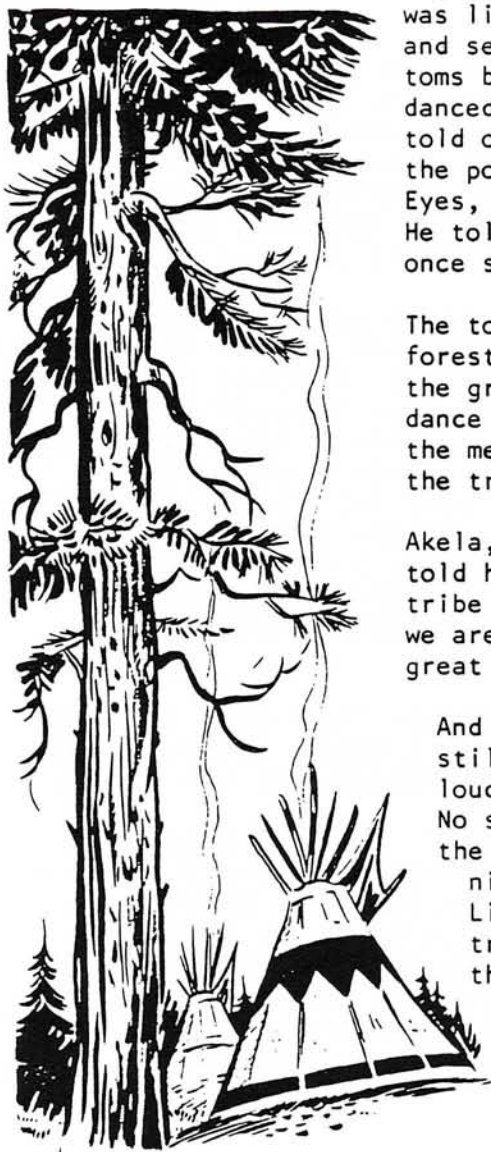


THE WEBELOS LEGEND

Hear now the Webelos legend; the tale of the Webelos tribe and Akela, its chieftain.

"Whooo" called the owl in the darkness. The small Indian boy lay in his tepee and listened to the rustle of the trees in the night. "Boom!" went the deep, muffled beat of the great ceremonial drum. The braves of the tribe were convening. The boy wished that he, too, could answer that call.

Quick like the flight of an arrow; quiet in the hush of the night; before a great fire they gathered, awaiting Akela, their chief. Here in the great council fire ring, on top of the cliff, they met. Here they often came to make decisions. Here too, they sought the Great Spirit and asked His help on hunts and war and peace. Here they met Chief Akela, and awaited his final decree.



Now with the 'boom' of the great drum, all was quiet. The night was very still. The great ceremonial fire, when it was lit, illuminated the hillside. The tom-toms began slowly and set the rhythm. Akela stepped into the ring as the tom-toms beat, first low and slow and then like thunder. Akela danced near the fire. He danced with grace, and his gestures told of his life. He told of the strength of his father, the powerful Arrow of Light. He told how his mother, Kind Eyes, taught him those things that only a mother can know. He told how his father helped him make his bow, and how he once saved his mother's life with his arrow.

The tom-toms beat on while Akela's dance told of trips to the forest, where Wolf taught him the ways of the wild life, of the ground, of the tracks, and ways to find food. Through dance and gesture he told how he next faced Bear and learned the meaning of courage. And then he became a young scout of the trail.

Akela, the wise, closed his dance. By sign and gesture he told how the tribe can be strong only when the boys of the tribe are strong. He said this: "The future is hid, but if we are strong and brave; if we teach our boys to be fair, our greattribe will continue to be strong."

And so Akela ended his dance. The beat of the tom-tom was stilled. In silence the warriors stood, and then gave a loud guttural "How". The fire burned low. All was still. No sound broke the hush on the hill, save the crackle of the dying embers and all the mysterious half-noises of the night. The braves raised their right hands toward heaven. Living Circle was formed with their left. The Webelos tribe pledge was given.. "To live and help live"...was their pledge.

This, then, is the Webelos legend. This, then, is the reason they are strong. They honor the pledge which they make. "To live and help live" is their goal.

YOU - THE WEBELOS LEADER

So now you're a Webelos Den Leader! You have decided to commit one night a week to meetings at your home and decided what place in your home will serve as a meeting place. And now the realization sinks in: "Where do I go from here?" The best thing you can do is prepare yourself.

Don't attempt to carry the load yourself. You have a group of parents who should be included with you in the program. Help them realize that it is their program. Survey them to understand their interests and abilities. This will help you use their talents in planning and carrying out your den meetings. Every parent has something to contribute.

Set goals that you want to accomplish during the year. Outline your program for the year and involve as many people as possible. Planning ahead will help you have an effective program.

Understand the Webelos program so you can help the boys and their parents grow through the program. Help the boys understand their leadership role at pack activities. There is a lot of material available to help you. Basic Cub Leader Training is a good start. Monthly Cub Roundtable in your district will give you both help with the upcoming Activity Badges and time for idea sharing with other Webelos leaders.

The goal of the Webelos program is to prepare boys for Scouting. You should learn which troops are active in your area. Get acquainted with the Scoutmaster of these troops. Many times troops will be glad to have your Webelos join them for joint activities. Take your boys to visit troop meetings during the year. Help your boys decide before graduation time which troop they want to join; then ask the Scoutmaster to be present at pack graduation and welcome them into the troop. Everything you can do to lessen the boy's apprehension about going into Scouting will help. You should consider moving into the Scout troop with your Webelos Scouts as an adult leader. You'll have a good time!

Involve the boys in program planning. They need to learn leadership, and they'll surprise you with their ideas. Get them involved in setting a code of discipline for the group.

Leadership is learned and developed. You can become an effective Webelos leader if you will prepare yourself and take the time to learn. Remember to be flexible in your planning. There are no 'pat' answers to handling boys. Don't be afraid to experiment. Be thankful for the opportunity which has come your way to work with and influence the lives of boys. There is a great deal of satisfaction in helping boys along the way to manhood.

Webelos Den Leader/Assistant

Must be a male, 21 years of age or older, and of good report. He should enjoy working with 9-10 year old boys and emanate a character and example that young men would like to become. He could be the father of a member of the den. This person should lead the den in a full 12 months program.



Webelos Den Chief

A registered BoyScout who is active in a troop and selected by his Scoutmaster to serve as program assistant to the Webelos Den Leader. He should preferably be of First Class Rank (an immature den chief can be a great detriment), have completed Webelos Den Chief Training and have the skills to conduct the activities necessary for preparing the Webelos for the Boy Scout troop experience. Some responsibilities:

- a. preopening activity (game)
- b. flag ceremonies
- c. uniform inspections
- d. attendance records
- e. dues collection
- f. ceremonies
- g. help with refreshments

After each activity - discuss with den chief methods to improve next time.

WEBELOS DEN LEADERSHIP



Activity Badge Counselor

An adult male, often a parent of a Webelos Scout, who has knowledge and skills to teach one or more activity badge competency. He should be recruited by the Den Leader and be able to instill self-confidence in the den members, in strengthening their relationships with adults.

Troop Webelos Resource Person

An adult male registered with a Scout troop. He can be an Assistant Scoutmaster or Troop Committeeman, and should be the liason between the troop and the pack. He should aid in planning joint activities between the troop and pack, including an exciting graduation program. His major task is to insure a smooth transition from Webelos Scout to a Boy Scout troop.

PROGRAM PLANNING

The mission of the Webelos program is to provide activities which are fun for boys and meet their needs, interests, and desires, and contribute to their growth. The goal of the Webelos Den is to help a boy grow, mature, and graduate into a Boy Scout troop. A quality program is the key to meeting these goals.

Annual Planning

An annual planning meeting is held either late in summer or early in the fall. A tentative calendar of activities is set, including joint activities with a troop. Resources are identified and activity badge counselors are recruited. This plan is then incorporated in the Pack's annual plan.

Monthly Planning

At least once a month the Webelos den leadership - Webelos Den Leader, assistant leaders, and Den Chief - meet to work out details of activities and den meetings planned for the upcoming month. Additional resource persons include the troop Webelos liason person and Unit Commissioner. The key to successful planning is the monthly activity badge.

Pack/Troop Relationship

Using your Unit Commissioner as a resource person, identify the nearby troops and their leaders. Establishing a working relationship between the troop and pack will help ease the transition a boy makes when he becomes a Scout. Your Unit Commissioner can help you make the first contacts. If you are without a Unit Commissioner either you, as the Webelos Den Leader, or your Cubmaster should make the first initiative. Be sure to include the Cubmaster when you first meet with the Scoutmaster.

The first meeting is to get acquainted, define responsibilities, discuss leadership needs, and make plans to recruit any needed Activity Badge counselors. This is the time to make plans for joint Webelos/Troop activities. Set up an plan for continuing communications between leaders.

Suggestions for Joint Activities

- * Webelos Den visits Troop Court of Honor
- * Webelos Den and Troop share an evening campfire
- * Joint attendance at Scout Sunday or Sabbath services
- * Pack/Troop Good Turn activities
- * Pack/Troop day hike
- * Troop leaders help with Webelos overnight campout
- * Troop hosts Webelos Den visit at District Camporee
- * Scoutmaster & Boy Scouts take part in Pack graduation

UNDERSTANDING WEBELOS SCOUTS

A Webelos Scout thrives on praise and sometimes sulks at criticism. He is eager to please those he likes. He will follow a leader and participate in the program, as long as the leader is fair and makes reasonable requests of him.

This age boy plays hard, and then may become intensely serious for a short period of time. It is best to mix periods of fun and seriousness in den meetings.

A great deal can be accomplished in a disciplined den. A rowdy den can accomplish little in the way of program, and offers few chances for helping boys to develop character. One of the attributes of a good citizen is his ability to live comfortably within the restrictions of the law. To train boys in citizenship, we must teach them the importance of self-discipline. Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, said: "You can only get discipline in the mass by discipline in the individual."

An active program will help eliminate behavior problems in the den. Usually boys cause trouble because they are disinterested in what's going on. Here are some tips to help maintain good discipline.

Insist on attention while you are talking. Boys who want to get on with the activity will help quiet the noisy ones.

Don't shout or yell. Use the Cub Scout sign to get attention.

Have a good pre-opening activity. Trouble starts when a few boys arrive early and don't have anything to do. Once you've lost control it's hard to regain it.

Praise in public, criticize in private. No one likes to 'lose face'.

Make good use of the advancement program. Boys who are advancing usually don't cause as much trouble.

Keep den meetings going at a fast pace, with lots of activity and interesting things to do. Prevention is better than cure.

Give boys responsibility and expect them to meet it. When they have responsibility, they don't need to misbehave to get attention.

Get the boys into uniform. A uniformed group has better behaviour than one that is not. Set a good example of proper uniforming.

Be impartial. Don't let one boy get away with something that you would not tolerate from another.

Be firm in a friendly manner. Set behaviour rules and then stick to them. (Let boys also have a say in the rules that are set)



WEBELOS CEREMONY (DEN)

PREPERATION: At last pack meeting, boys are asked to stand in a circle facing in, each boy in Den has a candle.

Equipment : Candles for each boy in Den.

Den chief or Den Leader lights candles of all boys who are not going into Webelos Den. (if the entire den is going do not light candles)

DEN CHIEF: Den # lets all repeat the Cub Scout Promise. (all repeat)

Den Leader: All boys advancing into Webelo please step forward into circle.

DEN CHIEF: You have done your best to keep the Cub Scout Promise, which you made when you first joined the Pack. Now that you are going into Webelos, to prepare for Scouting, you will learn the meaning of a new promise. The words are different, but all Cubs and Scouts know they mean the same thing. Please repeat after me the Boy Scout Promise. (after oath light candles of boys going into Webelos)

Lets now repeat together the Law of the Pack. We know you will try to live up to the Scout Law just asyou have lived up to the Law of the Pack. Please repeat after me the Scout Law. Good Luck and good Scouting. (blow out candles.)

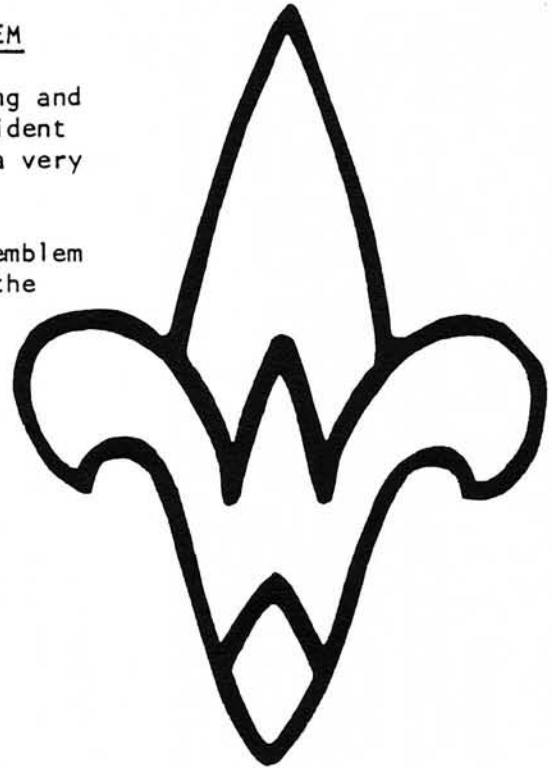


THE WEBELOS EMBLEM

It has been found that a sense of belonging and a pride in the Webelos Den will become evident as he begins to understand that he is in a very special part of the Cub Scout program.

For this reason, often times the Webelos emblem can be reduced or enlarged as needed for the following projects:

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| BOOK ENDS | RECOGNITION ITEMS |
| BOOK MARKS | T-SHIRTS |
| INVITATIONS | BANNERS |
| BALL CAPS | LEATHER ITEMS |



THE SCOUT BADGE

To teach Webelos Scouts the parts of the Scout badge enlarge the design below and cut the separate parts from thin plywood. Cut out with a scroll saw and paint or stain. Use the individual parts to teach the badge requirements for the Webelos badge.

The Scout badge was adapted from the north point of the old mariner's compass. The design is often called a trefoil -- a flower with three leaves. It is also known by its French name 'fleur-de-lis' -- lily or iris flower. It goes so far back in history that it is uncertain whether it actually stands for a flower or for an arrowhead. With slight changes, the trefoil badge is used by Scouts around the world.

The two stars symbolize truth and knowledge and the outdoors in Scouting.

The three points, like the fingers of the Scout sign, stand for the three parts of the Scout Oath.

The trefoil means that a Scout can point the right way in life as truly as a compass can in the field.

The Eagle with the shield stands for freedom and readiness to defend that freedom.

The knot at the bottom of the scroll is a reminder to 'do a good turn daily'.

The scroll with the Scout motto is turned up at the ends. It's a hint that a Scout smiles as he does his duty.

BE PREPARED

CIRCLE BOARD CEREMONY (DEN)

DEN LEADER:

As we begin our meeting will you please set in front of me in a semi-circle facing me. Close your eyes and now for just a few minutes think of the darkness. Now open your eyes.

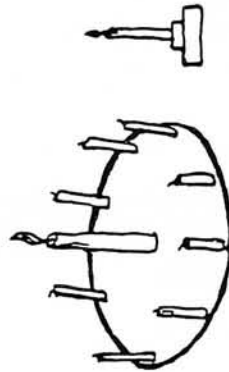
I will now light this single candle. (light single candle) This small ray of light represents the goodwill which we as a den share with the Pack. Each of you can add to this your own ray of light by doing your best. Through the earning of the beads on your progress towards Rank you have shown us your willingness to do just that YOUR BEST.

The following boys may come forward and light one of the smaller candles on our ceremony board. (boys receiving beads)

See how much brighter our light is. The rays from each of you will continue to make an even brighter light. From this newly added brightness we light this tall candle. (light tall candle on ceremony board) This signifies that there is always a brighter light to guide us. Through scouting that light is our faith in God, ourselves and our country. Please now join me in the Pledge of Alliance. (after pledge beads can be awarded to boys)

EQUIPMENT: Ceremony board & Single candle in holder & as many smaller candles as needed for boys in den.

Ceremony rewritten for den use from STAGING DEN AND PACK CEREMONIES page 82.



DENNER CEREMONY

Elect denner in your usual manner, when elected use the following ceremony which can be read by the Den Leader or Den Chief.

Cub Scout (name) has been elected to represent Den # as we walk together through the doorway to adventure. We ask his help as each adventure begins and ends. It will be his duty to open the door of each meeting and to be sure the evidence of our adventure has been cleared away as the meetings close. Cub Scout (name), do you accept this as your responsibility?

Cub Scout answers, "I do!"
Then we present you with this cord as your key to open the door for our next (# of meetings) he will be denner) adventures.

DENNER INSTALLATION

Equipment: Table, candle in holder and denner cord

Setting: Den Leader or Den Chief should do Ceremony
Asst, Denner could be installed at same time.

Den Leader: (denners name) please step forward. (light candle)
Before you burns a white candle which represents the Spirit of Cub Scouting. It takes a team to keep the spirit alive; to keep the candle burning. You have just been elected to be a member of that team.

As denner, your duties are to assist me and the Den Chief. (explain other duties according to your den)
During the week, you should set a good example for the other members of our den, by being honest, fair, and showing true Cub Scout spirit.

Do you accept these responsibilities which will help us keep the spirit of Cub Scouting in our den alive and the candle burning?

Denner: I do!

Den Leader: I'm happy to present you with the Denner cord which is to be worn on your left sleeve during your term of office. Wear it proudly and with honor! Congratulations!
(note: After denner's term of office is completed, he should remove cord, but may wear shoulder tab.)

WEBELOS SCOUT TO SCOUT TRANSITION

One of the objectives of the Cub Scout program, and of the Webelos year in particular, is to encourage Cubs to continue their scouting careers by moving into a Boy Scout troop. In 1975 only 47% of Webelos Scouts were joining a Boy Scout troop. Upon analysis, the reasons for this boiled down to poor communications between packs and troops.

1. The Scout troop program was poorly understood by the Webelos Den Leader. He was then unable to sell the program to his boys.

2. Scoutmasters failed to recognize the advantages of recruiting Webelos Scouts who had already been trained in most of the requirements for the first rank in Boy Scouting.

3. The Webelos Scout had been told little about Boy Scouting and was apprehensive about joining. His transition may have consisted only of a ceremony at pack graduation. He then found himself suddenly asked to cross the bridge from the familiar pack to the unfamiliar troop.

Disturbed by this problem, a number of Cub Scout leaders met in 1975 at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico to draft a plan which would promote increased graduation of Cub Scouts into Boy Scout troops. After being successfully field tested, the Webelos - to - Scout transition plan was put into effect nationwide in 1977. The percentage of increased tenure for boys in the scouting program was 37%.

The Webelos - to - Scout transition plan has four parts.

1. A new Webelos award was established for boys to earn and the Arrow of Light award was revised. These new awards prepare the Cub for Boy Scouting by familiarizing him with the Scout Oath, Law, and other Scouting ideals. Joint Webelos/Troop activities are now required; troop meeting visits and combined outdoor activities.

2. Joint roundtables are to be held twice yearly to promote improved communications between Webelos leaders, Cubmasters, and Scoutmasters.

3. Webelos Activity Badge counselors and Webelos Den Leader Coach positions were created.

4. A Troop - Webelos liaison person, a scouter whose primary concern would be the successful transition of Webelos Scouts, was instituted. This scouter would be registered with a troop (probably as a committee member or Assistant Scoutmaster) and would work with the Webelos leaders in a pack. Some responsibilities for this position might include:

- * Helping prepare the dens for outdoor camping and arranging for equipment loans from the troop.
- * Helping the Webelos Scouts with Boy Scout-related advancement requirements.
- * Helping arrange joint Webelos Den-troop activities.
- * Making sure graduation ceremonies are impressive and encourage troop membership.
- * Providing some continuity and immediate help for the new Webelos leader.
- * Making sure that the boys join a troop upon graduation from the pack. Encouraging the parents to become involved in the troop leadership.
- * Helping recruit and train qualified Den Chiefs.

Each of the parts is designed to acquaint the boy and his family with the Boy Scout program, and to establish it in their minds as the obvious next step in the boy's Scouting experience. It may be necessary for the Webelos leader or Cubmaster to initiate this program in their individual pack. Many packs share their sponsoring institution with a troop or have a troop located in the same neighborhood. A natural candidate for the liaison position is a scouter who has moved into the troop program after serving as a Webelos leader. Such a person would be knowledgeable about both programs.

Other key scouters in establishing a successful transition program are the Scouting Coordinator when the pack and troop share the same sponsoring institution and the Unit Commissioner who has knowledge of the Scouting units in his area.

Units who have given high priority to this plan have found an increased percentage of boys making a successful transition from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting. While the benefits to both programs are impressive, the real winner is the boy who has a chance to enjoy Scouting in the outdoors and develop his leadership potential.

WEBELOS PROGRAM RESOURCES

Application for Local Tour or Camp Permit - No. 4426
Application to Become a Den Chief - No. 4211
Big Prints (set of instruction charts for 6 activity badges) BL-61
Boys' Life Magazine (each month has a full page of activity badge help)
Cub Scout Program Helps
Cub Scout Songbook - No. 3221
Boy Scout Songbook - No. 3224
Den Advancement Report - No. 3847
Den Chief's Denbook - No. 3211
Games for Cub Scouts - No. 4392
Group Meeting Sparklers - No. 3122
How to Be a Den Chief - No. 6453
Individual Cub Scout Record Sheet - No. 3827
Staging Den & Pack Ceremonies - No. 3818
Webelos Den Activities - No. 3853
Webelos Den Leader's Book - No. 3217
Webelos Den Meeting Program (planning sheet) - No. 3852
Webelos Scout Advancement Chart - No. 4187
Webelos Scout book - No. 3209
Cub Scout Water Fun - No. 3220
Safe Swim Defense (poster) - No. 7368
Boys' Life Reprint Booklets:
 26-037 Swimming & Waterfront Activities
 26-085 Bike Fun
 26-023 Webelos Scout Helps
 26-025 Fun With Tools
 26-026 Stunts and Skits
 26-041 Cooking Skills & Menus
 26-042 Hiking & Camp Equipment
 26-043 Handicraft
 26-044 Pioneering
 26-046 Toughen Up
 26-097 Our Heritage of Freedom
 26-047 Showman Activity Badge
 26-048 Outdoorsman Activity Badge
 26-049 Sports Tips
 26-053 Forester Activity Badge
 26-054 Naturalist Activity Badge
 26-057 Craftsman Activity Badge
 26-079 Engineer & Traveler Activity Badges
 26-084 Indian Lore
 26-094 Nature Hobbies
 26-095 Bill of Rights
 26-099 Law and Justice
 26-082 Geologist & Scientist Activity Badge Helps

REMEMBER TO ATTEND
YOUR MONTHLY CUB
LEADER ROUNDTABLE.

Experienced leaders strongly recommend keeping a den program resource file on each of the 20 activity badges. Files could contain Boys' Life Reprint booklets, clippings from magazines, handouts from roundtables, Pow Wows, etc.

CUB SCOUT TOURS

Cub Scout groups have an unlimited number of resources for trips, tours, and places to visit. But, in all cases, reservations should be made in advance.

Museums

1. Alabama Sports Hall of Fame - Features memorabilia from Alabama sports figures elected to the Al. Hall of Fame. Located in the Civic Center in Birmingham. Open: Tuesday through Saturday 10am to 5pm. Admission charged, group rates available. Phone: 323-6665
2. Red Mountain Museum - A natural history museum with exhibits explaining the geological and paleontological history of our area. Located at 1421 22nd. Street South in Birmingham. Open: Tuesday through Saturday 10am to 4:30pm; Sunday 1 to 4:30pm. Phone: 254-2776 for tours, 254-2757 for information.
3. Southern Museum of Flight - A large collection of airplanes and flight related exhibits. Located at 4343 73rd. Street North (near B'ham airport). Open: Tuesday through Saturday 9:30am to 5pm; Sunday 1 to 5pm. Admission charged, group rates available. Phone: 833-8226
4. Birmingham Museum of Art - Large range of art displays, excellent exhibit of Indian artifacts and Western statues. Located 2000 8th Avenue North (Near Civic Center). Open: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10am to 5pm; Thursday 10am to 9pm, Sunday 2 to 6pm. No admission fee. Tours arranged, 2 weeks advance notice. Phone: 254-2643 for tours, 254-2070 for exhibit information.
5. Alabama Museum of Health Sciences - Reproductions of 1900 physician's and dentist's offices and other memorabilia. Located at Lister Hill Library, 1700 University Blvd. Open: Monday through Friday 8am to 12noon and 1 to 5pm. No admission fee. Tours arranged upon request. Phone: 934-4475

Educational Points of Interest

1. Sloss Furnace and Museum - Example of 20th. Century iron making with related exhibits. Located at First Avenue North and 32nd. Street. Open: 10am to 4pm Tuesday thru Saturday, 12noon to 4pm Sunday. Tours arranged, 2 weeks advance notice. No admission fee. Phone: 254-2367
2. Meyer Planetarium - Offers a fascinating trip through the stars and constellations. Located on Birmingham Southern Campus. Public Presentations: 1st & 3rd. Sundays 2pm; 2nd. & 4th. Wednesdays 8pm; Thursdays 4pm. Open 30 minutes before showing. Admission charged. Phone: 226-4770

3. Ruffner Mountain Nature Center - Beautiful hardwood trees, high rock outcroppings, rich variety of plant and animal life on an entire ridge of a mountain that contains fossils. Located at 1214 81st. Street South (in East Lake). Open: Tuesday thru Saturday 10am to 5pm; Sunday 1 to 5pm. No admission charged. Tours arranged. Phone: 833-8112

4. Vulcan Park - Atop Red Mountain, the mythological god of metalwork is the largest cast iron statue in the world with observation deck and related exhibits. Located at intersection of Valley Avenue and 20th. Street. Open: Daily 8:30am to 10pm. Admission charged. Group rates available. Phone: 328-6198

5. Birmingham Zoo - A diversified animal collection featuring rare and unusual animals. Located just off Highway 280 South at 2630 Cahaba Road. Open: Daily 9:30am to 5:00pm. Admission charged, group rates available. Phone: 879-0408.

6. Discovery Place - Children's museum designed to be a "hands on" museum. Located at 1320 22nd. Street South (Just down street from Red Mtn. Museum). Open: Tuesday through Friday 9am to 3pm, Saturday, Sunday 1 to 4pm. Admission charged. Group rates available. Tours arranged. Phone: 939-1176.

7. Arlington Antebellum Home - Restored home reflecting Victorian lifestyle. Located at 331 Cotton Avenue. Open: Tuesday through Saturday 10am to 4pm, Sunday 1 to 4pm. Admission charged. Phone: 780-5656.

8. Bessemer Hall of History - Features many historical items relating to Jefferson County's history. Excellent Indian exhibit. Located at 1905 Alabama Avenue in the old Southern Railroad Depot, Bessemer. Open: Tuesday through Saturday 10am to 4pm. No admission charged. Tours arranged, 1 week advance notice. Phone: 426-1633.

9. Sixteenth Street Baptist Church - Site of Civil Rights activism in 1960's. Located at 1530 Sixth Avenue North. Contact Myrtle Whetstone 251-9402 (W), 251-3961 (H) for arrangements to visit the church.

10. Birmingham Botanical and Japanese Gardens - Formal gardens, natural areas, Conservatory. Located at 2612 Lane Park Road (Across street from Zoo). Open: Sunrise to Sunset for grounds, 7am to 3:30pm for green houses. Tours available, 2 weeks advance notice. Phone: 879-1227.

11. Pioneer Homes of Eastern Valley - 3 plantation homes built in the early 1800's. Located on Eastern Valley Road in Bessemer area. Open: Christmas Season only. Tours available. Admission charged. Contact Harriett Marsh 425-5343 for tours.

12. Children's Hospital - Learn about hospital health care. Located at 1600 7th. Ave. South. Tours arranged. Contact Shirley Byrd 939-9671.

13. Television Stations - Learn about television communications. Tours arranged. Maximum number of persons per tour is 25. All are located atop Red Mtn. down the street from Vulcan Park.
WBRC (Channel 6) Contact Shirley Hardin 322-6666, ext. 381. Tours between 9am and 5pm.
WBMG (Channel 13) Contact Kathy Hatcher 933-1313, ext. 203. Allow 2 weeks advance notice. Tours between 3:15 and 4:30pm
WTVM (Channel 42) Contact Paul Ossmann 322-4200. Tours weekday afternoons before 5pm.

14. Radio Stations - Learn about radio communications. Contact the manager of the desired radio station to arrange for tours.

15. Veterinarian Offices - Learn about pet care. Contact your local veterinarian to arrange a visit.

16. American Red Cross - Learn about blood banking. Located at 2225 3rd. Ave, North. Tours arranged, 1 week advance notice. Contact Cindy McCrorie at 322-5661, ext. 470.

17. Oak Mountain State Park. Many areas of interest for Cubs including Animal Farm, hiking trails, Tree-top Nature Trail. Located at Cahaba Valley Rd. Exit I-65 South. Open daily 7am to 10pm. Naturalist Brian Phillips will arrange tours with 2 weeks advance notice. Phone: 663-6783

Civil Agencies

1. Federal Bureau of Investigation - Local offices of FBI with tour by agents. Located at 2121 8th. Avenue North. Tours Tuesday thru Thursday, 1 week advance notice. Contact Jeanette Banks: 252-7705.

2. Fire Department - Learn about equipment and safety precautions used by local fire-fighters. Local fire departments will gladly give tours by appointment. Call the Fire Chief's Office at your local fire station for information. In City of B'ham contact Chief Goodwin 254-2052 to arrange tours.

3. Police Stations - Learn how your police department protects our lives and property. Contact your local Police Chief's or Precint Commander's office.

4. Birmingham Airport - Tour the airport to learn about air travel. Tours arranged Monday thru Friday. Contact Flight Service Station Manager, Bob Seagle: 731-0479.

5. National Weather Service - Weather forecasting and severe weather alert information. Located at 11 West Oxmoor Rd. Tours arranged. Contact Chuck Terrell: 942-1811.

6. Civil Defense - Learn about safety procedures in time of disaster, E 911 number, Tornado safety. Located in the basement of B'ham City Hall. Tours arranged; 1 week advance notice. Contact Ms. Morgado or Mr. Odom: 254-2048.

Public Service Facilities

1. Fast Food Restaurants - Most welcome Cub Dens to tour their facilities and demonstrate how food is prepared. Contact specific restaurant manager to arrange tours.

2. Soft Drink Bottling Plants - Learn how soft drinks are bottled and distributed.
Pepsi - Located at 111 Oxmoor Road. Tours arranged October to May. Contact Mike Cooper: 942-3435
Coca-Cola - Located at 4600 East Lake Blvd. Tours arranged at 9am. Tuesday and Wednesday September thru May. Minimum number of 20 persons, maximum of 40. Contact Lou Robbins: 841-2653.

3. Shelby County Reporter - Learn how a news story is prepared and how a newspaper is printed. Located next to the Courthouse in Columbiana. Tours arranged, 2 weeks advance notice. Contact Wayne Rasco: 669-3131.

Out of Town Points of Interest

1. Anniston Museum of Natural History - Excellent tour for Cub Scouts. Admission charged. Phone: 205-237-6766.

2. Tannehill State Park - Birthplace of the Birmingham Iron industry. Park is an accurate reflection of life in Alabama during the mid-1800's. Located at Exit 100, I-59 West near McCalla. Admission charged. Open year round. Phone: 205-477-5711.

3. International Motor Sports Hall of Fame - Displays of Automotive racing history including cars. Located off I-20 East adjacent to the Al. International Speedway, Talledega. Open: 9am to 5pm daily. Phone: 205-362-2261.

Boy Scout Facilities

Excellent for picnics, outings, etc. At least 2 weeks advance notice for reservations is needed.

Camp Indian Valley - Located in Center Point area
Phone: 251-3322. Camp Winnetaska - Located off I-20 East using the Brompton exit. Phone: 322-1869.

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WEBELOS CAMP OUT PREPARATION

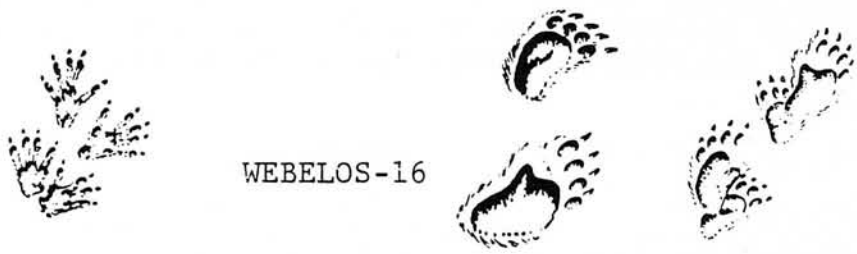
Many people say that Webelos Scouting is the bridge between Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting. If this is true, then the Scouting end of that bridge must be supported by the Outdoorsman Activity badge. In this badge, the Webelos Scout will receive a preview of the fun he will have in Scouting.

The best way to work on this badge is on a Webelos father/son overnight campout. Policies of the Boy Scouts of America encourage overnight campouts for Webelos Scouts and their dads. This is not full-fledged Scout camping. It is only a taste of what is to come when the boy joins a troop. After the boy becomes a Scout, he will become proficient at handling himself in the woods. As a Webelos Scout, he should not be expected to master any of these skills... only to have a little fun in the woods.

Campout preparation for Webelos Leaders

A. Meeting with the dads

1. Hold this meeting about two or three weeks prior to the campout. This will give you a fairly good estimate of how many dads will be going, and is close enough to the actual date that last minute changes can be avoided. Probably 100% of the dads will not attend, so be sure that those who don't make the meeting are contacted soon afterwards and informed of the details of the campout. Communication is important.
2. This is a planning meeting for adults. More will be accomplished if the boys do not attend.
3. Cover these items in your meeting:
 - a. Date of campout.
 - b. Location. Cover in detail the directions. Give the dads a map. Decide on transportation (this will probably be on a father/son basis but make sure).
 - c. Time and place of rendezvous and estimated time of arrival back home.
 - d. Schedule of events of campout. Plan activities you feel the boys would enjoy, including their suggestions along with yours. Some suggestions: hikes, swimming, fishing, campfire program, etc.
 - e. Menu for Webelos Scouts and dads
 1. Keep menu simple, remembering that each dad and his son cook together, eat, and clean up together.
 2. Suggest that similar meals be planned for all involved. (This avoids having some eat steak while others have hot dogs)
 3. At least two meals involving some cooking should be planned. (Saturday evening and Sunday morning) A sack lunch for the Saturday lunch will suffice and a light lunch for Sunday.



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- f. Equipment - each dad should have a personal equipment checklist similar to the boys. In addition to those items, a hand axe for preparation of firewood is useful. Don't forget the first aid kit, even though you may not use it.
 - g. If firewood is in short supply at your campsite, make sure everyone knows to bring their own.
 - h. Remember...pressure gas stoves and Coleman-type lanterns may not be used in Scout camps. This is a national camping regulation. Propane type stoves and lanterns are permissible.
4. This meeting with the dads can be an excellent time to get to know each other better. Don't overlook the leadership potential within this group of men. Give the dads an opportunity to participate in leading various activities.

IN SUMMARY: Aside from the fun your Webelos Scouts will experience on this campout, they should have satisfied the requirements for the Outdoorsman badge by the time they return home. In addition to this badge, certain requirements for other badges can be completed on the campout. Check out the requirements for the Naturalist and Geologist badges and try to include them in your plan.

B. Make reservations

1. If you decide to use a privately owned campsite, arrangements should be made with the owner.
 2. If you plan to use one of the Scout camps, make reservations through the Scout Service Center (743-6125).
 3. In either case, a local tour permit is required. This should be turned in to the Scout Service Center at least two weeks prior to the campout.
- C. If you are not experienced camper, be sure to plan to take along an adult or Scout who is experienced. More than likely, some of the dads have been camping; if not, there are lots of Scouters around who would like to help you.
- D. Preparing the dads is equally important as preparing the boys. The end result of this preparation is a smoothly-run campout with everyone knowing what is expected. Properly informed dads will reduce the load of responsibility on the Webelos Leader to a minimum and will make the campout more enjoyable for all.



Campout preparation continued....

Prepare the boys

Preparing the boys goes beyond informing them that a campout has been planned. This period of preparation for the campout offers many opportunities to introduce materials and skills that will be helpful to the boys in their Webelos training. Some of the opportunities offered at den meetings are:

- A. Discuss and plan the campout with the boys. Show the boys how to make a list of items they will need for camping on a father/son overnight.
- B. Discuss fire safety and its need. Make sure boys are familiar with the principles which include no-flame lights in tents and no-liquid starters for charcoal fires. Do fire laying for regular wood fires or charcoal fires, so they can learn to lay them for cooking and campfires.
- C. Teach the boys the taut-line hitch. They will need to know this to set up their tents. Have a tent making project of a simple tarp tent which will provide adequate shelter for two boys.
- D. Show the boys how to make an improvised sleeping bag or bed.
- E. Include your Den Chief in the campout planning. His experience in Scouting will be helpful. He could help teach the knots and the basic rules of fire safety. He should go along on the campout. If you are an inexperienced camper, you'll be glad he's there.
- F. About one week before the campout, send home an individual checklist with each boy, along with a letter giving final details as to when and where to meet, when you will return, etc.



SAMPLE CAMPOUT SCHEDULE

Saturday

8:30	Arrive at campsite
8:30 - 9:15	Set up camp
9:15	Raise US flag while all salute; pledge
9:20 - 11:30	Activity (hike, activity badge work, etc)
11:30 - 12:15	Prepare lunch
12:15 - 12:45	Lunch
12:45 - 1:15	Cleanup
1:15 - 4:00	Activity (swimming, fishing, etc)
4:00 - 5:30	Free time
5:30 - 6:00	Prepare dinner
6:00 - 6:30	Dinner
6:30 - 7:00	Cleanup
7:00 - 8:00	Games
8:00	Lower flag
8:05 - 9:30	Campfire program
9:30 - 10:00	Crackerbarrel
10:00	Lights out; camp quiet



Sunday

7:00 am	Reveille
7:00 - 7:15	Air bedding and clean up
7:15	Raise US flag while all salute
7:20 - 7:45	Prepare breakfast
7:45 - 8:15	Breakfast
8:15 - 8:45	Cleanup
8:45 - 9:30	Strike camp (Leave camp in better condition than you found it)

NOTE: Plan your camp schedule to take into account the religious duties of the boys. If your camp extends into Sunday morning, be sure that they have an opportunity to attend a service at their own church back home, a church in the nearby community or put a simple religious service (nonsectarian) together for camp before you leave for home.

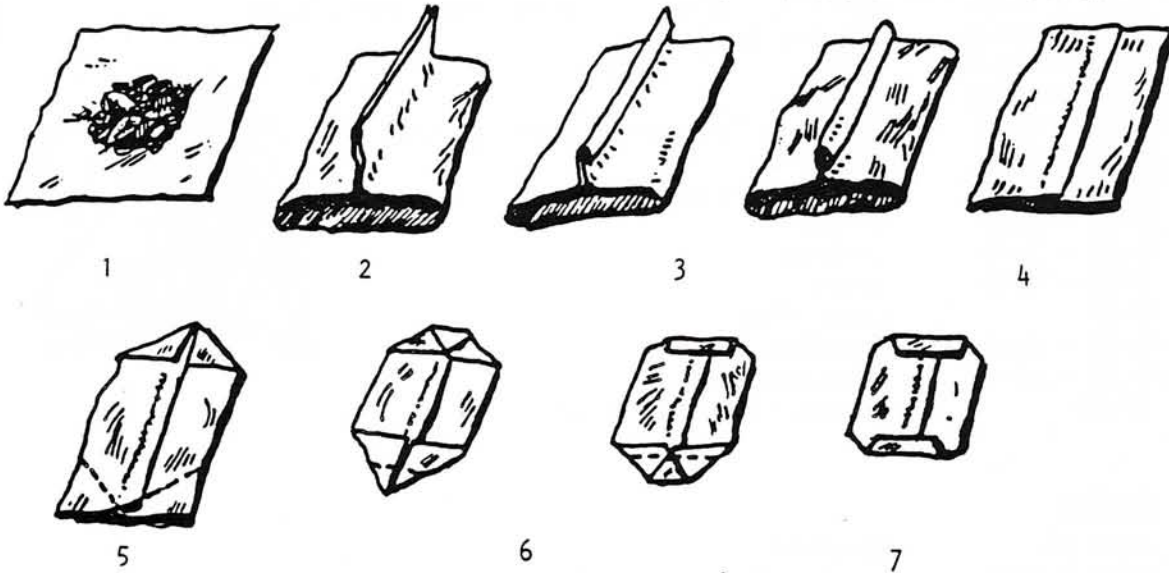
A planned program is necessary so that your Webelos Scouts do and learn as well as live in a camp setting. Your schedule should be flexible. The plan above may look rigid, but it should be used as a guide. If you have allotted 1 hour for a nature hike and the boys are enjoying it and learning, don't hesitate to extend the time. Cut shorter any period which isn't working out as planned.

When you arrive home do evaluate the experience. Then at the next den meeting find out from the boys what they liked and didn't like. This will enable you plan for next time.



HELPFUL HINTS FOR YOUR CAMPOUT

FOIL COOKING: (1) Place food in center of foil; (2) Bring sides up loosely; (3) Fold top down twice; (4) Fold top down flat & press ends together; (5) Fold corners over; (6) Fold pointed ends & fold again; (7) Place on coals.



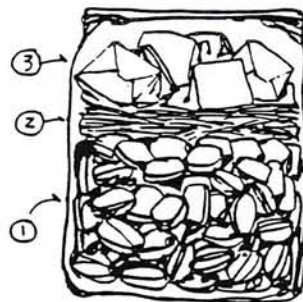
COOKING FIRES: Keep fires small just big enough to do the job.



COUNCIL FIRES: Crisscross fuel wood and start burnign with a tepee fire on top.

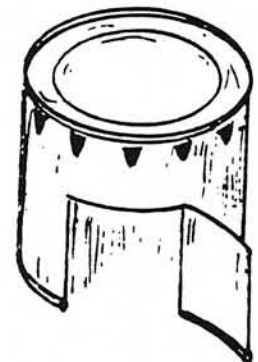


CHARCOAL FIRE PACKAGE: Fill a grocery bag as shown. When you're ready to use, turn the bag upside down on the fire site and light it at the bottom.



- (1) Fill 3/4 full with charcoal
- (2) Place a layer of kindling on top of charcoal
- (3) Put paper (or wax cartons) on top of kindling

HOBO STOVE: Punch holes in a 1 gallon or 5 qt oil can with a triangular beverage opener. With tin snips cut an opening in bottom of can.





LET'S GO OUTDOORS

Even cooking a marshmallow or hot dog can be a real challenge - having them done, but not burnt. Cooking is a skill and cooking outdoors with charcoal, wood, or a buddy burner will take some skill. Take time to talk about what you plan to cook, discuss safety, practice fire building. Have a demonstration by the Den Chief or someone with else knowledgeable on the subject.

Refer to the June theme in the 1986-87 Program Helps for more camp cooking recipes and cooking equipment suggestions.

S'MORES

2 graham crackers • a toasted marshmallow • 1 square Hershey chocolate bar (no nuts)

Toast marshmallow. Put on graham cracker. Put chocolate on top of hot marshmallow. Top with the other graham cracker.

One won't be enough -- you'll want S'MORE!!

CAMPFIRE FOIL DINNER (Ground Beef)

In a square piece of heavy duty aluminum foil place enough of each of the following to make one serving:

- sliced potatoes thin ground beef patty
- sliced carrots (thin) sliced onions
- salt and petter

Fold foil using "drugstore" wrap to hold in the juice. Cook package on hot coals for approximately 15 minutes on each side.

(Try using a porkchop instead of ground beef.)



FOIL BAKED APPLES

- 1 apple
- 1 Tablespoon raisins
- 1 Tablespoon borwn sugar
- cinnamon

Core the apple and place it on a square of foil. Fill hole with raisins, the brown sugar and a dash of cinnamon.

Wrap foil around apple and bake in coals for 10-15 min.

FOIL BAKED CHICKEN

- Chicken pieces Salt and pepper
- Lemon juice Margarine

Season pieces of chicken. Place 1 or 2 pieces on a square of heavy duty foil. Pour 1 tablespoon of lemon juice over each piece. Dot with margarine. Add a tablespoon of water and wrap tightly in the "drugstore wrap". Bake in hot coals about an hour, turning frequently.



FOIL COOKING HINTS

Use two layers of light-weight, or one layer of heavyduty aluminum foil. Foil should be large enough to go around food and allow for crimping the edges in a tight seal. This will keep the juices and steam in. This wrap is known as the "drugstore" wrap.

A shallow bed of glowing coals that will last the length of cooking time is necessary.

COOKING TIMES (APPROXIMATELY)

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| Hamburger..... | 8-12 minutes | Carrots..... | 15-20 minutes |
| Beef (1-inch cubes).... | 20-30 minutes | Ears of corn..... | 6-10 minutes |
| Chicken pieces | 20-30 minutes | Whole potatoes..... | 45-60 minutes |
| Frankfurters | 5-10 minutes | Sliced potatoes..... | 10-15 minutes |
| Porkchops | 30-40 minutes | Whole apples..... | 20-30 minutes |



POCKET BURGERS

Ground beef
Carrots, potatoes, onions (sliced thin)
Individually wrapped cheese slices

Work on large piece of aluminum foil.
Using 1/3 to 1/2 pound of meat per serving, divide meat in half. Flatten into 2 large, thin meat patties.

Lay cheese on one patty and cover with other patty. Seal edges of meat patties so the cheese is in a pocket. Stack on slices of vegetables, salt and pepper to taste. Seal foil around dinner. Double wrap with second piece of foil. Cook buried in hot coals, use longer cooking time and turn occasionally.

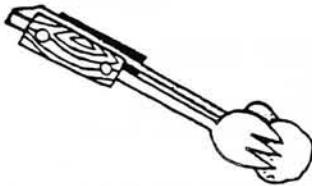
CORN ON THE COB

Corn is very good cooked in the coals. Buy corn in full husks. Open tassle end and remove all the silk possible. Pour water on the corn and replace the husks. Wrap in foil and bury in a bed of hot coals. Exact amount of time is not known, it should only take about 10-15 min. Remove from coals, remove foil and turn back the husks, using them as a handle while eating the corn. Add butter and salt for flavor.



HARD COOKED EGGS, CAMPFIRE STYLE

Wrap moist paper towel around each egg. Then wrap egg in a double layer of foil. Be sure it is sealed tightly. Cook in hot coals. After 15 minutes, test one egg to check doneness.



DARN GOODS

Mix biscuits using Bisquick or from "scratch". Drop 1" balls of dough into hot oil. Turn over and over until golden brown. Remove from cooking oil and roll in cinnamon, sugar or powdered sugar. You'll need to make plenty!

SOUP-ER BURGERS

1 pound ground beef
2/3 cup chopped onion
1 can condensed chicken gumbo
1/4 cup water

2 tablespoons mustard
1 tablespoon catsup (if you wish)
1/2 teaspoon salt

Brown ground beef and onions and cook until golden brown. Stir in remaining ingredients. Simmer over low heat for 20 minutes, stirring continuously. Spoon onto hamburger buns



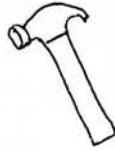
5-CAN STEW

Brown and drain - 1 to 1 1/2 pound ground beef.

Add - 1 can ranch style beans
1 can rotel tomatoes
3 cans minestrone soup

Simmer together 15-20 minutes before serving.





CRAFTSMAN ACTIVITY BADGE

Most boys, by the time they reach a Webelos den have had some experience with simple woodworking tools. In order for the Webelos Scout to complete the Craftsman Activity Badge requirements, it will be necessary for him to familiarize himself with tools used in other crafts, such as leather and tin craft.

To earn this badge the boy must complete a variety of projects. To complete all of these, it may be necessary to finish some of them at home. This is an excellent opportunity to involve the parents. Ask the boys to secure help from their fathers at home. You may also need to enlist the fathers' help in furnishing tools to be used during den meetings.

Den Activities:

1. Display and explain the use of the tools necessary for completing the crafts, stressing the safety precautions required with each tool.
2. Visit a furniture factory, lumber mill or lumber yard.
3. Visit a carpenter or cabinet maker and let the boys observe these tools being used by a master craftsman.
4. Have a bird house building contest.
5. Have each boy select his projects and be ready to assist when needed, but remember that these are the boy's projects, not yours.
6. Discuss the proper care of his tools and the need for work area neatness.
7. Invite a local potter to visit the den and instruct the boys in clay working techniques.

Related Boy Scout Merit Badge Books:

- Leatherwork - Cutting, tooling, and other design methods, lacing, leather types and tools, braiding, project ideas and directions
- Machinery - Hand tool use, machine tools (metal working, lathe, and drill press), safety rules
- Metalwork - Examples and directions for making useful things from tin cans and other metals, cutting, riveting, soldering
- Model Design and Building - Hand tools for woodworking, selecting and working with wood, painting and finishing details, design principles
- Pottery - Clay properties, pottery terms, projects and directions
- Wood Carving - Wood qualities, tools, techniques
- Wood Work - Wood qualities, tools, designs, examples of wooden toys, projects

...IT ISN'T AS IMPORTANT WHAT THE BOY DOES TO THE WOOD, AS WHAT THE WOOD DOES FOR THE BOY...

WORDS OF WISDOM

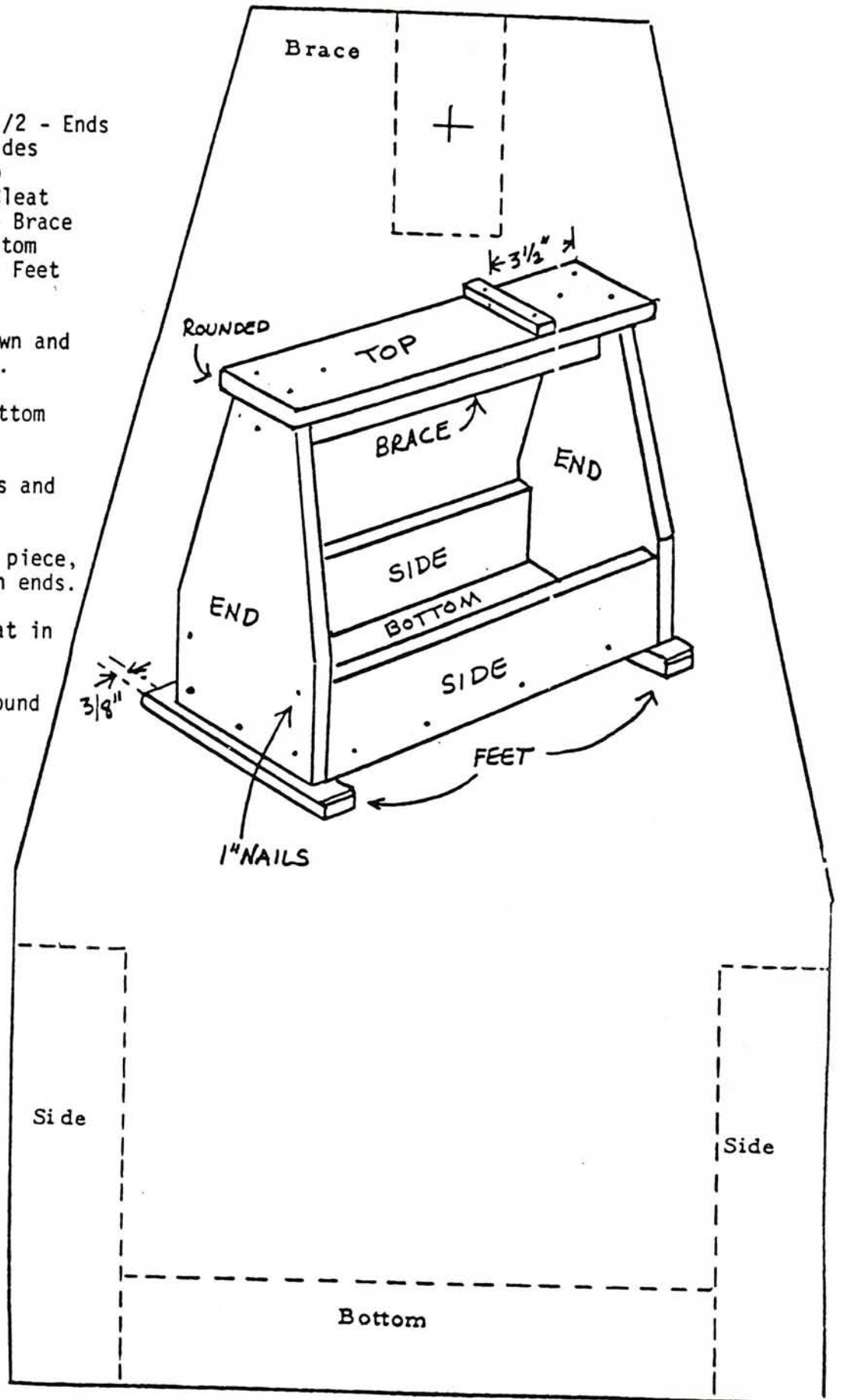
- * Be ready to assist when needed, but don't be so liberal with your help that it becomes your project rather than the boys'.
- * Encourage every boy to put forth his very best effort and reserve your praise for projects worthy of compliments.
- * Watch for signs of discouragement. Help boys when they seem to be having trouble.
- * Make sure that all projects are carefully planned before they are begun, so the boys know what they're making and how it is done.
- * Be sure that the boy is completely familiar with the way his project will look when it is completed and the way each component should look before assembly.
- * Help each boy understand safety practices and take safety precautions where needed; and know sharp tools are a necessity and are used with care and safety. Take time to set basic safety rules for the boys for this activity badge.
- * Be extra cautious with metal work projects
- * Clean up working areas when finished. This leads to good relationships.

SHOESHINE BOX

Materials:

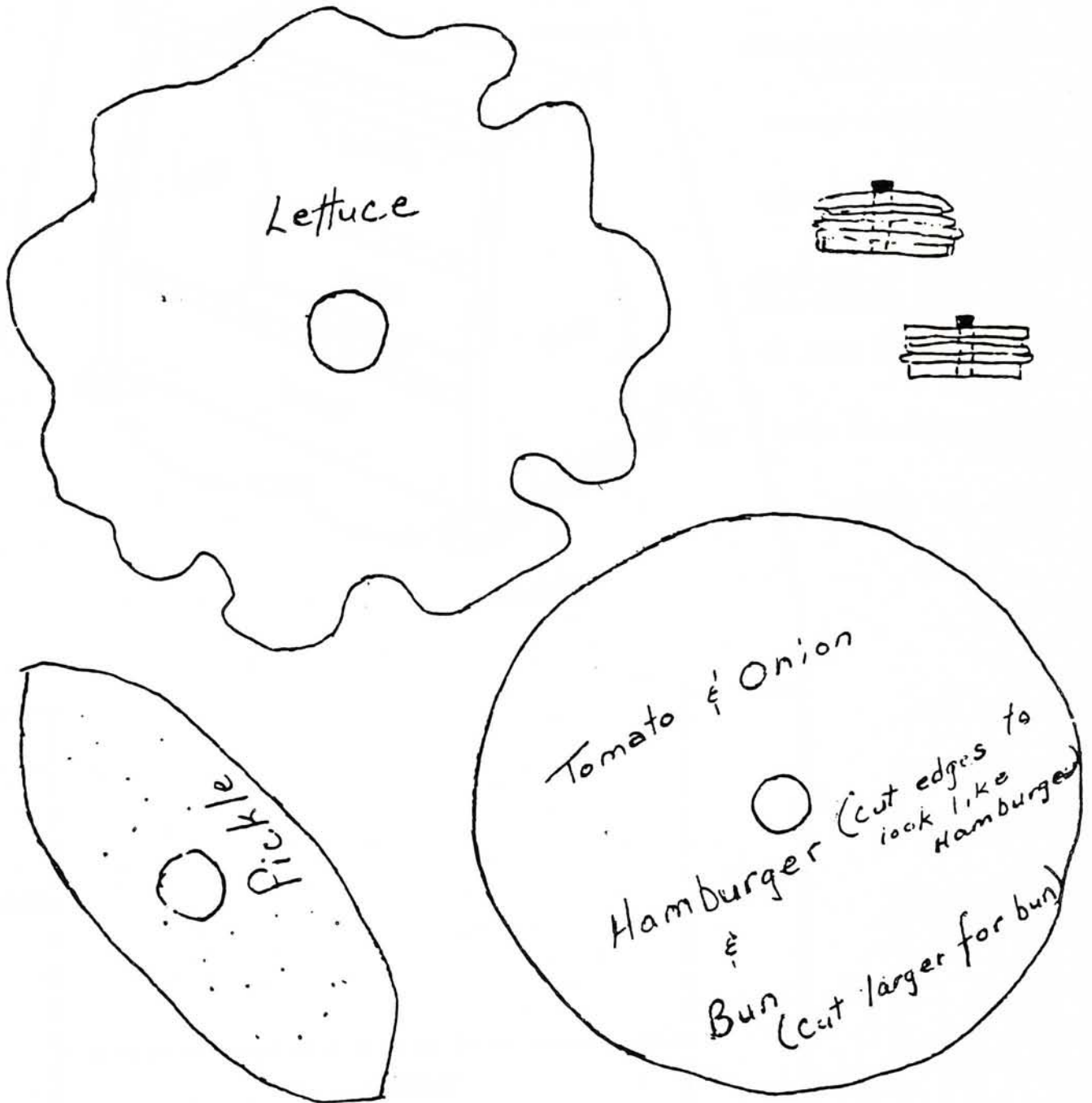
- 2 - 3/4 X 5 1/2 X 9 1/2 - Ends
 - 2 - 3/4 X 3 X 10 - Sides
 - 1 - 3/4 X 3 X 2 - Top
 - 1 - 3/8 X 3/4 X 3 - Cleat
 - 1 - 3/4 X 1 1/2 X 10 - Brace
 - 1 - 3/4 X 4 X 10 - Bottom
 - 2 - 3/4 X 1 1/2 X 7 - Feet
- (use 2" nails)

1. Trace pattern shown and cut out two ends.
2. Nail sides and bottom together.
3. Nail ends to sides and bottom.
4. Nail brace to top piece, then nail between ends.
5. Nail feet and cleat in place.
6. Sand smooth and round edges.
7. Stain and shellac.



Wooden Puzzles: (Sandwich and hamburger)

3/4" wood pieces for puzzles. 3/8" dowel 5" long. Cut out all pieces for puzzles and drill 3/8" hole in center of each piece. Carve pickle and top of hamburger bun with knife. Sand all the edges smooth and sand all other pieces smooth. Paint all pieces appropriately, using acrylic paint. Let dry and add accent to pieces with additional paint. (To make bumps on pickle, dot white glue in polka dot effect to top side of pickle, let dry and paint green. Accent dots with brown.) Glue dowel in bottom piece and let dry. Spray with acrylic and let dry. Stack to form sandwich or hamburger.



Everyone needs a good place to keep books. If you're ready to start work on a Mebelos Craftsman badge, why not build one-board bookends?

All you need is a pine board 3/4" thick, 5 3/8" wide and about 2 feet long. The first two measurements are standard for what lumber yards call a six-inch board. Three bookends can be built from a six-foot board.

Following the dotted lines on the diagram, cut out the ends with a coping saw or jig-saw. Nail the ends together and cut out the hole in both ends at the same time.

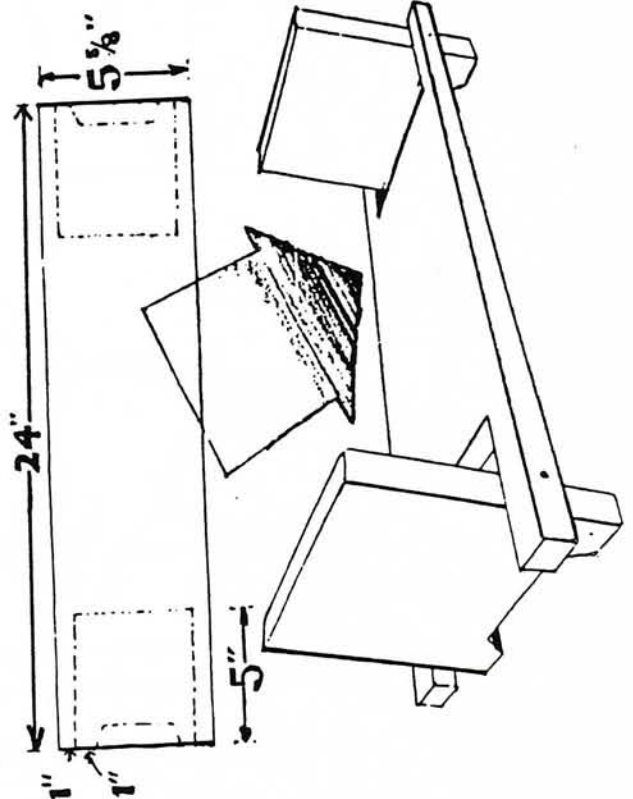
Once the pieces are cut out, trim ends with a wood file. Sandpaper all surfaces (sanding with the grain) with 5-0 garnet paper. Wrap paper around a wooden block.

Assemble by using long, thin wood screws. It's easier if you pre-drill the holes.

After sanding, give bookends a coat of stain-wax. Or paint. Make one for yourself and others for holiday gifts.



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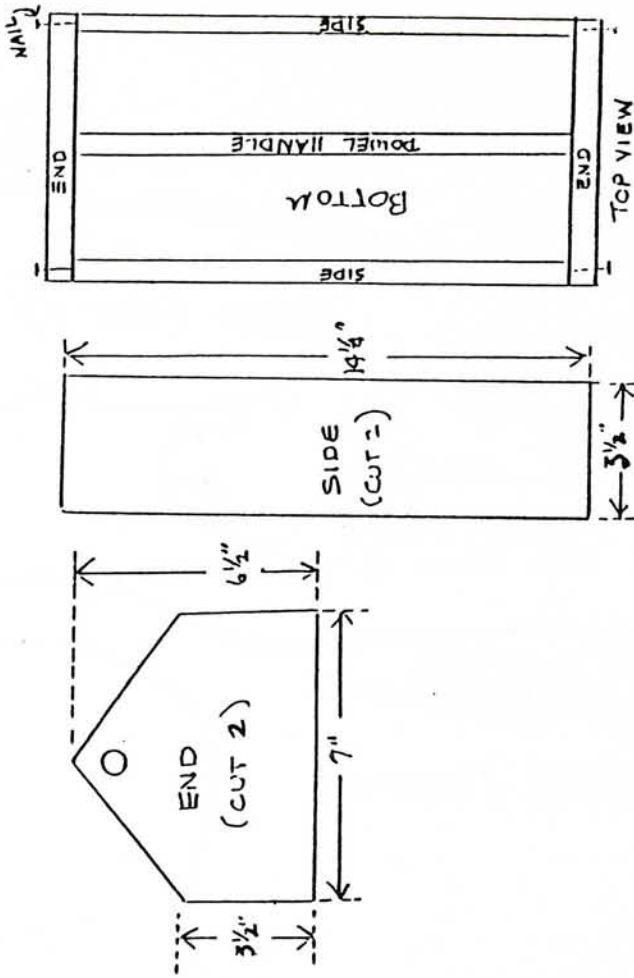


TOTE TRAY FOR TOOLS

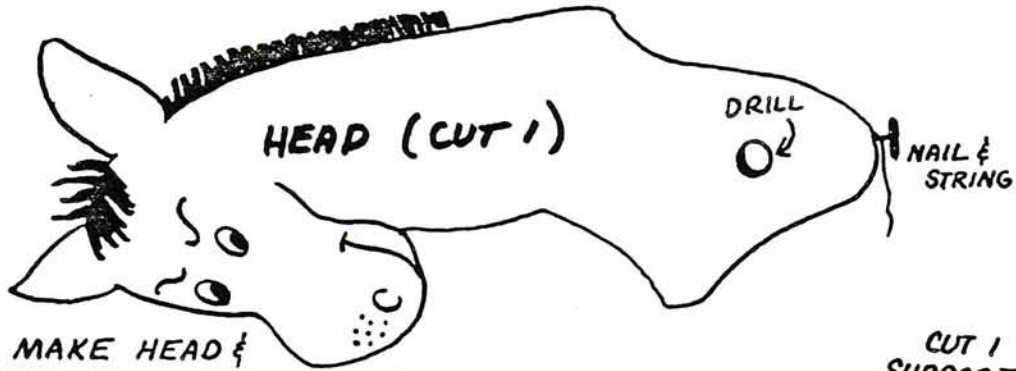
Materials: Ends - Two 3/4" pine, 6 1/2" x 7"
 Sides - Two 3/4" pine, 3 1/2" x 14 1/4"
 Bottom - 1/8" masonite 7" x 15 3/4"
 Handle - 3/4" dowel 14 7/8" long
 Nails - Eight 1 1/2" for sides; Fourteen 1" for bottom

Instructions:

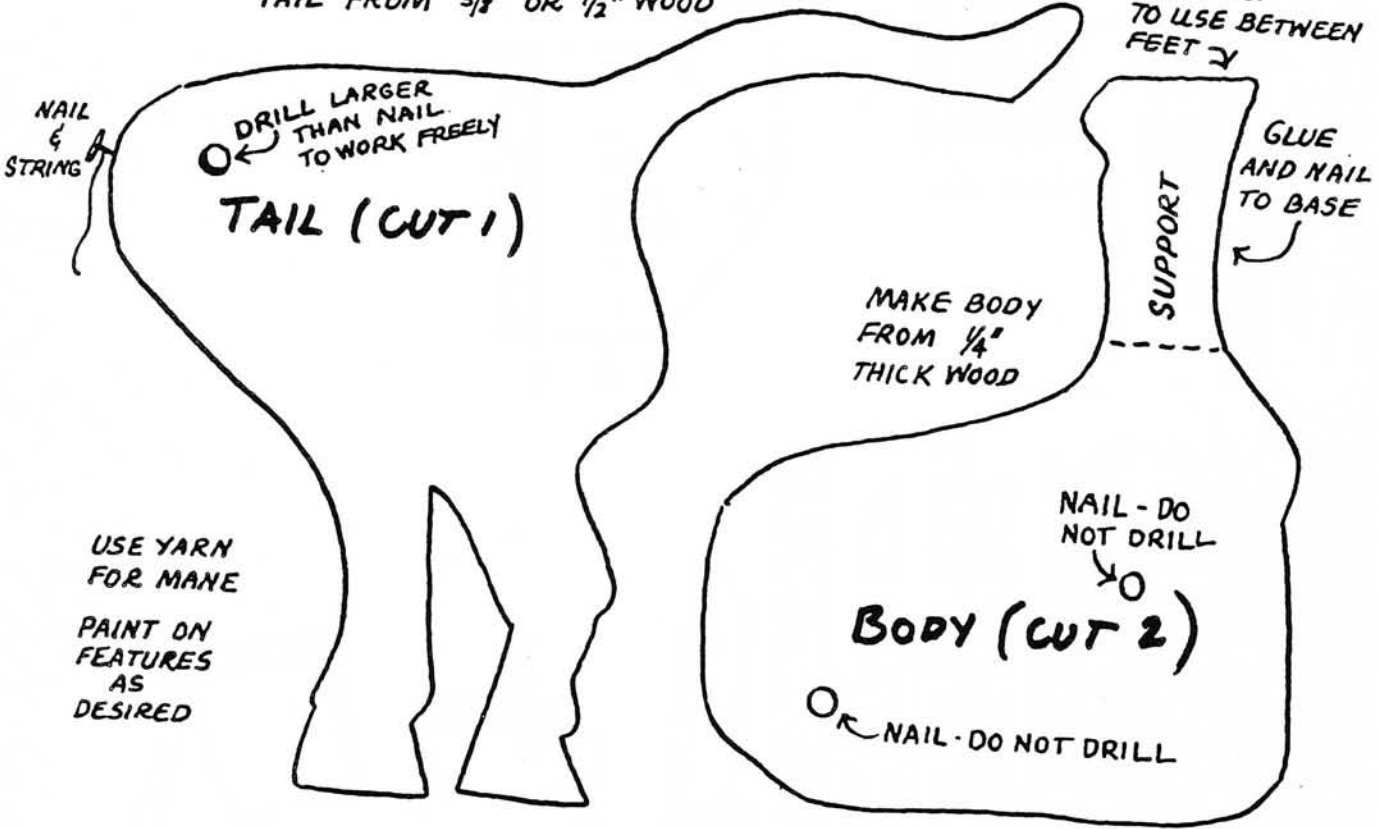
1. Cut two ends as shown in illustrations.
2. Drill 3/4" holes, 1/2" deep in each.
3. Cut two sides with side pieces inside of ends, holes on inside of tray.
4. Insert handles in holes before nailing on second end.
5. Nail on bottom.
6. Sand smooth and shellac or paint.



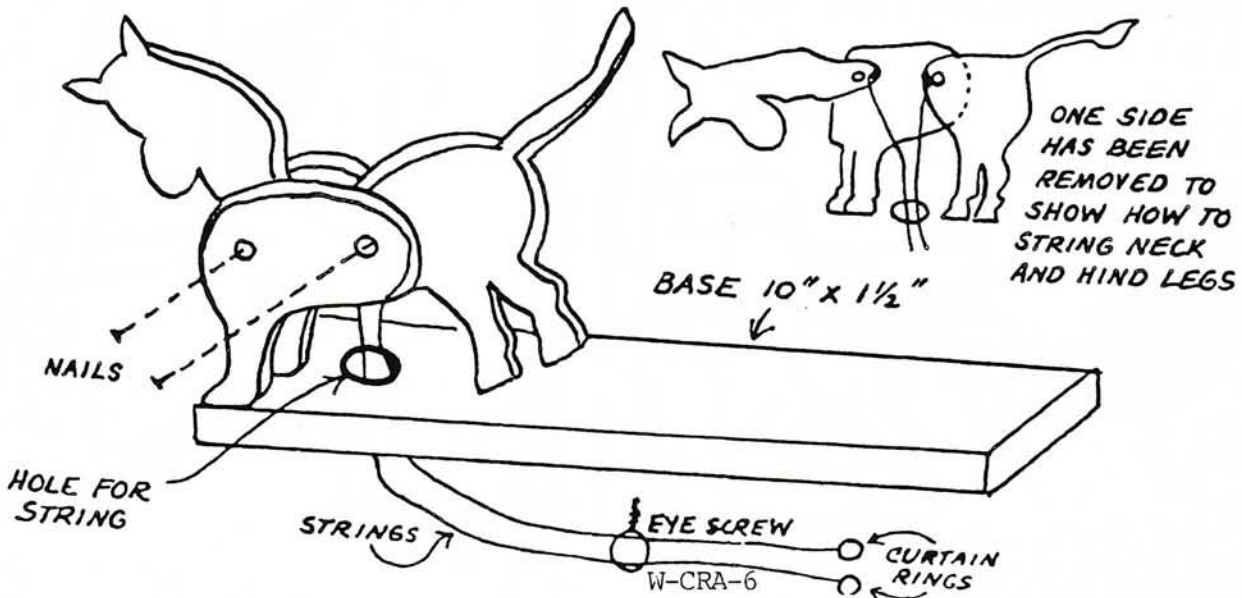
KICKING PEDRO



MAKE HEAD & TAIL FROM 3/8" OR 1/2" WOOD



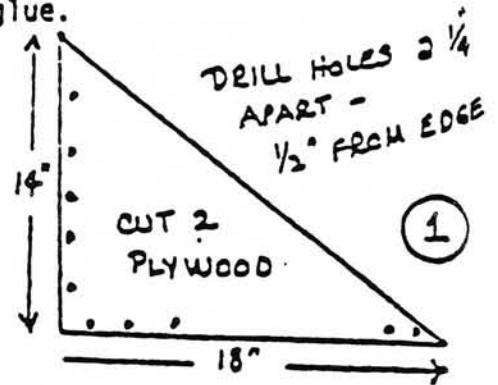
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PAINT ON FEATURES AS DESIRED



Your Personal Bike Rack: If you have a workshop, you may have all the materials for this bike rack on hand. Scrap lumber can be obtained at your local lumberyard at little or no cost. You will need:

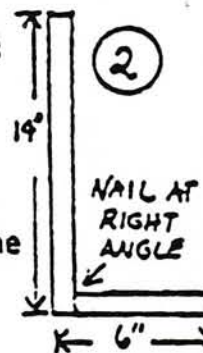
- a piece of 1/2" plywood 14" X 18" (for medium-weight bicycle with 24" wheel
- a two-foot length of 1" X 2" wood Varnish or paint
- an 18" length of 2" X 8" wood Hammer, Screwdriver, Saw, Drill
- No. 6 flathead screws 1 1/4" long
- six-penny nails. White glue or powdered resin glue.

1. Cut plywood triangles. Drill holes as shown with a 5/32" drill. Paint or varnish the inside of the plywood now. It will be difficult to do it after the rack is assembled.

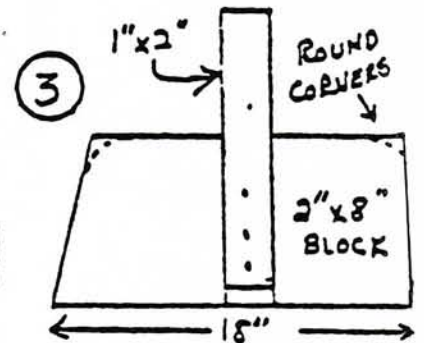


2. Cut the 1" X 2" pieces. Nail the two longest pieces at right angles.

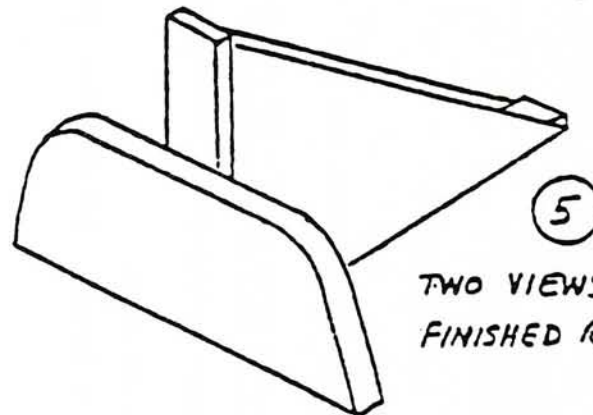
3. Cut the 2" X 8" piece. Attach the nailed 1" X 2" with screws. Paint or varnish the 1" X 2" now. (Note the right angle is fastened to the 2 X 8 with screws from the inside)



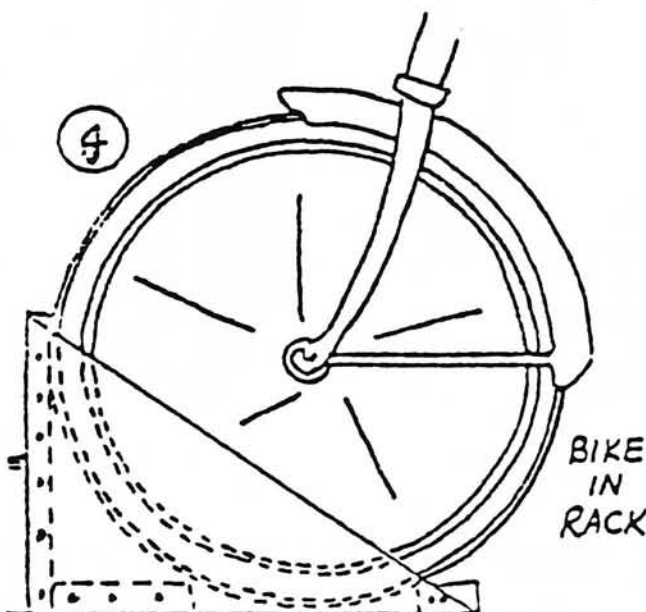
4. Fasten the plywood triangles in place with screws through the pre-drilled holes. Don't forget the small piece of 1" X 2" that joins the tips of the triangle.



5. Sand and complete paint or varnish job.



TWO VIEWS OF FINISHED RACK

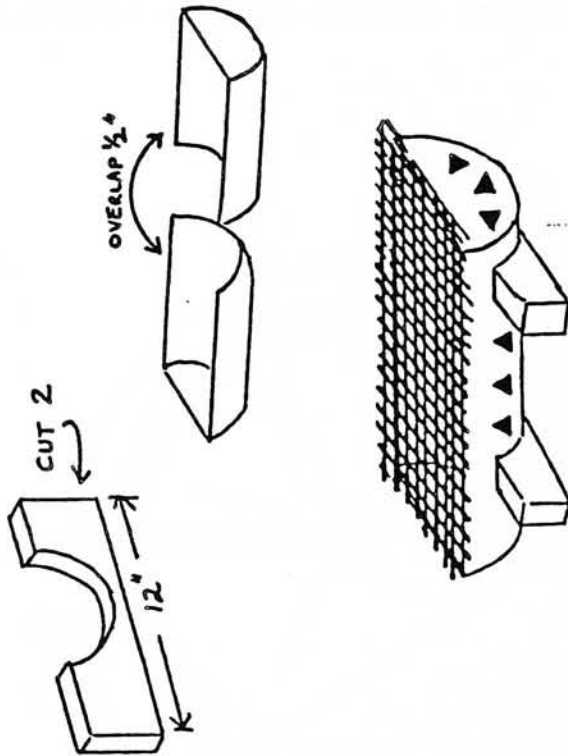


BIKE IN RACK

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Materials: one 3-lb coffee can
 one 9" x 18" hardware cloth
 two 4" x 12" x 3/4" wood

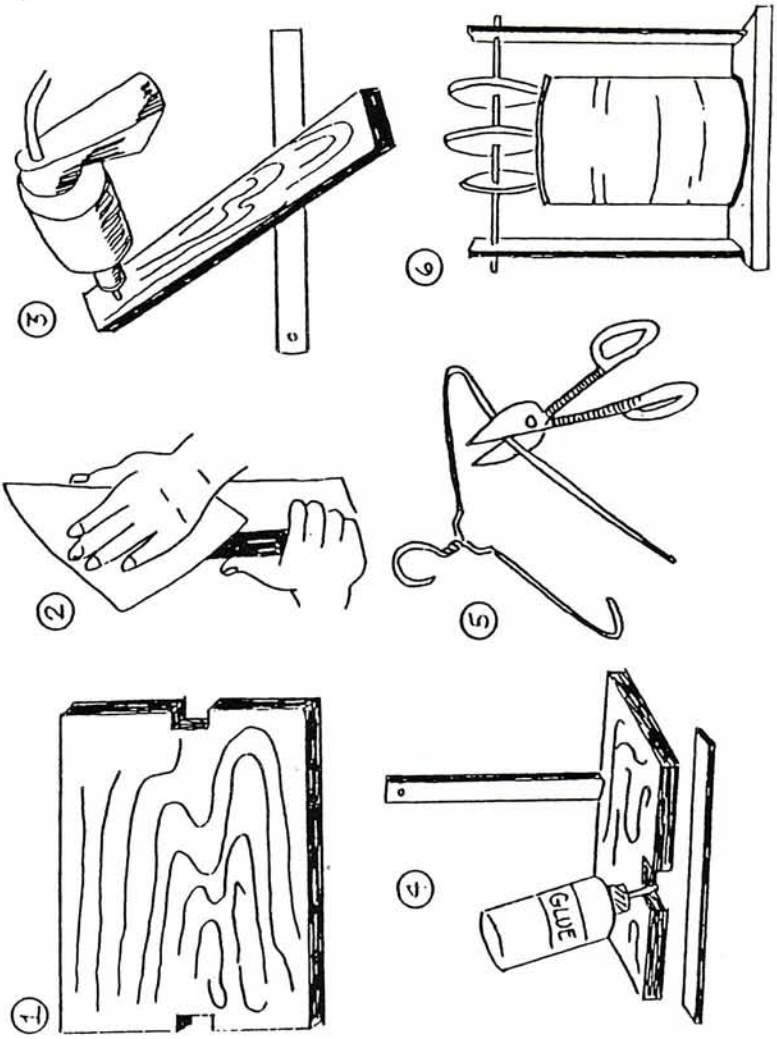
1. Cut off one end of can just behind rim.
2. Cut can in half lengthwise.
3. Rivet two halves together (open end to open end) to form trough.
4. Using can as template, mark curve on 4" x 12" pieces of wood. Cut out half round piece of wood to provide base for habachi.
5. Punch vent holes in lower portion of can and put habachi on wooden base pieces.
6. Hardware cloth is used for grate.
7. Put 1" course gravel in bottom. Add charcoal, light and cook.



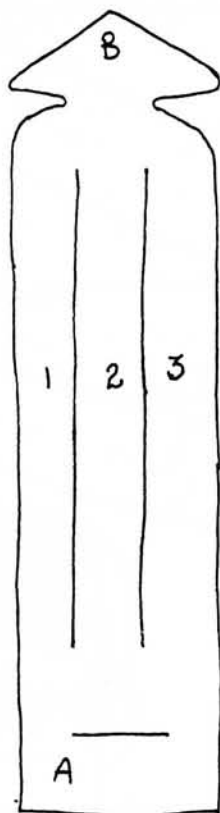
PAINTBRUSH CLEANER RACK

Materials: Scrap Lumber (2 pieces 1x5x6" for base and 2 pieces 1x2x12" for side supports)
 Coat Hanger
 Tin Can
 Glue
 Sandpaper

Instructions: Cut a notch in center of each side of the base 1 3/4" wide and 3/4" deep (1). Sand all rough edges (2). Drill a 1/4" hole in the center of each strip, approximately 3/4" from the end (3). Glue or nail 12" strips into notches in base (hole should be at top) (4). Cut a 7" piece of wire from the coat hanger (5). Place can on base and suspend brushes in solvent from wire held by side supports (6).



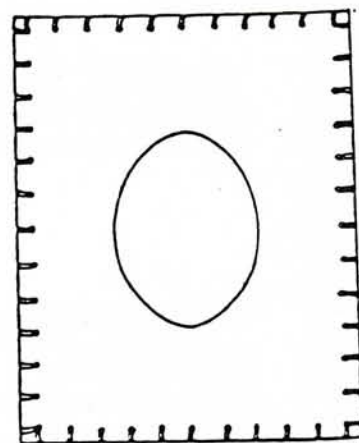
WATTLE TIE SLIDE

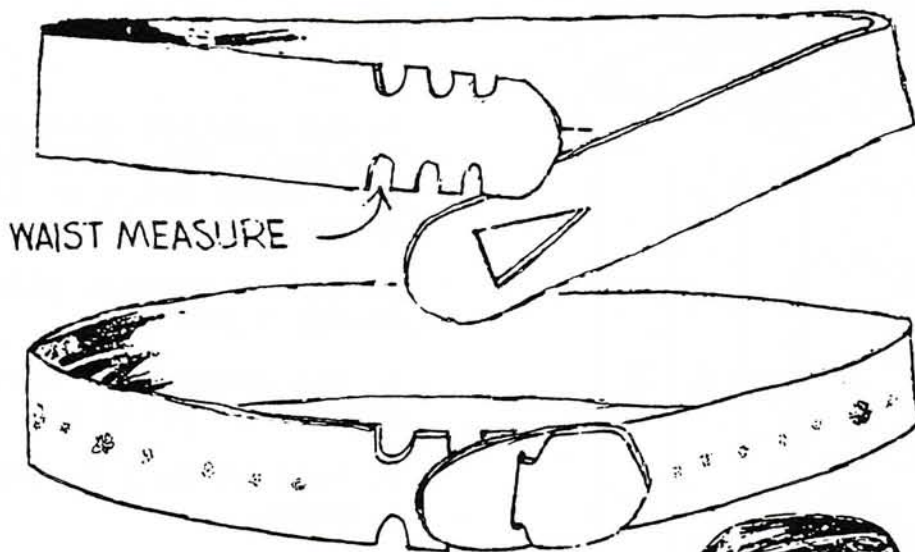


1. Cut pattern from pliable leather. Cut slits indicated with sharp knife or single edged razor blade.
2. Tuck A through slit between strips 2 and 3.
3. Put strip 3 on strip 2, then strip 1 on strip 3.
4. Pull strip 3 to left to form a space.
5. Pull A (entire bottom) through loop made in step 4.
6. Rearrange strips to make a woven appearance.
7. Put B through slit in A.
8. Wear with pride.

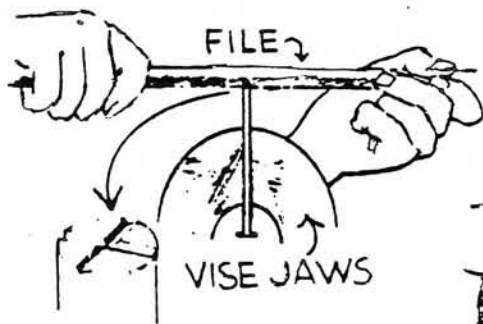
PICTURE FRAME

Punch leather (that is only lightly moistened on top of a light cardboard back that is exactly the same size. Punch both at once. Cut hole in center of leather the size and shape needed for picture. Stamp. Dye. Finish. Put in picture, lightly gluing to back in correct position. Lace together. Add a glue on hanger or display on a wire stand.

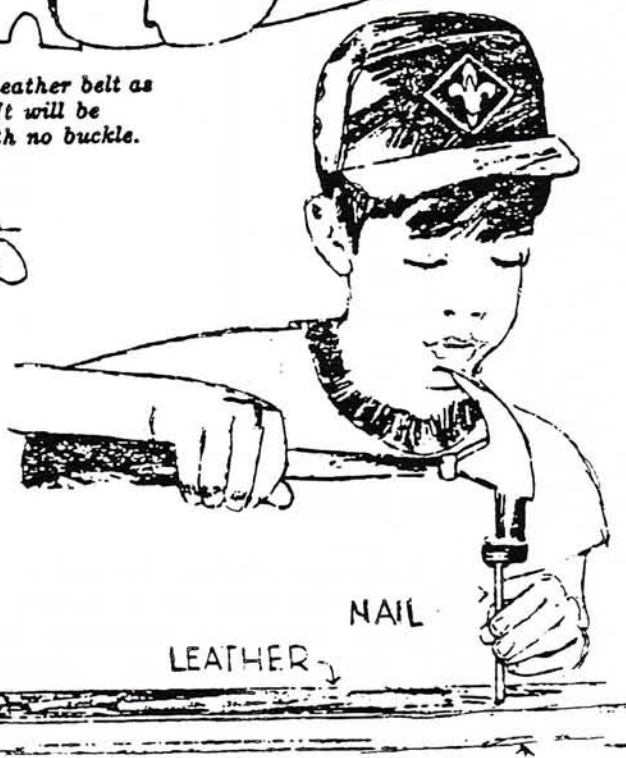




Fix up an old leather belt as shown above. It will be adjustable, with no buckle.



You can make your own tools to decorate your belt. File a 20-penny nail flat, then file out the design you prefer.



Webelos Activity:

CRAFTSMAN

Buckleless Belt

If your dad has an old belt he does not need, why not fix it up for yourself? You can cut it down to size. And you won't have to worry about keeping the buckle. Just cut out and notch the ends as shown.

Use a very sharp knife. Good leather is tough to cut with a dull knife. Be sure you have an old board for the cutting surface. Mom won't be happy if you slice up the kitchen table.

If the belt is plain, you can decorate it by methods shown in your *Webelos Scout Book*. Or you can make your own stamping designs from big nails. Twenty-penny nails are easiest to work with.

First, clamp the nail in a vise and file off the point.

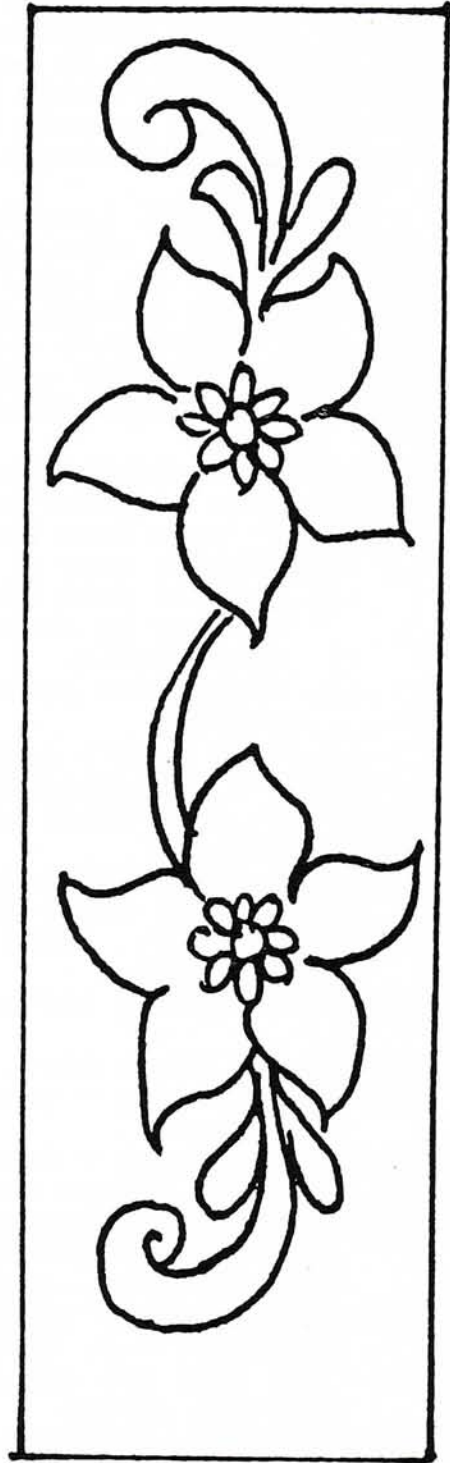
Now, using a flat file, make the design you want. A diamond like the Cub Scout badge is fairly easy.

To use your stamp, dampen the leather with a wet cloth or squeezed-out sponge. Then put the leather on a hard surface like metal or glass.

Hold the nail stamp against the leather and tap the head with a hammer or mallet. The stamp will leave its design on the leather.

Leather Tooling

Patterns for Bookmarks.





CITIZEN ACTIVITY BADGE

The Citizen Activity Badge is one of the requirements for the Arrow of Light Award. The written requirements and readings may be done at home with Mother and Dad, which points out the continuing importance of parent involvement in the Webelos den. As soon as each boy begins his work on the Citizen Activity Badge he should make or purchase a small notebook which becomes his "logbook" in which he completes some of the requirements for this badge.

THIS BADGE, LIKE ANY OTHER ONE, IS AS MUCH FUN AS YOU MAKE IT FOR THE BOYS. If they think it is fun, then they will do it without any pressure. Remember when you are working with boys and discussing points of good citizenship, they will not always have mature and well-thought-out answers, but sometimes they will surprise you. Encourage them to talk with their parents about the role of a good citizen.

Suggested Den Activities:

1. Boys make logbooks to record their work on the badge.
2. Decide on a Good Turn and plan how to carry it out. Some suggestions are:
 1. Special Good Turn for the next Pack meeting -- setting up chairs, cleaning up, ushering parents to their seats.
 2. Distribute posters and handbills for United Fund Drive.
 3. Help with a used clothing drive.
3. Attend a naturalization ceremony.
4. Observe the voting process; visit a polling place if possible.
5. Have a local historian visit a meeting and tell about the development and organization of your community.
6. Visit a court. Have the judge speak to the boys about citizenship.

Other suggestions are provided in the Programs Helps.

Related Boy Scout Merit Badge Books:

- American Business - government services and controls for businesses
- American Heritage - famous American biographies, brief Star-Spangled Banner story
- Citizen in the Community - state and local government organization and services, volunteer community organizations, citizenship obligations and privileges
- Citizenship in the Nation - Declaration of Independence analysis, U.S. Government services.
- Law - Why laws are important, law history, law enforcement, Judicial system
- Public Health - Government immunization, food quality, pollution, medical services
- Traffic Safety - Government motor vehicle acts

CITIZENSHIP PLAQUE

Choose a scrap of wood with an interesting shape,. Sand all edges until smooth. Rub a bit of stain into the wood with an old sponge or rag. Wipe off any extra stain with a paper towel.

On a piece of paper, carefully write the Citizenship Pledge. Cut the paper to fit the wood and glue in place.

Take various kinds of seeds and make a design or border for the plaque. For tiny seeds, spread a thin layer of glue over the space you wish to cover. Then sprinkle the seeds on the wet glue. Push them into place with a toothpick. Attach larger seeds one at a time. Use a small dot of glue and carefully set the seed in place.

Wait 24 hours for the glue to dry. Turn the plaque over and tap it gently to remove the loose seeds. If there are empty spaces, fill them in. Nail a hanger to back of plaque. With a wide, soft brush, cover the front of the plaque with a coat of clear shellac.

CITIZENSHIP PLEDGE

As future citizens, we will do out best to be prepared in body and will, in spirit and skill. We accept our obligation to God and serve others and be good members of the Scouting team.

THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF A CITIZEN

Your Rights as a Citizen

Every American citizen enjoys certain rights set forth in the Constitution and protected by law. These individual liberties distinguish our free society from the totalitarian systems.

Your rights under law include:

- The right to equal protection of laws and equal justice in the courts.
- The right to be free from arbitrary search or arrest.
- The right to equal education and economic opportunity.
- The right to choose public officers in free elections.
- The right to own property.
- The right of free speech, press and assembly.
- The right to attend the church of your choice.
- The right to have legal counsel and a prompt trial if accused of a crime.

Your Duties as a Citizen

With your rights as a citizen go individual responsibilities. Every American shares them.

Your duties as a citizen include:

- The duty to obey the laws.
- The duty to respect the rights of others.
- The duty to keep informed on government and community issues.
- The duty to serve on juries if called.
- The duty to vote in elections.
- The duty to serve and defend your country.
- The duty to assist agencies of law enforcement.
- The duty to practice and teach the principles of good citizenship in your own home.

Adult Americans have long seen 'law' as a synonym for 'justice'. Youth sees 'justice' as being fair play. Too often young people seem to think that 'law' is not always on the side of fair play. At least that's the way that many of them see police, courts and other symbols of law. Our Webelos Scouts have been exposed to terms such as 'pig', 'fuzz' and other uncomplimentary words describing law and order. We have an opportunity through the Citizen Activity Badge to teach them respect for law and authority.