's too messy, markers are always faster and cleaner. Change seasons by altering you color choices. Have fun creating a forest with your cubs!

<http://www.1plus1plus1equals1.net/2010/09/something-special-fall-tree-craft/>

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## **Trophies**

Make trophies out of cups! Who doesn't love a trophy?

<http://media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/ca/96/e1/ca96e1fda4112feaff47e725cbeb460c.jpg>

## **Turkeys out of Candy Wrapper**

Great way to recycle those Halloween wrappers and get in the spirit of Thanksgiving!

<http://www.housingaforest.com/candy-wrapper-turkeys/>

## **V-**

### **Volcanos**

Several different options with varying supplies and skill levels:

Erupting eggs: <http://mommasfunworld.blogspot.com/2013/03/volcano-egg-science.html>

Super Easy Volcano (goodbye moge podge - hello tinfoil!): <http://jennwa.blogspot.com/2009/05/super-easy-volcanos.html>

Mini-Volcano: <http://crayonboxchronicles.com/2013/07/08/mini-volcano-eruption-craft/>

Homemade Playdough Volcano: uses found objects from nature as landscape around the volcano <http://www.artfulparent.com/2011/02/volcano-eruptions-in-our-kitchen.html>

## **W-**

### **Milk/Juice Carton Wallet**

Template is included in the instructions. Just click on the green word "template" inside of the first step of the directions.

Fun for older boys with a little more skill and patience. A craft knife is optional - I'd probably use scissors, but you can determine what your den can handle.

<http://spoonful.com/crafts/carton-wallet>

### **Water Gun- PVC**

I would suggest either pre-cutting the PVC or have several dads/moms around to help with the hacksaw. The link has great step-by-step instructions.

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Garden-Hose-Water-Gun-for-Hero-Dads/>

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## **Webelos Citizenship**

### **Jeopardy Game**

I laugh when I read the Den Meeting Plans, and for legal reasons they can not use the word "Jeopardy". It took me a few minutes to figure out what they were suggesting! See the following links for online versions:

<http://edbdscouts.com/Webelos/indexJeo.html>

<http://www.superteachertools.com/jeopardy/usergames/Sep201136/game1315584241.php>

<https://jeopardylabs.com/play/webelos-citizen-jeopardy>

### **\*\*\*Football Game**

No internet connection? Need something more active? Try this version:

<http://scoutermom.com/588/citizenship-football-game/>

## **Wet Chalk Art**

Cool technique to make fun art.

<http://www.momto2poshlildivas.com/2013/07/wet-chalk-tape-resist-art-for-kids.html>

## **Wheatgrass Hair**

The link doesn't give instructions, but it's pretty easy to figure out from the picture. Prior to the craft night, you'll need to take close up pictures of the kid's heads. They can be silly - or not - whatever they choose. Print these.

Night of the craft: Cut the photo down to cover the front of the cup. Make sure the boys cut their hair off the top of the picture so the grass will become their hair when it grows in. Have the boys plant their seeds and water them.

This will not take long! So have other things planned.

<http://www.houseofhepworths.com/tag/fun-for-kids/>

If pictures are too much, try just making faces from paper scraps - still fun!

<http://spoonful.com/crafts/plant-pals>

## **Where Do I Fit?**

Help teach kids where they fit into their community, city, state, country, continent, world.

<http://kidworldcitizen.org/2011/11/26/my-place-in-the-world-project/>

## **Whoooo Am I?**

Great getting to know you activity for new dens. The owl's wings give clues as to whose photo is hidden inside.

[http://www.lakeshorelearning.com/general\\_content/free\\_resources/teachers\\_corner/projects/OwlCraft.jsp](http://www.lakeshorelearning.com/general_content/free_resources/teachers_corner/projects/OwlCraft.jsp)

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## **SNACK TIME!**

For a healthy snack option, try these **Apple Frogs**

<http://www.cleanandscentsible.com/2011/07/apple-frogs.html>

### **Armpit Fudge!**

Two words that bring great joy to the hearts of Cubs! Pour ingredients into a zip top bag, seal and squish around using your armpits. "Like an armpit fart" according to the boy in the video. Wouldn't the boys LOVE this?!?!?

<http://cubscoutideas.com/1176/how-to-make-armpit-fudge/>

### **Candy Crabs**

The example shows how to create crabs but you could make lots of animals -- or the boys could create their own candy creatures - then eat them!

<http://thesevenyearcottage.com/2011/sand-crabs/>

### **Fruit Car**

Made from apple wedges and grapes.

<http://www.bentonbetterlunches.com/2012/01/eating-real-food.html>

### **Shark Attack Snack**

Made from red apples (shark), mini marshmallows (teeth), blue jell-o (water), and gold fish with a little peanut butter - glue. If you have a peanut allergy, try frosting. Not as healthy but a little dab will do ya!

<http://kitchenfunwithmy3sons.blogspot.com/2011/08/shark-attack-snack.html>

### **Snack Time BINGO**

Fill your entire bingo board with some type of small treat (this sample uses Scrabble Cheeze-its) and in place of marking a square that you get, you take away a treat unveiling the square that you earn.

<http://www.tipjunkie.com/all-crafts/edible-bingo/>

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## **Den Flags**

Boys love having their own Den Flags! LDS Troops: Keep in mind, you will want something that you change as boys move in-and-out throughout the year. Slightly sewing (tac) down a felt hand with someone's name vs fabric glue will allow for easier transitioning. Dens that move as a single unit at the start of every school year will not need to worry about that.

Ideas:

See "Custom Shirts" above.

Handprints become the flame: <http://media-cache-ec0.pinimg.com/originals/b1/84/7a/b1847a00fc3005c7901cfd75d88bb5a.jpg>

Handprints around Den emblem: <http://media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/dc/26/7f/dc267fc259b7378639f3747149f3c1bf.jpg>

Examples of different shapes and idea for hanging: <http://www.bsa241.org/gallery/var/resizes/Cub%20Pack%20241/2010%20Photos/Blue%20and%20Gold/0%20den%20flags.jpg?m=1325699149>

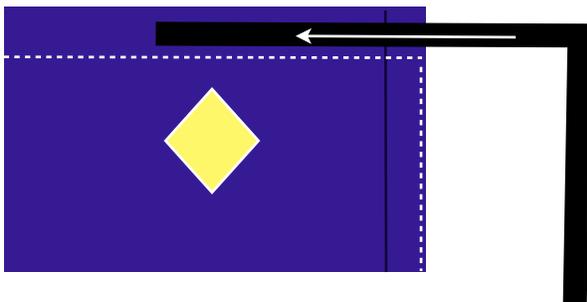
Generic Flag without names: <http://media-cache-ec0.pinimg.com/originals/23/36/84/233684e1b3ad38d83ca0732aee9b621c.jpg>

Scout Emblem and handprints: <http://media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/15/38/bc/1538bca45f8888697b624419386d8bcc.jpg>

Parent's print behind child's print, symbolizing them working hand-in-hand: <http://media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/39/16/f0/3916f022cc3ea785e34038a2fd266580.jpg>

Sample shows how you could take a single yardage of felt, fold over and sew to make a flag: <http://media-cache-ec0.pinimg.com/originals/f3/a6/ea/f3a6ea702c10e309f7294e28dfe1b611.jpg>

I've often used a solid colored pillowcase (the edges are already finished) as a flag base. Sew up the open end (shown by white dotted line in graphic below) leaving a small slot to allow for flag pole to run through (flag pole represented by black lines below). If desired, sew along the top to create a sleeve for the flag pole.



*These ideas are not all my own. They are from talented people who were generous enough to share their gifts with the world online.*