

ABSTRACT

This project will verify the importance of using a district cub scout camp out in the Fall for the purpose of recruiting new cub scouts and exciting older cub scouts who did not participate in the summer pack activities and who may have become disinterested.

APPROVAL OF READERS

This is to certify that I have read and approved the project entitled "The District Cub Scout Camp Out".

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DISTRICT CUB SCOUT CAMP OUT

This paper will show how I used a cub and parent camp out as a successful recruiting tool. I hope other districts will see this as an effective way to reach more young boys for scouting.

After discussing the Cub Scout Camp Out with my district executive and my council executive, I was asked to try this camp out as a pilot program for the Blue Ridge Council. If it was successful as a recruiting tool, the council would adopt the program for the other eight districts as an annual Fall Roundup event.

As chairman of the camp out, I recruited an assistant chairman, four people to assist with registration, five cubmasters to bring a suitable game for the camp out and to be in charge of instructing the game on Saturday. I selected Camp Lou Ann for the site and secured permission from Midway Presbyterian Church. I then set the date for October 21 - 22, 1988 with registration beginning at 5:00 p.m. I held a program planning meeting with the staff, where we determined a budget. We decided we wanted to have a drawing for door prizes. These prizes would be camping equipment donated from local merchants. I then arranged with Wometco of Anderson to cater the breakfast. I secured a printer to print numbered meal tickets and we used the stubs for the prize drawing. At this point, the committee agreed to a fee of \$5.00 per person for the camp out.

I promoted the campout at the Fall School Night Roundups, Council newsletter in September and October, Roundtables, Commissioner Service, local newspaper, and mail outs to every Cub Scout and unit leader.

On October 21 and 22nd, Six & Twenty District of the Blue Ridge Council held a Cub Scout Camp Out at Camp Lou Ann in Anderson, S. C. Approximately 165 parents, cub scouts and staff participated.

After registration and setting up of tents, Boy Scout Troop 84 under the direction of Scoutmaster Chess Martin and three of his boy scouts entertained the cub scouts and their parents with skits and songs. After the campfire, the cubs roasted marshmallows. While the cubs were roasting their marshmallows, the committee had a staff meeting to review plans for Saturday. After our catered breakfast, we were entertained by a local hobby shop. They demonstrated remote controlled air planes. Then we separated into groups and participated in games using the "Round Robin" system. After the games were completed, the tents were removed and a final clean-up was performed.

By noon, we were ready for the recognition ceremony and to award the patches, certificates and camping prizes.

Because we were able to tell the Cub Scouts at the school nights about the camp out, this enabled us to sign up more new cubs this year than last year. Our total number of cub scouts in our district was up by a 100+ over last year. When new cubs enroll in Scouts, the first thing they ask, is when are we going camping. By having this camp out already planned, we were able to give them a date and all the details at their school night.

After critiquing the Cub Scout Camp Out, my conclusion was the campout was very successful as a recruiting tool and also for having a lot of fun for both parents and cub scouts. Numerous parents wanted to have another camp out in the Spring. However, the committee decided against this because it would not be effective for a recruiting tool if we used it any time except in the Fall.

I am attaching a guideline that my committee and I have put together for any other district or council who would like to use a Cub Scout Camp Out for a tool for recruiting. I am also enclosing a copy of the flier and a copy of the meal ticket.

THE DISTRICT CUB SCOUT CAMPOUT

What is a Cub Scout Campout?

A "simple" campout for the Cub Scout and an adult 21 years of age or older. (Note: not for Tiger Cubs of Boy Scouts.)

Why should a Cub Scout campout be held?

1. As a tool to excite boys into the cub program!
2. To get that cub who did not participate in pack summer activities enthused into getting back into his den.
3. To make cub leaders feel the district is supporting them with quality programs.
4. To help sway that parent who is "riding the fence", on whether to take a leadership position. Also, to show the parent how much fun cub scouting is.
5. To provide a well planned overnight outdoor camping experience for the parent and son.

When is the Cub Scout Campout held?

This campout is generally held a couple of weeks after all the schools in the district have had their Fall Roundup and the new leaders have been trained. It should occur somewhere between the last of September and the first of October on a Friday evening through Saturday till noon. SIMPLE!

What theme should be used for the Cub Scout Campout?

Any theme may be used. Let the imagination of your chairman and his committee take over. They may use the September or October Cub Scout Program Helps! The committee may use an Indian theme or Halloween theme, a Fun in the Woods theme or a Carnival theme!

What do we consider when planning a Cub Scout Campout?

1. How many participants expected (Adults & Cubs)
2. Staff Needs
3. Site selection
4. Date and time decision
5. Activities schedule (campfire, games, etc.)
6. Breakfast (a most important part of the campout)
7. Facilities needed (bathrooms, tents, buildings, etc.)
8. Registration and fee collection.
9. Promotion (Council news letter, telephone, letters, leader training, roundtables, school nights and unit commissioners)
10. Cost per participant.
11. Recognition needs (patches, ribbons, door prizes, certificates)
12. Checkout procedures

What sort of recognition should we give?

To the staff - certificates of appreciation, thank you notes, and/or special home made awards.

To the participants - patches (given only to the Cub), certificates of participation, ribbons, and/or home made awards.

To the institution who allows us to use their facilities - a special thank you letter.

CHAIRMAN JOB DESCRIPTION

1. Recruit staff leadership
2. Hold a program planning meeting
3. Determine budget
4. Determine site for campout
5. Establish promotion of campout
6. Establish date
7. Hold a final check meeting
8. Preside over Campout
9. Sent Thank You Notes

Activity Schedule of Cub Scout Campout

FRIDAY

- 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Set up tents, campfire, games, etc.
- 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Registration - make sure you have a list of participants, parents and Cubs. Registration people need to have plenty of change. Parents need to park in authorized areas only. Handouts are given out at this time.
- 9:00 p.m. - 10:00p.m. Campfire - make sure campfire is well planned, since this is probably the Cubs first! Roasting of marshmallows after the campfire is at the districts discretion.
- 10:00 p.m. - 11:00p.m. Leaders Meeting - Saturday activities are discussed at this time so no confusion about where and in what groups cubs and parents are in.
- 11:00 p.m. - Lights Out!

SATURDAY

- 6:00 a.m. - 9:00a.m. Staff Preparation - breakfast (does a troop prepare it, catered, etc.)
Final check on equipment and games.
- 7:00 a.m. - Wake Up
- 7:30 a.m. - 9:00a.m. Breakfast - with a large group, shifts may have to be used (needs to be discussed at leaders meeting)
- 9:00 a.m. - 9:45a.m. Demonstration - karate, remote control airplanes, etc.
- 9:45 a.m. - 11:30a.m. Games
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:00noon Recognition and clean up

GAMES

The following games were used effectively at the Cub Scout Campouts:

TENNIS BALL THROW

1. Dad's throw: 3 throws at 30 feet.
2. Cub's throw: 3 throws at 30 feet.
3. The throw is underhanded and into a 18" square hole in a box.
4. Total points will be parent plus cub and recorded in cub's box on the sheet ie., parent 2
cub 2
Total $\frac{2}{2}$ 4 (enter on sheet)

3-LEGGED SOCCERBALL RACE

1. Parent and cub will pair up and race 25 yards, turn around the cones and race 25 yards back to the start/finish.
2. Use parent and cub joint leg to move the soccerball.
3. 5 pairs of parents and cubs for each race and runoff, or less.

75 YARD RELAY WITH SPOON AND SOFTBALL

1. Cub starts and runs 25 yards down, rounds cones and runs 25 yards back to tag parent, who then runs the last 25 yards to finish (if ball is dropped, stop and put it back on spoon and run again from there).
2. 5 pairs of parents and cubs for each race and run off races or less.

OBSTACLE COURSE - A noncompetitive game or can be timed. Rope crawl unders, tires, barrels to crawl through etc.

WHEEL BARROW RACE - Parent holds cubs legs while cub races on hands with parent pushing for 15 yards.

BLIND OBSTACLE COURSE - With Parent blindfolded, cub instructs verbally on how to go through obstacle course. The then switch places!

FRISBEE THROW - Each contestant gets 3 throws for points.

CHANGE CLOTHES RACE - One cub at start has to put on ladies dress & accessories and race 25 yds., derobe and have parent dress up 7 race back 25 yds.

Use your imagination on games - Many games may be found in Cub program helps.

*****ATTENTION CUB SCOUTS*****

CUB SCOUT CAMP OUT

This will be the first major Cub Scout event of the year and is everyone's favorite. The Cub Scout Camp out will be _____ at _____.

The fee for this big event is _____ per parent and son. This low price includes Saturday breakfast, special patch, door prizes, and all program materials. ALL boys attending must be registered Cubs.

Participants will bring their own tents or shelter. Dress warm and eat dinner before coming out, or bring prepared box or sack dinners.

Registration is from 6:00 p.m., Friday, _____. The campout concludes Saturday at 12:00 noon.

Rules prohibit individual campfires. One big campfire will be held on Friday night with special entertainment. Cars will be restricted from the camping area.

*SPECIAL NOTE - No Cub Scout may attend alone, they must have a parent or an adult at least 21 years of age.

*****MAP IF NEEDED*****

1. Given at school night to each new & old cub family.
2. Mailed to Leaders
3. Encouraged at Roundtables
4. Given to New Leaders At Trainings

CUB SCOUT CAMP OUT HANDBOOK

PARKING

Please park in designated areas only. You will be instructed where these areas are. Please unload your gear and return your vehicle to the parking area.

TENTS

Find a place for your tent and put it up.

Welcome to the District Cub Scout Camp Out. We hope to provide a super camping trip for you and your son. The schedule is as follows:

FRIDAY

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| 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Registration and campsite set up (No fires will be allowed) |
| 9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. | Campfire |
| 10:00 p.m. - | Cubmasters meet for game instructions |
| 11:00 p.m. - | Lights Out |

SATURDAY

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 7:00 a.m. - | Wake Up |
| 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. | Breakfast |
| 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Games |
| 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Playoff at Station I |
| 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon | Recognitions |
| 12:00 Noon | Clean-up |

IMPORTANT NOTE

After campsites have been taken down and the area cleaned of all trash, extra patches (if any) will sell for \$1.00 and can be purchased at this time. We will be set up at the _____
Location

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SPECIAL DISTRICT EVENTS

WORK SCHEDULE GUIDE

| JOBS TO DO | WEEKS BEFORE EVENT | DATES | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Set event date on calendar | -52 | | | | | | |
| 2. Recruit chairman | -30 | | | | | | |
| 3. Event chairman recruits committee | -20 | | | | | | |
| 4. Hold meeting of key event staff | -15 | | | | | | |
| 5. Secure site and prepare budget | -14 | | | | | | |
| 6. Start promotion at roundtables | -12 | | | | | | |
| 7. Order patches, ribbons, etc. | - 8 | | | | | | |
| 8. Send out event bulletin | - 6 | | | | | | |
| 9. Order supplies | - 4 | | | | | | |
| 10. Hold check-up meeting with committee | - 2 | | | | | | |
| 11. Check event facilities, equipment and supplies. | - 1 | | | | | | |
| 12. Event | 0 | | | | | | |
| 13. Follow-up and thank-yous | +1 | | | | | | |

SIX & TWENTY CUB SCOUT CAMPOUT

This will be the first major Cub Scout event of the year and is everyone's favorite. The Cub Scout Campout will be held Friday and Saturday, October 21st and 22nd, at Camp LouAnn.

The fee for this big event is \$5.00 apiece for each parent and Cub Scout. This low price includes a catered breakfast, special patch (for Cubs only), and program materials.

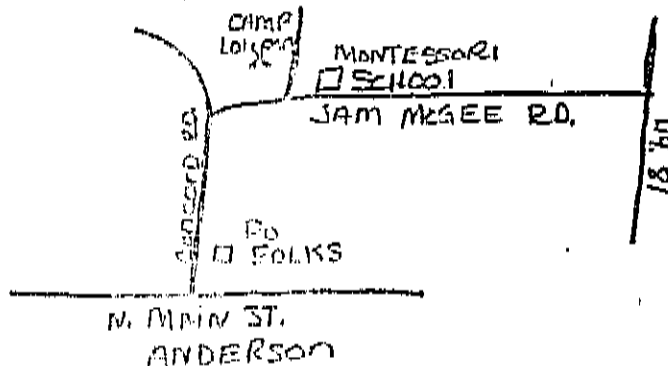
This campout is designed for a Cub Scout and a parent (over 21). As many moms attend as dads, both parents may attend. Games will be for parent and son to participate in as a team.

Participants need only to bring a tent (why not put a whole den in a large tent) or shelter and a sleeping bag or blankets. Dress warm and eat dinner before coming or bring a prepared box or sack dinner. (Individual campfires are prohibited because of camp regulations.)

Registration is from 5:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. Friday, October 21st. The campout concludes Saturday, October 22nd, at approximately noon. You are welcome to leave anytime after breakfast on Saturday if you have obligations. Door prizes will be given away at the conclusion of the campout.

This campout will have a large campfire and program Friday night. Saturday will have a morning of games and demonstrations.

Plan on camping as a Pack. This will help the new Cub Scouts get to know all the members in his new Pack. If you have any questions, please contact Linda McEntyre at 369-7647 or Chuck Greene at 224-9168.



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SCOUT MEAL TICKET

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