

CUB SCOUT PACK 98
SUMMER ACTIVITIES
HOW-TO GUIDE

1. Job Description. The Summer Activities Committee (a) identifies Summer Activities that the Pack will do and (b) organizes these activities. The Chair (i) organizes one Summer Activity and (ii) supervises the Committee to make sure that the other summer activities are properly organized by the other members of the Committee.
2. Purpose. This Guide is intended to be a “one-stop” guide to organizing a Summer Activity, 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 Summer Activity, 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 Summer Activities 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 Permit. If the Summer Activity 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 Summer Activity, the Chair is responsible for supervising the Summer Activities Committee to make sure that the other activities are properly organized by the other members of the Committee.
 - 5.1. Organizational Meeting. In March, the Chair should call an organizational meeting of the Committee. At this meeting, the Chair should:

- (a) identify ideas for Summer Activities (including those identified herein);
- (b) ask the Committee members for ideas for other Summer Activities;
- (c) discuss the various possible activities and decide which ones the Pack will do and identify a tentative schedule for them; and
- (d) get each member of the Committee to volunteer to organize one of the agreed-upon Summer Activities.

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 summer activities and to seek feedback.

5.3. Producer Role. Except for the activity that the Chair is organizing, the Chair should act as the “producer” of each Summer Activity and act as a resource for the other members of the Committee. The Committee Chair should **NOT** organize additional activities; that’s what the members are for. As “producer,” the Chair should set specific tasks, including reporting, for the member organizing the activity.

6. Ideas for Summer Activities. Ideas for Summer Activities are set forth in Exhibit A hereto.

6.1. 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! Try to select activities that are good for the Summer; outdoor activities are ideal!

7. Publicity. Summer Activities 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 his picture in a newspaper will provide an added incentive for Scout participation.

EXHIBIT A

SUMMER ACTIVITY IDEAS

(this list is in no way complete - use it as a starting point to stimulate your own ideas)

1. Memorial Day Parade (in Scotch Plains-Fanwood) and other parades
2. Camping (there is a "Family Camping Committee" for this; try to get them involved!)
3. Hiking
4. Canoeing
5. Fishing
6. Battleships (Intrepid, New Jersey)
7. Patriots Baseball Game
8. Miniature Golf

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 Activity
- 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

