AUGUST—CLEAN

DESTINATION PARKS

A SCOUT IS CLEAN. HOW DOES "DESTINATION PARKS" RELATE TO THIS POINT OF THE SCOUT LAW?

We are blessed with an abundance of natural parks. Walking, hiking, and exploring nature helps a Scout to keep his body and mind fit and clean. Any green area around your home can provide the opportunity to put the outing in Scouting.

NOTE TO CUBMASTER

Pack meetings are best when they are no longer than an hour and a half in length. Pack meeting plans are guides and can be adjusted to fit the needs of your pack.

This may be a great meeting to hold at a local park or other outdoor setting while the weather is still pleasant and the sun sets late in the evening.

You might consider setting up tables or areas for each den to display pictures and items made during this month's adventure.

BEFORE THE MEETING

Set up tables or areas for the den adventure displays (see above), if applicable.

Be sure the following materials are available for the meeting:

- Flags for the flag ceremony
- A poster of the Outdoor Code with printing large enough for everyone to read, or the words projected on a wall for all to see
- 3-by-5 cards for the gathering game
- Signs for the opening ceremony on quarter sheets of poster board
- Awards for the recognition ceremony
- Materials for the audience participation: seven pairs of non-latex disposable gloves, a trash bag, one captain's hat, and seven sailor hats—which can be made from paper bags if no cloth hats are available

GATHERING—HOME AT THE PARK

On three dozen 3-by-5 cards, print the names or draw pictures of the following 36 items (or 18 pairs of items) that might be found at a park. As Scouts arrive, give each family one card and tell them to find the family with the matching card. Think of more matching pairs if you need additional cards for everyone to play.

Bird	Nest	Squirrel	Tree
Snake	Hole in ground	Spider	Web
Flower	Bush	Grass	Dirt
Candy wrapper	Trash container	Empty bottle	Recycle container

Dog	Dog park	Fire hose	Fire hydrant
Park ranger	Ranger station	Car	Parking lot
Baby	Baby buggy	Baseball	Baseball glove
Basketball	Basketball hoop	Soccer ball	Soccer net
Tennis ball	Tennis court	Badminton bird	Badminton racquet

◇ OPENING CEREMONY

The flag ceremony is led by a preassigned den. They will present the colors and lead the pack in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A preassigned den performs the "Conservation Is" opening. Scouts will enter one at a time holding signs with the first letter displayed on the front and the word on the back for them to read.

Conservation Is

Den leader: "What a wonderful evening to be in the great outdoors! As we begin our campfire, we would like to share with you our thoughts on what the Outdoor Code means to our den.

Cub Scout 1: "Care**"**

Cub Scout 2: "Of"

Cub Scout 3: "Nature"

Cub Scout 4: "Seashore"

Cub Scout 5: "Earth"

Cub Scout 6: "Rivers"

Cub Scout 7: "Valleys"

Cub Scout 8: "Air"

Cub Scout 9: "Trees"

Cub Scout 10: "Insects"

Cub Scout 11: "Our"

Cub Scout 12: "Neighborhood"

All: "That is conservation!"

Outdoor Code

Have everyone join in reciting the Outdoor Code. If using a poster of the words, have a Scout stand in front and hold up the poster.

As an American,

I will do my best to—

Be clean in my outdoor manners.

Be careful with fire.

Be considerate in the outdoors.

Be conservation-minded.

◇ OPENING PRAYER

"We give thanks for the beautiful world around us. Help us to learn how to care for it and preserve it for the future so that all families may enjoy its wonders."

◇ WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Cubmaster welcomes new families, visitors, and special guests by introducing them to the pack and thanking all who helped plan and prepare for the pack meeting. The theme of the month is then introduced:

Cubmaster: A Scout is clean is the 11th point of the Scout Law. Scouts keep their bodies and minds fit. They help to keep their homes and communities clean. Tonight we celebrate "Destination Parks" and how to keep our local parks clean, so we can keep our bodies fit as we enjoy those parks.

◇ DEN DEMONSTRATIONS

If there is a den that needs to do some type of activity at a pack meeting for the completion of an adventure, please insert here.

◇ AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Eight Scouts enter, seven of them wearing sailor's hats and one wearing a captain's hat. One of the "sailors" is carrying seven pairs of non-latex disposable gloves, and another one has a trash bag.

Cub Scout 1: "The captain ordered us to look for treasure in this place."

Cub Scout 2: "It's a park! What kind of treasure is here?"

Cub Scout 3: "The captain gave me these. *(Holds up gloves.)* He said we should put them on to find the treasure."

(The seven sailors put on their gloves.)

Cub Scout 4: "The captain gave me this. *(Holds up trash bag.)* He said this will help us find the treasure."

Cub Scout 5: "The captain said we should clear the park so we can see the treasure."

Cub Scout 6: "This park is a mess! How can we find anything with all this trash?"

Cub Scout 7: "Let's clean it up and then start our hunt."

(Scouts pick up trash and put it in the bag. They invite the audience to help out.)

Cub Scout 8: *(Wearing captain's hat)* "Wow! You made fast work of cleaning this park, my lads. Look at the treasure you have found—a clean and beautiful park for everyone to enjoy!"

◇ RECOGNITION

Adventure Loops and Pins:

(Note: Adventure loops and pins can be presented at a meeting or as immediate recognition in the den.)

By den, call the names of those Cub Scouts who have completed the month's adventure to come forward.

- Have the den leader pass out the awards to the boys as they receive a Cub Scout handshake from the Cubmaster.
- If time allows, invite the den leader or den chief of the den to speak about the adventure work done for that month, and have the den stand and be recognized.
- Use a positive cheer to recognize their accomplishments.

Other options:

- Have the den stand and be recognized or come forward to receive certificates for the adventure they have completed. This option would be appropriate for a den that has already received the adventure loop or pin.
- Adapt the advancement ceremony for the month's theme into an adventure loop presentation if no rank badges are being presented.

◇ RANK ADVANCEMENT

Cubmaster: "We welcome several boys who have earned the Bobcat badge. Whenever new Cub Scouts join our pack, they earn this badge first. Will the following Scouts please come up as I call your name, along with your parent or guardian." *(Present the award.)* We congratulate you for learning about the Scout Oath and Law, as well as the Cub Scout sign, handshake, salute, and motto. Let's all say the Cub Scout motto together.

All: "We'll DO OUR BEST."

Cubmaster: "Some of our Cub Scouts have explored the 'Games Tigers Play' in their 'Backyard Jungle' with 'Team Tiger.' 'They enjoyed 'Tiger Bites' and learned about their 'Family's Duty to God.' They were 'Tigers in the Wild.' Will the following Scouts please come up as I call your name, along with your parent or guardian." *(Present the award.)*

"We also have Scouts who have reached their destination by exploring the Wolf adventures and earning their Wolf badge. They kept their 'Paws on the Path' while 'Running with the Pack,' answering the 'Call of the Wild,' 'Howling at the Moon,' and following the 'Duty to God Footsteps' to the 'Council Fire.'" *(Call each Scout with his parent or guardian to the front to receive the award.)*

"Several Scouts have been using their 'Bear Claws' to learn the 'Bear Necessities.' They 'Grin and Bear It' as they explore 'Fur, Feathers, and Ferns' and their 'Fellowship and Duty to God.' They have shown that they have 'Paws for Action.'" *(Call each Scout with his parent or guardian to the front to receive the Bear badge.)*

"If you are one of the next group of Scouts, you learned all about your 'Duty to God and You' while showing yourself to be a 'First Responder' and a 'Cast Iron Chef.' You were 'Stronger, Faster, Higher,' on your 'Webelos Walkabout.'" *(Call each Scout with his parent or guardian to the front to receive the Webelos badge.)*

"And now, we have Scouts who are receiving the highest rank in Cub Scouting. They have put their 'Duty to God in Action'—'Building a Better World' as 'Campers' in their 'Scouting Adventure.'" *(Call each Scout with his parent or guardian to the front to receive the Arrow of Light badge.)*

◇ CUBMASTER'S MINUTE

"We are surrounded by the wonders and beauty of nature. When we keep our bodies and minds fit, and help keep our homes and communities clean, we see the beauty of our world in a clearer light."

◇ CLOSING

A preassigned den leads the pack in singing "Taps":

Day is done, gone the sun.

From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky.

All is well, safely rest.

God is nigh.

The preassigned den retires the flags.