

April



**Core Value:
Faith**

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Cub Scouts Give Thanks

Pack Committee

Why Cub Scouts Give Thanks for the Core Value Faith. In springtime we give thanks for the gift of the renewal of the natural world around us—the birds returning, seeds sprouting, daylight becoming longer each day, our friends and our family. We have faith that the world around us is renewed each year. Giving thanks is an expression of our having inner strength and confidence based on our trust in a higher power.

BEFORE THE MEETING

Gather materials: flags for the flag ceremony, pictures of things that people give thanks for cut out from magazines, one large thank-you poster printed with “Thank you for having faith in me,” and markers for the gathering activity. Set out on display the awards in their gift boxes for the Scouts.

Help dens decorate the room with pictures, posters, etc., of what Cub Scouts and parents are thankful for. (Den and Webelos leaders should collect these items before the meeting. Seek permission in advance from the chartered organization to secure the pictures to the wall.)

GATHERING

Have a variety of markers set out on tables. As pack families arrive, provide the large thank-you poster. With the help of his family, each Scout will choose someone he wishes to thank and prints that name on the large poster.

OPENING

The Cubmaster asks the preassigned den to present the colors and lead the pack in the Pledge of Allegiance. At the end of the pledge, have the color guard stand in a straight line in the front of the room. Each color guard member can then recite his line from the script below.

CUB SCOUT 1: **F** is for **Family**. Our family has faith in us and gives us the strength and confidence to succeed.

CUB SCOUT 2: **A** is for **America**. We are thankful that we live in a country where we are free to practice our faith as we choose.

CUB SCOUT 3: **I** is for **Ideals**. We each work hard to live our lives following the ideals of Cub Scouting and the teachings of our faith.

CUB SCOUT 4: **T** is for **Thanks**. We are thankful and faithful to those who help us.

CUB SCOUT 5: **H** is for **Heart**. We all know in our hearts the right thing to do is to “Do Our Best.” May we all do our best to show our faith by giving thanks.

Prayer (Cub Scout or Leader)

“We give thanks for those who have had faith in us to help us enjoy all our blessings.”

Welcome and Introductions

The Cubmaster welcomes new families, introduces them to the pack, and thanks those who helped prepare for and plan the pack meeting. That is a Good Turn! Let’s do the Good Turn Applause.

Applause (*Everyone stands and turns around, first in one direction, then in the opposite direction.*)





PROGRAM

Den Demonstrations

Ask each den to talk about (and possibly show) what they did on their adventures during the last month.

CUBMASTER: “Cub Scouts, I had faith in you that you would show us some truly fabulous den demonstrations this month, and you have definitely done that. What a gift! We are thankful that as you learned in your dens this month, you lived by the Cub Scout motto to ‘Do Your Best.’ We all know that it is a belief and trust in a higher being that gives us the strength to do our best each day.”

Audience Participation

Divide the group into thirds and have the groups sing the following in rounds to the tune of “Three Blind Mice.”

*Cub Scouts true,
Cub Scouts true,
Show their faith,
Show their faith!*

*By giving thanks for
The wonderful things,
Their families and
Their own blessings,
For the things they learned at their Scout meetings,
They’re Cub Scouts true.
Cub Scouts true.*

RECOGNITION

Special Gift Recognition Ceremony

Awards are placed inside gift boxes that can be easily opened before the meeting.

CUBMASTER: “We have several Scouts who have shared their gifts with us and worked hard to earn recognition for those efforts.” (*Call up first Scout and family members, while explaining the accomplishment of the Scout to be recognized*). “We recognize both this Scout and his family members who have had faith in his ability to move steadily along the Cub Scout trail.” (*Give opened gift box to Scout and parents*).

“Let us give this Scout and his family the heart and sole applause.” (*Slap heart, then sole of shoe, three times.*)

(*Continue process with other Scouts to be recognized.*)

CLOSING

The den brings the banner or poster to the front of the room and holds it up so all can see the “Thank You for Having Faith in Me” thank-you poster or banner created during the gathering activity.

Have the preassigned den say the following:

CUB SCOUT 1: Thank you, parents, for helping us earn our ranks.

CUB SCOUT 2: Thank you, den leaders, for showing us new things.

CUB SCOUT 3: Thank you, Cubmaster, for leading us each month.

CUB SCOUT 4: Thank you, pack committee, for helping us to grow.

CUB SCOUT 5: Thank you, Cub Scouts, for giving us goodwill.

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Cubmaster's Minute

Faith is a gift we have been given. Faith that we will find something new each day, faith that despite challenges like bullying, failures, disappointments today, life will open new doors to new opportunities tomorrow. With faith, all things are possible.

Cub Scouts, we thank you for being with us tonight and for the efforts you have exhibited in earning your recognitions. We have faith that you will see that, just as the seasons change, so will your future. I salute you as the leaders of our future, I thank you for spending this sliver of time with us, and I have faith that you will surmount any obstacles that may come your way and lead us all.

You Cub Scouts are a gift to all of us. Thank you!

CLOSING CEREMONY

The preassigned den retires the colors.

AFTER THE MEETING

The preassigned den serves refreshments.

The preassigned dens assist in cleanup.