

Resource Sheet: December 2020 Roundtable
Scout Law Point for January: Helpful / Pack Meeting Theme: “Jobs, Jobs, Jobs”

January Roundtable: 1st Tuesday, 1/5/2021, at 7:30 via Zoom
Scout Law Point for February: Cheerful Pack Meeting Theme: “Abracadabra”

Theme Discussion:

The Point of the Scout Law being highlighted for Cub Scouts in January is: A Scout is Helpful. Scouts care about other people. They willingly volunteer to help others without expecting payment or reward.

HOW DOES “JOBS, JOBS, JOBS” RELATE TO THIS POINT OF THE SCOUT LAW?

There are many ways that people can be helpful. One way is by volunteering time to help others. Scout Leaders and coaches are examples of volunteers. Another way people help is by doing paid jobs that provide a service. In January, we celebrate those who help out in their homes, schools, and communities either through their work or through volunteering.

Opening Ceremony: Growing Up in America

Equipment: Scripts with letters on the reverse side

Cub Scout #1: It’s great to grow up in America, where you are free to make choices for your future and have a job where you can do something positive.

Cub Scout #2: A is for Astronaut! When I grow up, I would like to explore outer space and share my adventures with others.

Cub Scout #3: M is for military. When I grow up, I would like to join the United States Armed Forces to serve my country.

Cub Scout #4: E is for engineer. When I grow up, I would like to design and build new things that can ease the lives of those with disabilities.

Cub Scout #5: R is for reporter. When I grow up, I would like to report uplifting events around the world, and help all people understand each other better.

Cub Scout #6: I is for IT specialist. When I grow up, I would like to be a computer expert and help people with the latest technological gadgets.

Cub Scout #7: C is for cardiologist. When I grow up, I would like to be a heart doctor and help people become healthier.

Cub Scout #8: A is for artist. When I grow up, I would like to create music and art to help lift the spirits of people everywhere.

Cubmaster: Our Cub Scouts will be America’s leaders of tomorrow, and I think our future is in good hands. We thank all those who have fought to keep America free, so that these Scouts have the freedom to choose their future. Please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cub Scout salute. I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Ready, two.

Prayer: Freedom to Choose our Path

Dear God, help us to discover how to develop our skills and abilities to make our world a better place for everyone. Thank you for the blessings of freedom to choose our own path, and find our own jobs in the life that you have given us. Amen.

Applause: Big Hand....With Feeling

When our Cub Scouts grow up, they will have BIG HANDS, so tonight we’re going to use the BIG HAND applause. It goes like this – *(Silently raise the right hand, with fingers open)*. Louder! *(Raise hand higher)* Then we also have a BIG HAND WITH FEELING! *(Tickle the palm of the raised right hand with the index finger of the left hand.)*

Demonstrations or Other Activities:

If there is a Den that needs to do some type of activity at your Pack Meeting for the completion of an Adventure this month, make sure to plan for it!

Run-ons:

Cub Scout pairs, for each run-on, run up to the microphone and say their lines slowly and clearly, then leave. Cub Scout #1 asks the question; #2 gives the answer, or you can use a more extended version as shown below in A.. After each run-on, a third Cub Scout can wave a sign that says “GROAN” for the audience to see. (The “GROAN” sign is good for Cubs who don’t feel comfortable speaking.)

Run On A – Cub #1: What kind of music do astronauts play?

Cub #2: That’s not my kind of job, so I don’t know. What DO they play? **Cub #1:** Nep-tunes!

Run On B – Cub #1: Why did the king go to the dentist?

Cub #2: I know! Because he wanted to get his teeth crowned!

Run On C – Cub #1: Say, did you hear that scientists believe cavemen made music by banging stones together?

Cub #2: I guess that was the first ROCK BAND!

Run On D – Cub #1: (holding out a bowl) Waiter, I need help! What’s this fly doing in my soup.

Cub #2: (looks in bowl and says with fake British accent) I do believe it’s doing the backstroke.

Pack Meeting Activity: Job Fair

Ask parents to bring something from their occupation to the Pack Meeting. Have tables set up where the parents can stand, display the items, and talk about them to the Cub Scouts. Emphasis could be on the helpful aspect of each job. Provide time during the meeting for the Cub Scouts to walk around and look at all the parent displays. Just for fun, the Cub Scouts could be given a ballot to vote on which of the occupations they think they might want to have when they grow up!

DON’T FORGET TO THANK ALL THE PARENTS WHO BROUGHT ITEMS TO SHARE WITH THE PACK!

FUN SONG: If I were not a Boy Scout

Google “If I were not a Boy Scout Song” to see versions of a song that includes various occupations. If you want to run this at a Pack Meeting, you could consider having the Pack Leaders do it; it’s a little complicated. Change the words to “If I were not a Cub Scout” and have a good time with your production.

Game: Kim's Game

What's a Kim's Game?

The name "Kim's Game" comes from Rudyard Kipling's book *Kim*, the story of an Irish orphan who grew up in India. As a young man, Kim was trained for government intelligence work. The training involved showing him a tray of stones and gems for one minute. After covering the tray, they would ask Kim how many stones he saw and what types of stones they were. Any kinds of items can be used to play the game. The count of items is usually 10-20.

Kim's Game for Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

In advance, spread 10-20 items representing different occupations on the floor or a blanket, and cover them with another blanket. Have Scouts gather around, and explain that there are items under the blanket that can be used by people involved in different jobs. Tell them you are going to uncover the items, give them a minute to look them over, then re-cover them. Each Den will then list as many items as they can remember, and name one occupation that might use each of the items. The Den with the most items and occupations wins. For younger Scouts, parents can help by having the Scouts call out the items, with the parents writing them down.

Game: Career Relay

Materials: Two sets of index cards with names of occupations; two sets of occupational items to match the cards (for example construction helmet for construction worker). Put index cards in stacks at the beginning of the relay course, and the occupational items at the other end.

Teams form in relay lines. The first player in each team grabs an occupation card and runs to the other end of the course to pick up something that represents that occupation. He runs back and touches the hand of the second person who grabs a card and runs to pick up the symbol for that occupation. Play continues until all cards are used up.

Craft: Helping Hand Coupon Gift Book



Materials: Construction Paper; string or ribbon or yarn, or binder ring; pencils; colored pencils, crayons, or markers; scissors; hole punch; stickers if desired

Making the project

The hands: Have each Scout trace one of their hands to make a pattern. Scouts stack pieces of construction paper to make the desired number of hand coupons and cut out the hands. Each hand can be decorated by adding a task the recipient can request from the maker, e.g. pull weeds, empty dishwasher, breakfast in bed, walk the dog, a chore of your choice, etc. The front can have a greeting (Happy Birthday, Dad; Merry Christmas, Mom, etc.)

The coupon book: Punch a hole in the top of each hand, then string them together to make the coupon book. The coupons can be redeemed by the recipient as needed, with the giver performing the task in a HELPFUL & CHEERFUL manner!!

Journey to Excellence - "The BSA method for annual planning and continuous improvement"

How did your Pack do on its 2020 Journey to Excellence?

See the 2020 JTE criteria at:

<https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqj17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/2020-JTE-Pack-Scorecard-Updated.pdf>

- Fill out your JTE form and turn it in with your recharter packet if possible.
- But don't hold up your recharter packet until your JTE form is done...turn the JTE form in later, if you have to.
- Earn a JTE ribbon for your Pack Flag!

For 2021, review the 2021 form, and get started on your path to continuous improvement. See the 2021 JTE criteria at:

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/unit/>

Audience Participation Skit: What I Want to Be

Separate the audience into five groups. Assign each group a career and its corresponding action and saying, and get each group to practice one time. Have the groups stand and respond when they hear their career mentioned as the story is read.

DOCTOR: (*Pretend to hold tongue depressor*) Open Wide!

PRESIDENT: (*Hold arms out with hands up*) My fellow Americans

ASTRONAUT: Three, two, one, blast off! (*Put one hand up to the sky*)

FOOTBALL COACH: Go team! (*Wave team down the field*)

MUSICIAN: (*Pretend to direct with a baton*) A one and a two!

At their den meeting, six Cub Scouts were talking about what they want to be when they grow up. Jason said, "I want to be a DOCTOR." Andy said, "I want to be an ASTRONAUT." Ryan said, "I want to be a FOOTBALL COACH." Devon thought that being a MUSICIAN would be awesome. Michael wanted to grow up to be PRESIDENT.

"Being a DOCTOR would be great," said Jason. "DOCTORS help people. I like to do that."

"MUSICIANS make music to make people happy and so they can dance," said Devon. "That's the best!"

"FOOTBALL COACHES get to exercise and win games. That's the coolest," said Ryan.

Andy said, "An ASTRONAUT can see the whole world from space and all the stars. That's the best job."

"When I'm elected PRESIDENT," said Michael, "The whole world will listen to me and I'll be in the history books."

All the boys looked at James, who hadn't said a word. "What do you want to be, James?" they asked.

"Well," said James, "all those jobs sound great. DOCTORS are always needed. Being an ASTRONAUT is exciting. FOOTBALL COACH is a neat job. MUSICIANS get to entertain onstage, and the PRESIDENT is important to everybody. I'm going to learn more about all the jobs there are, so I can pick the job I'm good at and help other people."

The other Cub Scouts thought for a minute. Then the future ASTRONAUT, DOCTOR, FOOTBALL COACH, MUSICIAN, and PRESIDENT nodded in agreement. "Wow," they said. "That's a job we can do right now. We can find out about lots of jobs and pick the right one for ourselves!"

Cubmaster's Minute: Do Your Best

We had lots of fun tonight, learning about many people's jobs, and imagining what the future holds for each of our Scouts. Keep dreaming and reaching! Remember, whatever you do in the future, you will succeed when you always "Do Your Best!"

