



Catoctin Mountain District Cub Scout Roundtable Agenda



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<http://www.pack1191.org/roundtable/roundtable.htm>

Meeting Date January 8, 2008

Theme Chinese New Year Activity Badges _____

BEFORE THE MEETING

- **Room Arrangement** The meeting is planned for the St John's Church Basement
- **General Materials and Equipment:** Flags, stands, Laptop, Projector, Before the banquet, feel out your leaders. Blue and Gold can be an elaborate, catered affair or a pot-luck night dedicated to simplicity and the birth of scouting. Each den can put on skits during the evening and the den chiefs can have a discussion with the boys and families about the birth of scouting and why we have a "Blue and Gold."
- **Pre-Banquet Den Activities** Many Packs have their boys provide three items for their Blue and Gold Banquet which they accomplish during the den meetings prior to the banquet. First, the Blue and Gold is a very special birthday party, so each boy must write a written invitation for the family members they are inviting. This can fulfill a Bear Requirement for "Jot It Down." Second, each boy makes a table "centerpiece" for their parents to take home from the banquet as a keepsake. Last, each boy makes a placemat for each family member to eat on at the banquet. These are meant to involve the boys in the banquet and can be very elaborate or as simple as you wish.

Gathering

- **Greeters** All leaders need name tags
- **Preopening Activity** Decorations staff and Cooking staff need to get to the banquet early.

Opening

Please rise while our 1st Year Webelos present the colors and lead us in saying the "Pledge of Allegiance."

- Welcome, History of Lord Baden Powell, Story of Scouting in America
- Invocation

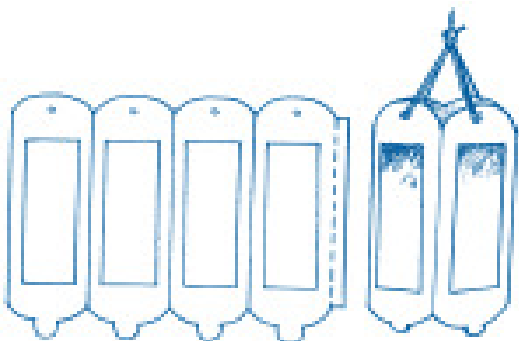
Program

- Dinner
 - Slide Show (great time to show slide of activities during the year)
 - Skits (Two good sources are <http://www.boyscouttrail.com/cub-scouts/bear-scout-skits.asp> and <http://www.macscouter.com/Skits/BBSkits.html> CHECK FOR CUB SCOUT APPROPRIATENESS!)
 - Cubby Bucks Table
 - There can be a cubby buck table for the boys to shop. There are no absolute rules, but to keep it fair, we usually award 1 cubby buck for each den meeting attended, 1 additional cubby buck for each den meeting where the scout is well uniformed, 1 cubby buck for each special event (scouting for food, Christmas Parade, etc.) and 5 cubby bucks for each Pack Meeting attended. We ask parents to provide anything that they can for the auction (e.g. last year we had a cassette radio, several board games and several computer games. The best of these were "auctioned" to the

boys to try and get some of the cubby bucks out of circulation. The rest went toward small "Oriental Trading" kind of items (candy, small items, etc.)

- Awards (Most Pack try to have their boys achieve their next rank at Blue and Gold. Don't forget Leader awards too!!)
- Cake Auction (One highlight of the Blue and Gold banquet is the cake-decorating contest.
 - o These are the rules for the contest:
 - The cake must be made/decorated by the Scout and his immediate family.
 - All entries must be on a disposable plate.
 - All components and decorations must be edible.
 - An index card must be submitted along with the entry providing (1) the Scout's name, (2) the title of the cake, and (3) a list of all ingredients in and on the cake. If packaged mixes are used, provide the name of the product (i.e. Betty Crocker Devil's Food cake mix) rather than all ingredients in the product.
 - o Cakes will be judged in the following categories:
 - Tallest - as determined at the time of entry by tape measure
 - The people's choice - as determined by weight of coins in plastic cups
 - Best Tiger theme
 - Best Scout theme
 - Yummiest looking
 - Most colorful
 - Best "Chinese New Year" theme (2008 is "Year of the Rat"...what could go wrong?)
 - o Winning cakes will be auctioned during the banquet; all others will be served as dessert.
- Friends of Scouting (this is not a bad time to have your FOS pitch
- Retire Flags

2 Types of Chinese Lanterns (Centerpieces or Place Decorations)



Materials: Construction paper, tissue paper, string, scissors, glue

Enlarge the pattern to fit an 8½-by-11 in. sheet of paper.

Trace onto construction paper and note the dotted lines. Cut around the outside, and cut out the window rectangles. Make tissue paper inserts that are 2½ by 4½ in. Each lantern will need four of them. Glue into place behind the windows. Punch holes where indicated. Fold the lantern along the dotted lines and glue the "tab" down. Insert string into the holes and hang.

Materials: 12-by-18-in. construction paper, drawing paper, scissors, Chinese New Year or Spring Festival background information, markers, crayons, or colored pencils

Use either colored paper or white paper for each lantern.

If using white paper,

decorate the paper lantern with any design or color.

However, the Chinese consider red a lucky color. You may also want to draw Chinese characters or pictures of the Chinese zodiac animals. Fold the paper in half and cut from the fold line not quite to the edge, about every 2 in. Open and fold out as shown.

Staple at the top and bottom. Cut an additional strip to serve as a handle at the top. Add tassels made of yarn or ribbon to the bottom.

To make tassels, wind yarn 10 times around a 4-in.-wide piece of cardboard. Before cutting the yarn, slip a 10-in. piece of yarn under all the yarn at one end. Remove the cardboard; make an overhand knot with long piece, pull tightly, and tie knot to secure. Cut through all the yarn loops at the opposite end. Attach to the bottom of the lantern.

