

**CUB SCOUT PACK 98**  
**OUTINGS**  
**HOW-TO GUIDE**

1. Job Description. The Outings Committee (a) identifies outings that will be offered to the Pack and (b) organizes these outings. The Chair (i) organizes one outing and (ii) supervises the Committee to make sure that (A) the proper number of outings (4-6 per year) are offered to the Pack and (B) the other outings are properly organized by the other members of the Committee.
2. Purpose. This Guide is intended to be a "one-stop" guide to organizing an outing, although it needs to be read in conjunction with (a) Pack 98's "So You Want To Run An Event?" and (b) the BSA's *Guide to Safe Scouting*.
3. Safety. When planning each outing, the Chair should read the BSA's *Guide to Safe Scouting*. A copy of the *Guide to Safe Scouting* should be included in the Resource Book for Outings or may be accessed through the Pack Website under "Web Resources." (Keep in mind that the *Guide* is updated from time to time. If you have a hard copy, please check the virtual version to identify any changes.)
4. Tour Permits. If the outing will occur outside of Scotch Plains/Fanwood, please file a Tour Permit with Council at least two weeks in advance (see "So You Want To Run An Event?" for more details).
5. Committee Supervision. In addition to organizing one outing, the Chair is responsible for supervising the Outings Committee to make sure that (a) the proper number of outings are offered to the Pack and (b) the other outings are properly organized by the other members of the Committee.

- 5.1. Organizational Meeting. In September, the Chair should call an organizational meeting of the Committee. At this meeting, the Chair should:
  - (a) identify ideas for outings (including those identified herein);
  - (b) ask the Committee members for ideas for other outings;
  - (c) discuss the various possible outings and decide which ones will be offered to the Pack and identify a tentative schedule for them; and
  - (d) get each member of the Committee to volunteer to organize one of the agreed-upon outings during particular months.
- 5.2. Leaders Meetings. ***Before and after*** the initial meeting of the Committee, the Chair should attend a Leaders Meeting to inform the Leaders about the outings and to seek feedback.
  - (a) After that, the Chair should not need to report to the Pack Leaders unless there is a problem.
- 5.3. Producer Role. Except for the outing that the Chair is organizing, the Chair should act as the "producer" of each outing and act as a resource for the other members of the Committee. The Committee Chair should **NOT** organize additional outings; that's what the members are for. As "producer," the Chair should set specific tasks, including reporting, for the member organizing each outing.
6. Ideas for Outings. Ideas for outings are set forth in Exhibit A hereto.
  - 6.1. How Many? The ideal is one every month or so. It may seem that the more the better, but if we offer too many, they become poorly attended because (a) they cease to be "special" events that the Pack, as a whole (to the extent possible), will be doing and (b) parents have limited budgets for time and money for these events. Thus, 4-6 outings are ideal!

- 6.2. Survey. In September 2001, we did a survey to find out what the boys would like to do. We received 17 responses and the results are set forth in Exhibit B hereto. They should obviously be considered!
7. Publicity. Outings are excellent subjects of Pack publicity. Be sure to invite the Pack Photographer and provide a story and pictures to the Public Relations Chair. Getting pictures in a newspaper will provide an added incentive for Scout participation.
8. Piggybacking. Pack 98 is one of 4 Cub Scout Packs and 4 Boy Scout Troops in Scotch Plains-Fanwood. Consider piggybacking with other units to share the load. For example, if Pack 4 is organizing a museum trip, offer to include them on a hike organized by Pack 98. That way, the load is shared!

OUTING IDEAS

[The following are listed in the order of popularity, based on the September 2001 poll of the Scouts. This list is in no way complete - use it as a starting point to stimulate your own ideas.]

1. Bowling - This was the most popular outing! And because it's local and inexpensive, it should be well-attended. Keep in mind that Council sponsors a bowling fund-raiser each year. (These are not mutually exclusive.)
2. Museums - These can be either day trips or overnights. Keep in mind that there are a lot of things to do in Union County!
3. Science Center - There are the Liberty Science Center and the Franklin Institute (Philadelphia).
4. Battleships - Intrepid, New Jersey
5. Sporting Events - Devils, Nets, etc.
6. Hikes - We should have at least one hike per year. There are many places that would be excellent for this.
7. Canoeing - This is a little trickier because of the BSA's safety requirements and the weather.
8. Conestoga Wagon Derby - This is offered by Council every Spring. The boys build their own Conestoga wagon go to a park where they move from "town" to "town". At each town, the Scouts will be judged on mental and physical abilities, manners, Scout spirit and how well they work as a team to earn gold nuggets. Ideally, these can be Den projects, but it would take motivation and encouragement from a Committee member to make this happen!
9. Skiing
10. Fishing - This is a little tricky because of licensing, but a license may not be required for Cub Scout-age boys.

## RESULTS

### PACK SURVEY: WHAT DO THE SCOUTS WANT TO DO?

A total of 17 survey forms were submitted, and here are the results:

#### Pack Meeting Activities

- 15 Pinewood Derby
- 13 Space Derby
- 13 Halloween Party
- 9 Holiday (Winter) Party
- 9 Blue & Gold Dinner
- 9 911 Night (Rescue Squad/Fire Dept. demonstrations)
- 8 Cub Scout Olympics
- 8 Relay Races
- 7 Bicycling Outing
- 6 Raingutter Regatta
- 6 Arts and Crafts
- 4 Scout Show/Extravaganza
- 3 Storytelling
- 3 Cheers
- 2 Skits and Songs
- 2 International Bazaar
- Games
  - Soccer
  - Dodgeball
- Other Ideas
  - Contests
- Other Ideas (from other sources)
  - Lizard Guys (\$150) [Pack 34]
  - Karate in Motion Demo [Pack 34]
  - Entertainment Night [Pack 4]
  - Mystery Night [Pack 4]
  - Magic Show [Scouting mag]
  - Team Orienteering [Scouting mag]

#### Outings, Etc.

- 14 Bowling
- 13 Museums
- 12 Science Centers
- 12 Camping
- 10 Battleships (Intrepid, New Jersey)
- 10 Sporting Events (Devils, Nets, etc.)
  - Harlem Globetrotters
- 9 Hiking
- 9 Canoeing
- 9 Day Trips
- 7 Picnic
- Other
  - Skiing (3)
  - Fishing (2)
  - Mini-Golf
  - Sleepovers
  - Team Orienteering [Scouting mag]

#### Other Activities

- 12 Car Wash/Bake Sale
- 11 Popcorn Sale
- 9 Scouting for Food
- 8 Parades
- 5 Conestoga Wagon Derby
- 4 Town Events
- 4 Caroling
- 1 Other Service Projects

