



**Core Value:
Respect**



Passport to Other Lands

Pack Committee

Why Passport to Other Lands for the Core Value Respect. Today we recognize that people of many different nationalities live in our communities. Learning about the ways of others helps lead to understanding, which in turn leads to respect. Respect means showing regard for the worth of something or someone. This month we focus on having respect for others by learning about the customs, religions, foods, and traditions of our friends from other countries.

BEFORE THE MEETING

Several weeks before the pack meeting, have each den select a different country to feature at their display table. Each den should be encouraged to feature customs and traditions (especially holiday customs and traditions), religions, and foods of the selected country. The foods can be served on the tables at the end of the pack meeting as refreshments. (For example, to represent Germany, someone could display a Christmas tree, an advent wreath, a gingerbread house, and traditional German Christmas cookies called *lebkuchen*.)

You will need flags for the flag ceremony, copies of the word search, and awards for the recognition.

For the opening ceremony activity, you can make a passport using a large sheet of construction paper folded in half with a picture of the “Prepared. For Life.” logo found at the end of these plans and the word PASSPORT beside it.

You also will need presentation materials for option 1 or copies of the song for option 2. The Cubmaster may choose to wear a costume representing the traditional dress of another country, or possibly a hat or two to fit the theme.

Help the Cub Scouts and leaders set up tables with items that will be shared with the pack.

The Cubmaster can gather holiday music from other countries to play before and during the gathering time. (*Ask for help from den leaders and parents if you are struggling with finding music.*)

GATHERING

The preassigned den greets families and hands out copies of the word search (see the end of this meeting plan) and pencils for families to do together as they arrive. Here is the key:

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OPENING

The preassigned den presents the colors and leads the pack in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Cubmaster thanks the dens and families that shared their countries with the pack. The pack is asked to stand and give all dens and families a Snowflake cheer. Each audience member points to another person and says, "You are one of a kind!"

Opening Ceremony

The preassigned den performs the opening ceremony.

CUB SCOUT 1 (holds up a clock or a picture of a clock): It is always the right time to learn about the traditions, customs, foods, and beliefs of people from other countries. Day or night, it is always the RIGHT time to show RESPECT.

CUB SCOUT 2 (holds up a world map, globe, or picture of Earth): It does not matter where in the world people are from, it is RIGHT to treat them with RESPECT.

CUB SCOUT 3 (holds up a calendar): Every day is the RIGHT day to show RESPECT to others.

CUB SCOUT 4 (holds up a "passport"): Whether you visit another land or someone from another land visits your country, try to learn about their customs. Knowledge leads to understanding, and understanding leads to RESPECT.

CUB SCOUT 5 (holds up a large shoe and a small shoe): No matter how big or small you are, it is always RIGHT to treat others with RESPECT.

CUB SCOUT 6 (holds up a picture of the World Crest): Scouts across the globe wear this symbol. It is a symbol that no matter which country we come from, we are united in Scouting. When you show respect for other cultures, you are showing respect for your brothers and sisters in Scouting around the world.

CUB SCOUT 7 (holds up a picture with the Cub Scout ranks): No matter what your rank in Cub Scouting is, remember that a Cub Scout ALWAYS treats others with RESPECT.

Prayer (Cub Scout or Leader)

Scouters' Prayer

(Sung to the tune of "O Tannenbaum")

*Lord Baden-Powell, this hour I pray,
To Do My Best each and every day,
To help my fellow man to see,
That Scouting Spirit's given free.*

*Let me not in service lag,
Let me be loyal to my flag,
So I might grow and learn to be,
A person of true quality.*

Welcome and Introductions

The Cubmaster welcomes new families, introduces them to the pack, and thanks all who helped to prepare and plan for the pack meeting.

PROGRAM

Den Demonstrations

Call each den to the front to tell of their adventures during the month. Ask each den to read a list of interesting customs, traditions, foods, and religions practiced in the country they featured at their table.

After all dens are finished, ask the pack to stand and do a "global round of applause." (*Clap as you are turning around in a circle in place.*)



Option 1: World Friendship Fund

Have a presentation on the World Friendship Fund. World Friendship Fund brochures, posters, and labels are available through your local council. Be sure to let Cub Scouts and parents know about this activity at least a month in advance, so that the Cub Scout can do chores around the home to help earn his donation.

The World Friendship Fund of the BSA offers a practical Good Turn opportunity for BSA youth members and leaders. Cash contributions are used to assist Scouting through the World Organization of the Scout Movement and through national Scout associations in developing countries. Tax-deductible contributions can be from individuals, units, camp, and training course groups. Through the World Friendship Fund, voluntary contributions of Scouts and leaders are transformed into cooperative projects that help Scouting associations in other countries to strengthen and extend their Scouting programs.

Unit participation in the World Friendship Fund offers a unique annual service project to benefit brother Scouts around the world. The World Friendship Fund gives the youth members of the Boy Scouts of America an opportunity to help fellow Scouts who are in need of their support. It teaches Scouts that Scouting is global. Since the inception of the World Friendship Fund, American Scouts and leaders have voluntarily donated more than \$11 million to these self-help activities.

The World Friendship Fund was developed during the closing days of World War II. At that time, there was a great need to rebuild Scouting in those nations that had been wracked by war and were just emerging from the shadows of totalitarianism. Over the years, this fund has provided Scouts from around the world with Scouting literature, uniforms, summer camp equipment, computers, and other Scouting-related supplies.

Note: The form to submit with your donation is at the end of these plans. For more information on world Scouting and the World Friendship Fund, go to: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/International/Highlights/22-329.aspx>.

World Brotherhood Cheer

Divide the room in half. One side will shout "WORLD" and the other will shout "BROTHERHOOD," then everyone together shouts "THAT'S SCOUTING!"

Option 2: Audience Participation

Divide the room into thirds and sing the following song in the round.

Scouting Goes Round the World

(Sung to the tune of "Three Blind Mice")

*Scouting goes, Scouting goes
'Round the world, 'round the world
Switzerland and India,
Philippines and Austria,
Peru, Japan, America
'Round the world.*

RECOGNITION

Around the World

Materials: A large globe, the badges of rank and awards to be distributed, assorted small international flags on a table, stars taped to the globe

Preparation: Each star has the name of a boy who has earned an award; each star is placed on the globe on a country that has a Scouting program. Star colors should correspond to the type of award being presented. For example, yellow stars for all Bobcat badges.

CUBMASTER: Every minute of every day of every year, thousands of boys enjoy the fun and excitement of Cub Scouting somewhere in the world. Even though the Cub Scout uniform varies from country to country around the world because each must be suitable and practical for the climate, they all have one thing in common: They promote Scouting and its goals. Just as Cub



Scouts wear different uniforms in different countries, they also award different badges of rank. In Japan and Korea, Cubs earn the Rabbit, Deer, and Bear badges. In Australia, the badges are Bronze, Silver, and Gold boomerangs. South Africa has the Tenderpad badge.

While working on their badges, Cub Scouts all around the world shine as brightly as the stars in the sky. Tonight we have some stars of our own to recognize.

(The Cubmaster spins the globe, removes a star, identifies the country, then reads the boy's name and calls him and his family to receive his badge, starting with Bobcats, spinning the globe for each boy.)

As we know, the first badge of rank in the United States is Bobcat. Tonight we honor (names of boys). These Cub Scouts have earned this badge, which is the start of their Cub Scout trail. Would these Bobcats and their parents please come forward?

The next award we have to present tonight is the (name of award). Let us honor (names of the boys). Please come forward with your parents and receive your award. *(Continue in like fashion until all awards have been distributed.)*

These Cubs Scouts, like Cub Scouts all around the world, have worked together and developed new interests that make them better citizens of our country and of the world. Let's give them a big hand to show how proud we are of them.

CLOSING

Cubmaster's Minute

Don't forget that people will judge you by your actions and not by your intentions. You may have a heart of gold, but so has a hard-boiled egg! Be kind and show respect for others—their customs, religion, traditions, and foods. It is the Cub Scout way.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Props: You will need cue cards with each Cub Scout's lines printed on the back. It also can be helpful to display a world map showing which countries have Scouting organizations.

ANNOUNCER: We close our meeting tonight as we opened it, by visiting the many places around the world that are served by the world brotherhood of Scouting. We've seen things that are different and things that are familiar. A Scout will always bid you a fond farewell after spending time with you. Here's what he's likely to say in other places.

CUB SCOUT 1: In Spain, we say "Adios."

CUB SCOUT 2: In France, we say "Au revoir."

CUB SCOUT 3: In Germany, we say "Auf wiedersehen."

CUB SCOUT 4: In China, we say "Zai jian."

CUB SCOUT 5: In Russia, we say "Do svidanja."

CUB SCOUT 6: In the Mohawk nation of Canada, we say "Onen."

CUB SCOUT 7: In Tanzania, we say "Kwaheri."

CUB SCOUT 8: In Saudi Arabia, we say "Salaam."

CUB SCOUT 9: In India, we say "Pirmelange."

CUB SCOUT 10: In Israel, we say "Shalom."

CUB SCOUT 11: In Hawaii, we say, "Aloha."



CUB SCOUT 12: Our pack says to each of you, good night, goodbye, and thank you for spending your evening with us.

ANNOUNCER: No matter where you go or how you say it, you can count on a fond farewell by a Scout who says “Goodbye.”

(The preassigned den retires the colors.)

RESOURCES

Cookie Swap

This might be a fun month to have a cookie swap. Ask each boy to bake cookies representing his heritage or family holiday tradition. The number of cookies should be determined by the number of boys in the pack. Each boy packages his cookies in individual plastic snack bags, one cookie in each bag, one bag for each boy in the pack. Each boy should put his name on the bag and the type of cookie in the bag. Find out if any of your Scouts have allergies so that this information can be shared prior to cookie baking. If you have a pack of more than 100 boys, you might consider doing the swap by level of Scouting. Example: Tiger Cubs would exchange only with Tiger Cubs, etc.

Games

Nsikwi—Africa

You will need a tennis ball and an empty plastic bottle for each player (all the same size). Divide the players into two teams. Teams sit in lines about 10 feet apart, facing each other. The players place the empty bottles in front of them. Each player then tries to knock down the bottle of the player opposite him with the tennis ball. A point is scored for each knockdown. After a designated time period, add up the points of the boys on each team.

Bivoie Ebuma (Clap Ball)—Cameroon

Divide den into two teams. The teams line up facing each other about 6 feet on either side of a center line and toss a rubber ball back and forth. When the ball is caught, the catcher must clap his hands and stamp his feet once. If a player forgets to clap and stamp, a point is scored against his team. Keep the ball moving fast.

Great Britain

Dens are arranged in relay formation. About 50 feet in front of each den, place a judge holding a bag of small objects. On signal, the first boy in each line runs to the judge, gets an object, examines it, and hands it back to the judge. Then he runs back and tells the second boy in line what he saw. The second player runs down, sees a second object, then runs back and tells the third boy in line what he saw and what he was told by the first team member. The next team member runs down, and so on. The last team member does not go back to the den but lists on a piece of paper as many of the objects his teammates saw as he can recall. The judge then reads the list of objects out loud. The team with the Cub Scout who correctly remembers the most objects is the winner.

Circle of World Brotherhood

You will need a long rope with the ends tied together to form a circle.

This is a teamwork game. Players should be similar in size. Start with a small circle and gradually increase the size as the boys get used to this game. Players sit around the rope circle. The object of the game is for everyone to stand up, tugging the rope. If everyone pulls at the same time, the entire group should be able to come to a standing position. Now have everyone let one hand go and wave to friends in the circle.

Note: Ask parents to serve as spotters for this activity to ensure that none of the Scouts falls.



Cheers and Applause

Leaning Tower of Pisa cheer: Have the group stand and, on the count of three, lean to the left.

Italian applause: Bravo! Bravo!

Gung Hay Fat Choy cheer: Pretend to open a fortune cookie and read the fortune. Yell out “Gung Hay Fat Choy! And Best Wishes!”

Opening Ceremony Passport Template

Passport



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Instructions: Please copy and glue the logo to the front of a construction paper passport.



Passport to Other Lands Word Search

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