

“Out of this World” Blue and Gold Banquet

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Resources

PTC Link: <https://seattlebsa.org/ptc> (at bottom of page)

Blue & Gold Planning:

2001 How To Book: section 6, p. 3-10. <http://cubsource.org/trng/HowTo.pdf>

Nov. 2010 Pack Baloo’s Bugle, p. 7-8 <http://usscouts.org/bbugle/bb1011-P.pdf>

Dec. 2009 Baloo’s Bugle, p. 5-8. <http://usscouts.org/bbugle/bb0912.pdf>

Space themed pack meeting ideas from Baloo’s Bugle and Santa Clara Pow Wow Books:

The websites below are referenced later in the document.

“Cubs in the Future” pack meeting plan:

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/cubscouts/pdf/2017/310-842\(17\) April Loyal.pdf?_ga=2.18971320.1899581880.1662508299-555826504.1643840064&_gl=1*k3a4mc*_ga*NTU1ODI2NTA0LjE2NDM4NDAwNjQ.*_ga_20G0JHESG4*MTY2MjUwODI5OS4yNC4xLjE2NjI1MDgzMjAuMzkuMC4w](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/cubscouts/pdf/2017/310-842(17) April Loyal.pdf?_ga=2.18971320.1899581880.1662508299-555826504.1643840064&_gl=1*k3a4mc*_ga*NTU1ODI2NTA0LjE2NDM4NDAwNjQ.*_ga_20G0JHESG4*MTY2MjUwODI5OS4yNC4xLjE2NjI1MDgzMjAuMzkuMC4w)

2010 “Take Flight” Baloo’s Bugle: <http://usscouts.org/usscouts/bbugle/bb1002.pdf>

2006 “Cub Scout Stars” Baloo’s Bugle: <http://usscouts.org/usscouts/bbugle/bb0611.pdf>

2006 “Cubs in the Future” Baloo’s Bugle: <http://usscouts.org/usscouts/bbugle/bb0601.pdf>

2006 “Cubs in the Future” Santa Clara Pow Wow Book:

<http://www.macscouter.com/CubScouts/PowWow05/feb06.pdf>

2003 “Soaring to New Heights” Baloo’s Bugle:

<http://www.scoutingthenet.com/scouting/Training/Roundtable/Handouts/03/08/>

2002 “Blast Off!” Baloo’s Bugle: <http://usscouts.org/usscouts/bbugle/bb0208.pdf>

2002 “Blast Off!” Santa Clara Pow Wow Book:

<http://www.macscouter.com/CubScouts/PowWow02/Sept02.pdf>

2000: “Space: The New Frontier” Baloo’s Bugle: <http://usscouts.org/usscouts/bbugle/bb0005.pdf>

2000: “Space: The New Frontier” Santa Clara Pow Wow Book:

<http://www.macscouter.com/CubScouts/PowWow00/June00.pdf>

Space themed Cub Scout Blue & Gold websites:

Space:

<https://beeinourbonnet.com/2011/03/out-of-this-world-blue-and-gold-cub/>

<http://ponyexpresscubs.blogspot.com/2012/01/space-themed-blue-gold-banquet-ideas.html>

Star Wars:

This website has a great Star Wars Arrow of Light ceremony, and links to other fun websites with food, games, etc: <https://cubscoutideas.com/6003/star-wars-blue-and-gold-banquet/>

Complete plans for a Star Wars B&G:

<https://lookwiderstill.home.blog/2019/09/30/cub-scouts-star-wars-blue-gold/>

Has fun photos of Darth Vader & Luke Skywalker wearing Cub Scout neckerchiefs; a great Star Wars awards ceremony; plus a power point in Star Wars lettering.

This website has fun Star Wars games & activities, including a Death Star pinata:

<https://karascreativeplace.blogspot.com/2012/05/da-da-da.html>

Star Wars Clubs:

Members of the local Star Wars club may be able to make an appearance in costume. Although they don't charge anything to come, they do encourage donations to charities they support. Find club and contact information here: <https://garrisontitan.com/links/>

NASA Crafts & Activities: <https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/menu/do/>

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Presentation Discussion Topics

Planning & Organization: location, food, finances, theme.

Location: reserve months in advance.

Rental fee; seating capacity; parking; kitchen; disability access; restrooms; speaker system.

May be tough finding an indoor location this year.

Disinfecting & Sanitizing

Finances: who pays for it?

Food: Potluck, Costco entrees, dessert only?

Food Allergies & Sensitivities

Build your own meals: Hawaiian Haystacks; Taco, Potato, or Pasta Bar

Touchless food service. Individually packaged ice cream treats?

Middle East (Egyptian) food suggestions: page 6 below

Special performers & guests: reserve in advance

Decorations & Invitations: page 3 below

Program & Activities:

Den Involvement & Special Performers

Hybrid Blue & Gold needs Cub Leader moderator for Zoom (gathering activities; make

sure everything is working). Hybrid is almost like having a Blue & Gold in 2 different locations.

Activities & Games: page 23 below

Leader Recognition:

Recognitions: 2001 How-To Book, p. 1-5: <http://cubsource.org/trng/HowTo.pdf>

Leader Knots: <http://www.boyscouttrail.com/square-knots.asp>

Ceremonies: Meaning & Purpose

Themes

The obvious theme is a birthday party for Scouting, but what types of themes will you use to carry that out?

See Dec. 2009 Baloo's Bugle, p. 7-8 for more themes: <http://usscouts.org/bbugle/bb0912.pdf>

- Knights
- Camping/Campfire
- Superheroes
- Space (Star Wars, Star Trek)
- The Arrow of Light Patrol's mascot
- Explorers – compasses, maps
- Patriotic
- Done alongside Pinewood Derby or Rain Gutter Regatta – use racing or boating themes
- Puzzles or escape room (we are all pieces of the greater unit)
- Whatever excites the SCOUTS!

Invitations

Planet Invitation:



The invitation opens to become this 

Trace the open invitation pattern onto paper. Cut it out. Fold the wings so they meet in the center. Draw a planet on the wings. Open the wings again to write Blue & Gold Celebration information on the inside.

Space Decorations & Centerpieces

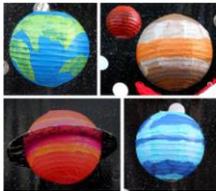


Saturn: <https://ideas4kids.org/media/pdf/2010/03/08/saturntabledecoration.pdf>

Painted Styrofoam ball & CD ring, on a cardboard tube. The CD is glued in between 2 ball halves. Permanent markers also work well to color the CD.



Saturn: Push a frisbee ring over a plastic playground ball. Or make a ring by cutting out the center of a plastic plate; or cut a ring out of posterboard. Not all balls will fit inside a frisbee ring.



Paper Lantern Planets:

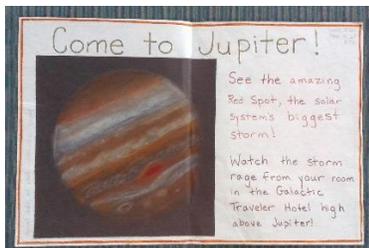
Make planets by painting a round paper lantern. Or glue tissue paper to the lantern. To make Saturn, attach a ring to the lantern.

<https://www.wholesalepartysupplies.com/blog/diy-solar-system-decoration/>



Rockets: make rockets using tin cans, pop bottles, or sections of carpet tube.

Decorate paper, cardstock, or aluminum foil to look like a rocket and wrap it around the cans. Make the nose cone from craft foam or cardstock. Cut a circle out of the craft foam. Cut a slit in the foam circle from the edge to the middle. Roll the circle into a cone shape, overlapping the edges and taping them into place. Tape the cone to the rocket. Cut fins from craft foam or cardstock, and tape them to the rocket.



Space Travel Posters: Decorate paper circles or coffee filter circles to look like your planet of choice. Mount it on posterboard. Write a spiffy description of why space travelers should visit the planet. Note: I colored my coffee filter Venus using water-based markers. Then I sprayed it with water to blend the colors together. I only sprayed part of the coffee filter to show the before and after results.



Large Cardboard Rocket:

<https://www.instructables.com/How-to-build-a-cardboard-Rocket-ship/>



<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/2040762322030110/>

Alien Eggs Centerpiece

From the 2005-2006 Cub Scout Program Helps.

Ingredients: 1 cup water, 1 cup vinegar, 1 teaspoon baking soda, food coloring, mothballs.

Directions: Fill a glass container about half full of the solution of water and vinegar. Add food coloring. Slowly add 1 teaspoon of baking soda for every 2 cups of solution. Drop several mothballs in the solution and watch them rise and fall. Carbon dioxide bubbles float the balls to the surface, where the bubbles are released into the air. Then the balls drop, and the cycle starts again. Watch the video at <https://bizarrelabs.com/mothball.htm>

Star Wars Decorations:



Star Wars Tin Punch Lanterns:

<https://frugalfun4boys.com/make-star-wars-tin-can-lanterns/> Alternative: paper bag luminaries.



Balloon Tie Fighter:

<https://www.madeeveryday.com/tutorial-diy-balloon-tie-fighters/>

Instead of balloons, could use Styrofoam balls or paper lanterns.



Paper Lantern Tie Fighter: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/502644008407382827/>



Death Star Paper Lantern:

<https://www.instructables.com/Death-Star-DIY-Paper-Lantern/>



Death Star Pinata:

<https://busybugs.co/2014/05/may-the-4th-be-with-you-party/>

<https://morethanthursdays.com/death-star-pinata-star-wars-birthday-party/>

Program

Possible Blue & Gold Elements:

Set-up & Clean-up; Gathering Activities; Opening Ceremony & Flag Ceremony; Welcome & Invocation; Food; Songs & Skits; Guest Entertainment; Leader Recognition; Friends of Scouting presentation: Advancement Ceremonies; Webelos Graduation & Bridging Ceremonies; Closing Ceremony, Closing Flag Ceremony, & Cubmaster Minute; Announcements; Games & Activities.

Skits & run-ons

Skits, Jokes & run-ons are in Baloo's Bugle (see Resource section above).

Skits that don't need a lot of memorization may work best. (Not a lot of back-and-forth dialogue. Just a series of repetitive lines delivered by Scouts.)

Preview acts to make sure they are scouting appropriate. Difficult to censor live acts.

Guidelines: no bathroom humor; no violence or suicide; no put-downs or derogatory comments, especially based on ethnicity, gender, etc.

Pack Slide Show: photos and videos of the year's activities

~~Webelos Movie (Movie Making Adventure). Webelos could be space explorers in a movie about living the scout oath & law. Retired 5/2022.~~

Special Arrow of Light slide show (graduating Arrow of Light Scouts):

Comments from Scouts on favorite scouting activities.

Comments from leaders about Scouts & what they'll miss.

Friends of Scouting

Activities: see page 23 below

Ceremonies

Reasons for Advancement Ceremonies

- To recognize Scouts for their accomplishments
- To inspire them on to greater achievement
- To motivate other Scouts
- To excite Scouts, Leaders, and parents
- Scouting is a recognition-based organization

Philosophy

- Ceremonies should be fun, exciting, or surprising!
- There should be meaning or significance in ceremonies
- Ceremonies should reflect the amount of work the Scout did
- Make each Scout feel special & encourage them to keep going

Don't just hand kids a baggie of bling with a handshake. Make it special, meaningful, and memorable.

Elements that help make a ceremony special and memorable: costumes; props; music; special effects (dim lights; special lighting); special guests; slide show or power point.

Dealing with Problems:

- Practice makes perfect
- Not all ceremonies go as planned
- Have a Plan B

Visualize the event from start to finish: set-up and take-down; how you will perform the ceremony; how you will manage props & scripts; entrances & exits of performers; where recipients stand etc.

Special effects: who does them, when, and how.

Practice.

Plan B

What happens if props are missing or don't function as planned? Special effects fizzle? Technical difficulties happen? Scripts are mis-placed? People are sick? The star of the show (special visitor) is caught in a traffic jam and late?



Super Achiever Patch (all ranks): <https://boyscouttrail.com/store.php>

Since this is not a BSA patch, you can award it how you choose. You might want to just give it to kids that complete all the available belt loops or pins for that year. Or you can give it to anyone that completes more belt loops or pins than is necessary for their rank.



Parent Pin Ribbon for rank pins

Hot glue a blue felt strip on a slightly wider yellow felt strip to make the ribbon. Wrap the end of the ribbon around a safety pin, and hot glue it in place. Be careful not to get glue in the center of the ribbon. That makes it really hard to push the pins through the ribbon!

Space Costumes & Props:

Jedi costume: wear a martial arts uniform (without patches).



Pool Noodle light sabers:

<https://brightcolormom.com/pool-noodle-lightsaber/>

<https://frugalfun4boys.com/make-a-pool-noodle-lightsaber/>

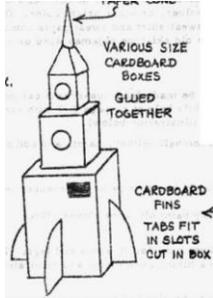
Add light sticks or flashlights to make the lightsabers glow.

Astronaut costume:

Use a disposable white painter's coverall for an astronaut costume. Make a helmet by rolling posterboard into a cylinder large enough to go over the head. (Metallic posterboard would be extra cool.) Cut a window out for the face.

Ideas for w/astronaut costume; also large rocket and moon rover props:

See the 2000 "Space: The New Frontier" Santa Clara Pow Wow Book p. 14-16. *Impress the pack with a big rocket made from boxes. Or make smaller tabletop versions for centerpieces.*



Opening Ceremonies:

From the 2009-2007 Cub Scout Program Helps

The Big Dipper

3 Cub Scouts hold up blue construction papers that have chalk stars drawn on them.

Narrator: There are many stars in the sky.

Cub #1 (paper has 1 star): Alone, they produce a single light.

Cub #2 (paper has constellation of stars): Together they form a constellation,

Cub #3 (paper has Big Dipper constellation with many stars in the background): Like the Big Dipper.

Narrator: Just as individual stars come together to form a constellation, Cub Scouts and their families come together to form our pack. Please join us as we say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Advancement Ceremonies

Fun ways to deliver awards:

Offstage narrator announces “Special delivery from...” Then the awards are delivered as described below.

United Planetary Parcel Service: astronaut, alien, etc. delivers a package to the Cubmaster.

Martian Mail: Frisbee with patches it tossed to the Cubmaster.

Jupiter Express: rocket glides in on fishing line. Awards are taped to rocket, or hang from rocket in a zip bag.

Take Flight

From the 2010 “Take Flight” Baloo’s Bugle. Submitted by Baltimore Area Council.

This would also work well for a Cubmaster Minute.

Cast: Cubmaster, advancing Cubs, and their parents

Props: Pinhole planetarium punched for the Big Dipper and North Star

Scene: The lights are dimmed. The Cubmaster beams the flashlight through the pinhole planetarium at the ceiling or a wall, showing the Big Dipper and North Star.

“For thousands of years, men have known that the North Star is fixed. Through the ages pilots have used the North Star to navigate their airplanes. Even with complicated modern navigational equipment, the North Star still stands as a standard or sure guide in the night sky.

Cub Scouts also need a "guiding star" to help them through life. In Cub Scouting, our navigational aids are the Scout Oath, Law, and Motto. They tell us how we should act and what we should do for ourselves and for others. When we "do our best" we soar a little higher. When we do "our duty to God" we put God first and do what God wants us to do. When we do "our duty to country" we are proud to be an American and to be good citizens. As we "help other people and obey the Scout Law" we are better Cub Scouts. These things steer us to greater heights, to grow into the kind of people that will be well liked and productive in our lives.

Tonight we honor some Cub Scouts who are navigating straight and true on the Cub Scout trail. With their parent's help, they have advanced a rank and have shown that they live by the Promise and the Law. (Call the Cubs forward to receive their badges.)

The 2002 "Blast Off" Santa Clara Pow Wow Book version has a slightly different ceremony, and suggests another presentation:

Equipment: Cut stars from cardboard and cover with aluminum foil. Attach awards to the back of the stars and hang them in a Big Dipper formation on the wall. Place the North Star on the wall, too. At the appropriate time during the ceremony remove the stars from the constellation and ask the Cubs and their parents to beam on up to the front.

Solar System Advancement

From the 2006 "Cub Scouts in the Future" Baloo's Bugle. Submitted by Baltimore Area Council.

Props: The ceremony board is a picture of space, with Cub rank pictures on the planets. (Use Cub Scout insignia stickers.) Each Cub receiving an award has a cardboard rocket with their name on it. A loop of masking tape is placed on the back of each rocket. The rockets are moved to the appropriate planet by the Cubmaster when presenting the badges & belt loops. (Use Cub Scout insignia stickers.)

Ceremony: For the ceremony script, look in the "Cubs in the Future" Baloo's Bugle, p. 20. A simpler script is in "Soaring to New Heights" Baloo's Bugle, p. 15.

Houston, We Have a Problem

From the 2002 "Blast Off" Baloo's Bugle. Submitted by York Adams Area Council

Set up: Run this as a dialog between the spaceship "CUBS" and Houston's Control Center. (Hey, you can change "Houston" to "Irving" if you want! Irving, TX, is the location of the BSA National Office!)

Commander (CM): Houston, we have a problem. Over.

Houston (ACM): Problem, commander? What kind of problem? Over.

Commander: We seem to have an overload of cargo on board tonight, Houston. It's affected the flight trajectory. We will need to offload some cargo, but we need some ideas on how to do this. Over. Houston: Okay, commander. Don't get nervous. We'll work out this problem. What kinds of cargo do you have? Over.

Commander: Well, looks like we've got some Tiger belt loops & badges. Yup, that's what they are. Why do we have Tiger Belt loops on board? Over.

Houston: Don't know commander. Let's check with the Tiger Den Leader on this. Wait one. [Pause.] Commander. Seems some of the Tiger Cubs have been busy with [describe the activities] and they have earned these Tiger belt loops. We will send the Tigers and their partners on a rendezvous flight. Prepare to jettison the belt loops. Over. [Call up the Tigers and their partners to receive the beads. Award and let them return to their seats.]

Commander: Okay, Houston. That helps, but I'm still off course. Trying to correct. Too much payload—seems to be the Bobcat badges on the port side of the ship. Over.

Houston: Roger that, commander. We have the team working on a solution. [Pause] Commander. We do have Cubs who have completed all of their requirements for the Bobcat rank. They have learned the Scout Promise and Law of the Pack as well as completing all other requirements. We will set their course to meet up with you for offload of Bobcat badges. Over. [Call up the Bobcat recipients and their parents to receive the badges. Have parents award the badges and let them return to their seats.]

Commander: Thanks Houston, that helps. But we're still running off course by 20 degrees. I've got a payload full of Wolf badges & belt loops that are throwing us off course. Request assistance. Over.

Houston: Copy that, commander. We have a plan. We need to forward the Wolf badges & belt loops to some of our Cub Scouts. We'll get them suited up and shoot them up to you for transfer. Over. [Call up the Wolf recipients and their parents to receive the badges. Have parents award the badges and let them return to their seats.]

Commander: Good job, Houston. We are nearly on course. One cargo bay is back to its specified load, but the starboard bay still reports excessive weight. What should we do with the Bear badges and belt loops on board? Over.

Houston: Bear badges, Commander? We will check. [Pause] Alright, Commander, we understand the problem and have identified the fix. We have XX Bear Scouts who will be awarded the Bear badge tonight. They have completed 7 belt loops according to Akela. Preparing them for rendezvous. Over. [Call up the Bear recipients and their parents to receive the badges. Have parents award the badges and let them return to their seats.]

Commander: Houston we are only off course by 10 degrees. Keep coming up with these fixes and we'll be back on course before it becomes serious. We have significant overloading with some Webelos belt loops in the forward bay. Over.

Houston: Roger that, Commander. We'll check with the Webelos Den Leaders to see why there are so many on board. [Pause] Okay Commander, here's the cause of that overload. Webelos Dens have been working on [list off belt loops]. We need to get these off the spacecraft right away. Over. [Call up Webelos Scouts. Hand out awards and have scouts return to their seats.]

Commander: We are nearly back on course, Houston. What can you tell me about the Webelos badge(s) in the back cargo bay? Over.

Houston: Still checking, Commander. [Pause] Okay Commander. According to the flight plans there are XX Webelos Scouts who have completed their requirements for the rank of Webelos. The badges are for them. We will arrange for those Webelos to dock with the spacecraft to receive their badges. Over. [Call up the Webelos recipients and their parents to receive the badges. Have parents award the badges and let them return to their seats.]

Commander: That's it, Houston. These Scouts are doing really well with their work and advancements. Now that we've gotten rid of all the extra weight the flight is back on course. Thanks for the help. Out.

Star Trek Crossing Over Ceremony

By Heidi Ramos

Costume: The Cubmaster should dress as a Star Trek captain: red (Next Generation/Voyager/Deep Space 9) or yellow (Original Star Trek series) long sleeve shirt and

black pants. Add the communicator pin. (Print off the pin onto paper or cardstock, cut it out, and tape or pin it to the shirt.)

Ceremony:

Space – the final frontier. These are the voyages of the Webelos Scouts. Their 5-year mission: to explore 32 different Cub Scout Adventures. To seek out opportunities to “do their best to do their duty to God and their country, and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep themselves physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.” To learn new skills and develop character. To boldly go where no Cub Scouts have gone before.

Today the Webelos Scouts advance from Cub Scout to Boy Scouts. They have earned 5 rank patches, and numerous belt loops and Webelos pins. They have been valuable crew members, and we wish them well as they continue their Scouting flight.

Star Wars Award Ceremony for all Ranks:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-OIFgpSeV6Knk3xi6uqfoJotk5nB2MrbR_9m8mIa6qw/edit

Star Wars Arrow of Light & Crossing Over Ceremony:

<https://wehavekids.com/youth-programs/Star-Wars-Blue-and-Gold-Banquet-Idea>

I demonstrated this one during the class.

7 Virtues Arrow of Light Ceremony:

<https://cubscoutideas.com/6003/star-wars-blue-and-gold-banquet/>

Arrow of Light Ceremonies

Bridging/Crossing Over Ceremony (AoL scouts graduate to Scouts BSA Troop)

Make it memorable and meaningful.

Make it special. Use music, props, general ambiance.

Make it something people look forward to each year.

Difference between bridging & crossing over ceremonies: bridging uses a bridge prop.



Ceremony Props:

How To Book, section 1 page 2-3. <http://cubsource.org/trng/HowTo.pdf>

Bridge Prop:

How To Book, section 1 page 6-7. <http://cubsource.org/trng/HowTo.pdf>

Commemorative Arrows & Plaques:

How To Book, section 1 page 8-9. <http://cubsource.org/trng/HowTo.pdf>

Bridging & Crossing Over Ceremony Scripts



Arrow of Light Cutout Ceremony

PERSONNEL NEEDED:

- Akela (Cubmaster or Webelos den leader) • Arrow of Light recipients • Parents of AoL recipients • Light switch operator

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

- Arrow of Light cutout with electric light • Arrow of Light badges • Arrow of Light certificates, if used • Arrow of Light plaques, if used • Arrow of Light ceremonial or career arrows, if used • Safety pins

ARRANGEMENT:

The Arrow of Light cutout draws attention to center stage. It is made by cutting out the Arrow of Light from the side of a large cardboard box and pasting tissue paper behind the cutout section. A light bulb is inserted in the box. (Be careful that the bulb does not come in contact with the sides of the box.)

After the Arrow of Light recipient and his parents are on stage, the house lights are dimmed or turned off.

AKELA:

Tonight we honor the Webelos Scouts who have completed the requirements for Cub Scouting's highest rank, the Arrow of Light. Will Webelos Scouts (*call each Scout's name*) and their parents come to the front? (*Scout and parents go to the front*)

You have been faithful members of our Webelos den. Soon you will graduate from Cub Scouting. You have learned the Boy Scout requirements and visited the Boy Scout troop of your choice. Tonight, you receive the Arrow of Light rank. Within a short time, you will be eligible to enter Scouts BSA.

You were guided in your progress through Cub Scouting's ranks by the Arrow of Light (*points to it*), which is this emblem. Let this Arrow of Light continue to light your way as you move onward and upward along the Scouting trail.

It is now our pleasure to present to you the Arrow of Light badge, which you may wear under your left shirt pocket of your Webelos Scout uniform. Later, you may wear it on your Scouts BSA uniform. Because your parents came up through the ranks of Cub Scouting with you, I will hand the badge to them and ask them, in turn, to present it to you. (*Pause while this is carried out.*) Now, I congratulate you for the fine work you have done in Cub Scouting and extend the best wishes of the entire pack to you and your parents as you continue up the Scouting trail into Boy Scouting.

(*If you aren't presenting arrows or plaques, skip this section*) It is an honor for me to recognize you Webelos Scouts and to present you with these arrows (or plaques). Use this (arrow or plaque) to remind you of the good times we have had together in Pack [number]. (*Presents arrows or plaques.*)

Colors of the Four Winds Ceremony

Cubmaster:

Arrow of Light Scouts, tonight you will be taking a giant step – from Cub Scouting to Scouts, BSA. Today we will be talking about the colors of the four winds and the meanings they have for us. Remember what is said today, and let the winds continue to guide you along the Scouting Trail.

Den Chief (Front Right): Lights Blue Candle

Blue stands for the Cub Scout Spirit and the North Wind. You are a true-blue Cub Scout and live up to the Scout Law. The North Wind brings you only the warmest of winds.

Den Chief (Rear Left): Lights Yellow Candle

Yellow stands for the South Wind that carries the story of your achievements far and wide. As a Cub Scout, you have been eager, fair, and a credit to your Den and Pack.

Den Chief (Rear Right): Lights White Candle

White stands for the East Wind and the Spirit of Scouting. The East Wind Carries the story of fun and happiness to your Scout Troop and tells others how you live up to the Scout Oath.

Den Chief (Front Left): Lights Red Candle

Red stands for the West Wind and represents your family. In Cub Scouting, your family helped guide you along the trail. They will go with you into Scouts, BSA, but now it is YOU who will lead the way.

Newly minted Scouts BSA Scouts walk across the bridge to their new Troop

Nature's Secret Arrow of Light Ceremony (similar to top of the mountain)

Unknown source.

Equipment: Acorn; fir branch; feather.

Personnel: 4 Cub Scouts; Cubmaster dresses as Cubmaster.

Committee Chair: To celebrate your Arrow of Light, I'd like to share a story with you. Once there was a wise old cubmaster. She gathered the Cub Scouts in her pack, and said:

Cubmaster (to 4 Cub Scouts): To test your scouting skills, I send each of you out into the earth's vast high country to bring back one of nature's secrets.

(Cub Scouts exit and return.)

Cubmaster (to C.S. #1): What secret have you brought and where did you find it?

C.S. #1: Cubmaster, I return with great hunger, thirst, and a painful sunburn. I learned that a scout must plan ahead.

Cubmaster (to C.S. #2): What lesson have you brought and where did you find it?

C.S. #2: Cubmaster, I searched the hills and forests and bring an acorn. Just as a mighty oak grows from a small acorn, if I have faith in myself, I can become strong.

Cubmaster (to C.S. #3): What secret did you bring?

C.S. #3: Cubmaster, I climbed high into the distant mountains where the snow is still deep, and the air is cool. I bring green needles from the giant fir trees. Just as the fir needles remain green throughout the year, a scout should always remain true to Cub Scouting—and Do Your Best.

Cubmaster (to C.S. #4): What treasure have you brought and where did you find it?

C.S. #4: Cubmaster, I traveled to the top of the mountains. From my high perch, I saw the wonders of God's creations. I saw the eagle as it soared high and free in the blue sky. I bring an eagle's feather--a reminder of freedom and the vision we must have to protect and cherish it.

Cubmaster (to the audience): These scouts have learned well. Nature shared her secrets with them. It is now their responsibility to live what they have learned: to plan ahead, to have faith, to remain true to Scouting, and to cherish freedom.

3 Corners of the Neckerchief Bridging Ceremony:

Unknown source.

CC: Two important parts of your Webelos Scout uniform are your neckerchief and colors. These items were bestowed upon you when you became a member of the Webelos Den. They identified you as a Webelos Scout. Tonight you will be making a transition.

CM: Tonight you will be leaving Cub Scouting. As a symbol of this departure and the growth of your son(s) may I ask that your parents present you with a token of your status as new Boy Scouts. Please remove the Cub Scout Neckerchief and put on the Troop Neckerchief. Wear it with pride

CC: The neckerchief has many uses, as you will learn. There's one use, though, that you may not think of: to remind you of the Scout Oath. The neckerchief is a triangle, and its three corners should remind you of something you recently learned--the Scout Oath. The Oath, you remember, has parts, too--duty to God and country, duty to others, and duty to self. From now on, every time you put on your neckerchief it should remind you of the things you pledge each time you repeat the Scout Oath.

CM: Now you and your son may cross over the bridge into Boy Scouting.

Arrow Symbolism (Sunrise/Sunset) Bridging Ceremony

Unknown source.

CM: The Arrow of Light contains an arrow and a sun. The sun symbolizes the end of the Cub Scouting trail, and a journey well done. The sun may also be considered a rising sun - the beginning of Boy Scouting with different adventures. Either way, it is symbolic of the Cubs who are ending Cub Scouting and beginning Boy Scouting.

CC: The Arrow of Light Award also contains an arrow. The reason for this is that the arrow is a symbol of leadership. It is straight, and its point keen. When aimed high, its direction is onward and upward. This is truly symbolic of boys who are about to take their first step into Boy Scouting.

CM: Now _____ is ready to cross over to Boy Scouts, beginning his journey towards the Eagle. Congratulations!

Other Ceremonies found at CubScoutIdeas.com

The Two Archer's Ceremony (for safety use Nerf bow and arrows).

Top of The Mountain.

We'll Be Loyal Scouts

Akela Arrow of Light Ceremony

Scouting Circle of Brotherhood

Eagle Feather

Arrow of Light Charge

More Arrow of Light ceremonies at:

<http://web.archive.org/web/20050408212423/www.us Scouts.org/us Scouts/ceremony/aol.html>

Probably want to be careful when using native American themed ceremonies. Potential issues: insensitivity, stereotyping, and cultural appropriation.

Cubmaster Minute

Stars

From the 2006 "Cub Scout Stars" Baloo's Bugle

Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, said: "I often think that when the sun goes down, the world is hidden by a big blanket from the light of heaven, but the stars are little holes pierced in that blanket by those who have done good deeds in this world. The stars are not all the same size; some are big, some are little, and some men have done small deeds, but they have made their hole in the blanket by doing good before they went to heaven. Try and make your hole in the blanket by good work while you are on earth. It is something to be good, but it is far better to do good."

Tracks On the Moon

From the 2003 "Soaring to New Heights" Baloo's Bugle. Submitted by Viking Council

Over 53 years ago man first set foot on the moon (1969). That first footprint of Neil Armstrong is still there on the moon, preserved in the lunar dust where no wind will blow it away. Other footprints are there, too; Gene Cernan, Alan Bean, Buzz Aldrin, Edgar Mitchell, Alan Shepard, and others who explored the lunar surface.

Here on earth we can't see our footprints forever, but what we do is preserved. Every kind deed is remembered and has a lasting effect on those around us. Every hurtful word has a lasting

effect as well. Let's choose our words and our deeds as carefully as if they were to be recorded forever like the footsteps on the moon.

The Sky Is Not the Limit

From the 2003 "Soaring to New Heights" Baloo's Bugle. Submitted by Circle Ten Council

Den Leader: Cub Scouts, it wasn't long ago that we heard some people say, "The sky is the limit." That meant that a person could make anything of themselves they wanted...at least, on the earth. Well, that limit is off now. There is almost no limit to what you can aspire to do, either on earth or in space. Our astronauts showed us that.

Committee Chair: Colonel "Buzz" Aldrin, the second man to walk on the moon, was a member of Troop 12 in Montclair, NJ. He once told a group of Scouts, "Set your goals high and settle for nothing less than accomplishment. Don't settle for mediocrity."

Cubmaster: How well you perform will depend on how you accept this new challenge which says, "The sky is NOT the limit." A Cub Scout who does their best in everything they undertake now is preparing themselves for that challenge. If you want to aim for the stars, you must remember that you are building your launch pad right now, by your willingness and initiative in every task you tackle - at home, church, school and Scouting.

Songs

The Astronaut's Plea

(tune: My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean)

From the 2010 "Take Flight" Baloo's Bugle. Submitted by Baltimore Area Council.

I went for a ride in a spaceship.

The moon and the planets to see.

I went for a ride in a spaceship.

Now listen what happened to me.

Chorus:

Bring back, bring back, O bring back my spaceship to me, to me.

Bring back, bring back O bring back my spaceship to me.

I went for a ride in a spaceship.

The capsule was crowded and I

Developed a cramp in my muscles

So I went for a walk in the sky.

Chorus

I went for a walk in my spacesuit.

The ship was controlled from the ground.

And someone in charge down at NASA

Forgot I was walking around.

Chorus

The Noble Captain Kirk

(Tune: The Grand Old Duke of York)

Do all the motions you would normally do with "The grand Old Duke of York." Make up something fun for 'the atoms all around' last line.

From the "Soaring to New Heights" Baloo's Bugle. Submitted by the Circle Ten Council

The noble Captain Kirk,
He had four hundred men.
He beamed them up to the Enterprise,
And beamed them down again.
And when they're up, they're up.
And when they're down, they're down.
And when they're only half-way up.
They're nowhere to be found. *Or, They're just atoms all around.*
Be sure to do all the motions and silly stuff you do with "The grand Old Duke of York."

Cheers

Blast Off:

Everyone squats down in front of their chairs, Start a countdown "10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 Blast off!" At blast off, everyone jumps up as high as they can, roaring like a missile.

Mr. Spock: Live Long and Prosper.

Star Trek: Pull out an imaginary communicator saying, "Beam me up, Scotty!"

Space Hero Cheer: With arm thrust upward, say "To infinity and beyond!"

Jokes, Riddles & Run-ons

2010 "Take Flight" Baloo's Bugle, p. 23.

2006 "Cub Scout Stars" Baloo's Bugle p. 30.

2006 "Cubs in the Future" Santa Clara Pow Wow Book p. 9.

2006 "Cubs in the Future": Baloo's Bugle, p. 26.

2000 "Space: The New Frontier" Santa Clara Pow Wow Book p. 7. *Star Wars jokes.*

Skits

2006 "Cubs in the Future": Baloo's Bugle, p. 27-30. *The best ones are on p. 29.*

Audience Participation Stories

The Galaxy Rangers and the Evil Space Slime

From the Philmont "Strictly for Cubmasters" training, Aug. 2009.

Divide the audience into 4 groups. (They stay in their seats.) Assign each group a different character. The group says the words associated with the character whenever they hear that character's name as the story is read.

Galaxy Rangers: "We fly through space and never rest, because our motto is 'Do Your Best!'"

Space Girl Zoom: "Get back, Space Slime!"

Space Slime: "Slurp, slurp, slurp!"

Friendly Aliens: "Live long and prosper."

Far in the future a brave and gallant group of boys and girls roamed the universe doing good deeds. They were known as the GALAXY RANGERS. Their leader, SPACE GIRL ZOOM, was always looking for ways the GALAXY RANGERS could do good deeds.

One day, SPACE GIRL ZOOM was sent an urgent message from some FRIENDLY ALIENS on the planet Fred. The FRIENDLY ALIENS were being attacked by the evil SPACE SLIME. SPACE GIRL ZOOM rounded up the GALAXY RANGERS and took off for the planet Fred to battle the evil SPACE SLIME.

When SPACE GIRL ZOOM and the GALAXY RANGERS arrived on the planet Fred they found the FRIENDLY ALIENS were surrounded by the big, drooly, smelly, green and orange SPACE SLIMES!

“Help us, help us!” cried the FRIENDLY ALIENS. “The SPACE SLIMES are coming closer and closer. They won’t let us leave our city!”

SPACE GIRL ZOOM flew off to confront the evil SPACE SLIMES. The GALAXY RANGERS wondered “Will she use the transmogrifier ray, or maybe the anti-gravitational disrupter?” But SPACE GIRL ZOOM used her universal translator and just talked to the SPACE SLIMES. She returned to the FRIENDLY ALIENS and explained that the SPACE SLIMES were just hungry and wanted to eat their garbage.

The FRIENDLY ALIENS were really excited. “That’s great! Our garbage has been piling up, and we didn’t know what we were going to do with it all. Now our problem is solved, thanks to you, SPACE GIRL ZOOM, and your GALAXY RANGERS.

Leader Recognition

Recognitions: 2001 How-To Book, p. 1-5: <http://cubsource.org/trng/HowTo.pdf>

Leader Knots: <http://www.boyscouttrail.com/square-knots.asp>

Recognition Ceremonies for Leaders: Ceremonies Book, section 12, p. 3-5.

<http://cubsource.org/trng/CeremoniesforDensPacks.pdf>

How do packs thank their leaders?

Starbucks card: “Thanks a-latte” or “Tea-riffic”

Dinner for busy leaders. Example: pizza delivery for day camp director.

Babysitting for night out

Nice gadgets: flashlights, knife, compass

Nice thank you note

Photo album with notes from parents

T-shirt w/cub handprints

Facebook page photo

Volunteer Hall of Fame

Special neckerchief

What makes an effective thank you?

Sincere; timely; specific.

Start with how the volunteer helps the pack and kids. Be specific. Show what impact the help has on the kids and pack. If possible, include the emotional impact of the service.

Praise the recipient’s skills or character (dedication, generosity, etc.).

Template for Thank You Note:

<https://www.grammarly.com/blog/how-to-write-a-thank-you-letter/>

<https://www.inc.com/minda-zetlin/how-to-write-a-sincere-and-meaningful-thank-you-no.html>

Thank you for... [specific statement about what you're thanking the recipient for].

[Sentence about why the person's contribution deserves your gratitude.]

[Sentence explaining the positive effect the recipient's contribution had.]

[Optional: reiterate your thanks or offer a compliment or other friendly comment.]

“Pun-ny” awards and more serious awards:

<http://cubmaster.org/PowWowBooks/2000%20Northwest%20Suburban%20Council%20Pow%20Wow.PDF> p. 159-176.

Space themed ideas for leader thank-yous:

“You're out of this World!” label attached to a Milky Way candy bar or Orbit gum.

“You're a Super Star!” label attached to Starburst candy.

Leader Knot patches: <http://www.boyscouttrail.com/square-knots.asp>

Like any other award: track and turn in request at scout shop.

Requirements in 3 areas: tenure, training, performance.

Tenure: minimum number of months or years in Scouting role or position

Training: basic training; more advanced training – round table, PTC.

Performance: annual planning or den meeting planning; published calendar; Journey to Excellence achievements.

Journey to Excellence: <https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/>

Measures growth & achievement in areas that help maintain a quality pack. Retention, recruitment, advancement, planning, outdoor activities, service, camping, leadership training & recruitment.

Food

Serve Moon Pies, Milky Way candy bars, Starbursts, Pop Rocks, Sun chips, star shaped sugar cookies, cream puff “asteroids”.



For an edible centerpiece, make star shaped cookies on a stick. Most websites recommend pressing the cookie star onto the skewer, or sandwiching the stick between the cookie and more dough before baking. Pioneer Woman recommends pushing a skewer into the cookies as soon as they come out of the oven.

After the cookies have baked & cooled, decorate the cookies. Decorate a container. Put some Styrofoam into the bottom of the container. Push the cookie sticks into the Styrofoam.

<http://half-bakedbaker.blogspot.com/2011/06/star-spangled-cookie-centerpiece.html>
<https://www.landolakes.com/expert-advice/celebrate-flag-day-with-star-spangled-sandwich-coo/>

Serve food in pouches: Go-gurt, applesauce, Capri sun.

Rings of Saturn: donuts, gummy fruit rings, bagels, onion rings. (These rings ideas were on several different pinterest websites.)

Green Space Ooze: guacamole.

Planets or Flying Saucers: pizza.

DIY Flying Saucers (tostadas): people top crisp tortillas with their choice of toppings. Good choice if your pack has people with food allergies & sensitivities.

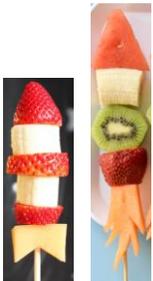
Cheese Star Food Decorations: Use cookie cutters to cut out stars, moons, and other space shapes from slices of cheese. Use them to decorate the top of casseroles, pasta, and pizza. Or serve the stars with flying saucer crackers (round circle crackers). (Saw the flying saucer crackers idea somewhere on pinterest.)

Spaghetti and asteroids (meatballs).

Meat-eors: Swedish or Teriyaki meatballs. (Saw that somewhere on pinterest.)



Wrap food in foil for a futuristic look. Wrap fruit, hot dogs in buns, burritos, baked potatoes, cookies, etc. <https://www.finedininglovers.com/article/space-food-rock-your-world>



Rocket Fruit Skewers:

Slide fruit onto bamboo skewers. To make nose cone, top with a strawberry or a triangle shaped piece of melon. Could also serve veggie rocket skewers with a ranch dip.

<https://www.partylikeacherry.com/space-party-food-ideas/closeup-fruit-rocket/>

https://www.forkandbeans.com/2017/05/26/firecracker-fruit-kabobs/?fbclid=IwAR0hF6ItTbvGKLufHybEE_93zApvsJ51WoEq21oWjffQYBy6NT6Wz_5M0sQ



Alien Treat Cups: <https://www.catchmyparty.com/photos/804377>

Fun Star Wars Food:



Carbonite Jell-o, Yoda Soda, Hans Solo Rolos, Vader Pataters, Princess Leia Cinnamon Buns: <https://bitrebels.com/geek/geektastic-collection-of-star-wars-inspired-party-foods/>

Princess Lays chips, Edible Ewoks (teddy grahams):

<https://madeitateitlovedit.com/the-ultimate-star-wars-birthday-party/>

Hutt Dogs: <https://www.allthingswithpurpose.com/lego-star-wars-party-free-printables-games-and-menu-ideas/>

Use the Fork: <http://1october.blogspot.com/2013/02/star-wars-baby-shower.html>

Chew-bacca caramels or gum



Wookiee Cookies:

Chocolate: <http://www.niftyspoon.com/2015/05/04/wookie-cookies-happy-star-wars-day/>

Gingerbread: <http://www.sugarednerd.com/recipes-and-how-tos/2015/12/2/recipe-gingerbread-wookiee-cookies> Skip the ammo belt for easier cookies.



Lightsaber Pretzels:

<https://www.twosisterscrafting.com/star-wars-lightsaber-pretzels/>



Death Star Watermelon:

<https://cubscoutideas.com/6003/star-wars-blue-and-gold-banquet/>



Light Saber Fruit Kebobs:

<https://www.themomcreative.com/2014/10/star-wars-party-with-jedi-training-academy.html>

Activities, Crafts, & Games

Gathering Activities:

Placemat:

A placemat with a wordsearch, crossword puzzle, maze, trivia, etc. helps keep younger kids busy during the program. They can be found on the website pages below.

2002 “Blast Off” Santa Clara Pow Wow Book, p. 11-13.

2010 “Take Flight” Baloo’s Bugle, p. 12

2006 “Cub Scout Stars”: Baloo’s Bugle, p. 11.

2006 “Cubs in the Future” Santa Clara Pow Wow Book p. 3.

2006 “Cubs in the Future” Baloo’s Bugle p. 12.

2003: “Soaring to New Heights” Baloo’s Bugle p. 12.



Edible Constellations: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/70437485188266/>

Make constellations using mini marshmallows and pretzel sticks. Tigers can make up their own constellation (Sky is the Limit #5).

UFO Toss Game

From Family Fun magazine, July/Aug. '05, p. 32.

Crumple and shape aluminum foil into UFOs (unidentified foil objects). Decorate using permanent markers. Write name on UFO. Toss UFO’s onto planets (cardboard circles or paper plates) for points.

Comet Toss Game

Game from Family Fun Magazine, March '06 p. 82.



Aluminum foil comet with crepe paper streamers:

Trap 3-4 crepe paper strips in the center of a sheet of aluminum foil. Crumple the rest of the foil into a ball around the trapped crepe paper.

From <https://www.designdazzle.com/easy-diy-comet-craft/>



Sock Comet:

Stuff another sock (or 2) into the toe of the first sock. Wrap a rubber band around the sock right above the comet head. If desired, cut the comet tail into strips.

To play the game:

Draw a planetary system with points on posterboard or butcher paper. Toss the comet onto the game board for points. Or toss the sock comet for distance.

Cardboard Tube or Pool Noodle Aliens:

Use for gathering activity, invitations, or treat holders.

Gathering activity: Kids could make aliens before the Blue & Gold Banquet starts.

Invitation holders: Scouts could make the aliens and slide invitations inside them for parents and guests.

Treat holders: see below.



<https://www.thejoysharing.com/2017/08/cardboard-tube-monsters.html>



This version holds treats:

<http://blog.consumercrafts.com/kids-stuff/toilet-paper-roll-crafts/>



<https://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=https%3A%2F%2Ftwokidsandacoupon.com%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2020%2F12%2Ftoilet-paper-crafts-for-kids.jpg&imgrefurl=https%3A%2F%2Ftwokidsandacoupon.com%2F2020%2F12%2Feasy-toilet-paper-roll-crafts-for-kids-to-make.html&tbid=lz5lamk8889ppM&vet=12ahUKEwjsmYWS353wAhVhJH0KHQYXCyQMygregUIARCLAg.i&docid=pYHiCwbXMeFxm&w=1000&h=667&q=toilet%20paper%20tube%20pirate%20craft&ved=2ahUKEwjsmYWS353wAhVhJH0KHQYXCyQMygregUIARCLAg>



Pool Noodle & chenille stems (pipe cleaners):

<https://www.easy-crafts-for-kids.com/pool-noodle-monster-craft.html>

Crafts:



Cardboard Tube Rocket:

<https://diycandy.com/4th-of-july-party-favors/> Skip the tissue paper if you don't want the rocket to hold treats.

<https://frostingandglue.com/toilet-paper-roll-rocket-craft/>

<https://www.lookwerelearning.com/paper-roll-rocket-craft/>

For an easier craft, kids can use crayons or markers to draw rocket features on paper that they wrap around the cardboard tube. Or use circle stickers for the portholes. They can also tape fins directly to the rocket.

Paper Plate Flying Saucers:



<https://www.momdoesreviews.com/2020/04/24/fun-ufo-paper-craft-for-kids/>

Paper alien inside clear plastic cup. The cup is glued to a paper plate.



<https://funfamilycrafts.com/paper-plate-u-f-o/>

Pom-pom alien inside clear plastic cup. Pipe cleaner antennae with small pom-poms, and wiggle eyes.



<http://www.boredart.com/2015/04/12-crafts-for-kids-using-paper-plates.html>

Pom-pom or clay aliens inside clear domed drink lids that are glued to paper plates. Try to find lids with small holes.



Tin Can Robots

Use glue dots to attach strong button magnets to the backs of hardware and drink lids. Kids can put the hardware & lids on the cans to make facial features on the robots. Because they're magnetic, kids can rearrange the faces as desired.

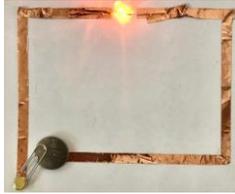
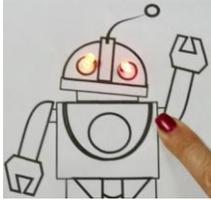
<https://www.pbs.org/parents/crafts-and-experiments/tin-can-robots>



Pin Hole Planetarium

<https://scoutermom.com/24773/pin-hole-planetariums/> Patterns are included in the printable.

Instead of gluing patterns to the can top, just use tape to attach them to the can. Tigers can make up their own constellation (Sky is the Limit #5). Flat bottom cans are easier to work on than ridged cans. Remove the lettering from can bottoms using fingernail polish remover and a lot of rubbing. Use permanent markers to connect the holes. Hold the can up to the light to see the constellation glow!



Copper Foil Tape Circuits:

<https://www.instructables.com/Paper-Circuits/>

<https://teachingscience.us/stem-challenges-paper-circuits-with-copper-tape/>

Neckerchief slides

Saturn Neckerchief Slide:



Front



Back

Paint half a Styrofoam ball using metallic paint and let the paint dry. Hot glue the planet to a corrugated cardboard circle. Hot glue a smaller corrugated cardboard circle to the first circle. Make sure the corrugations on both circles run horizontally.

To make the ring, insert the end of a metallic chenille stem into the first cardboard circle. Wrap the chenille stem around the ball, and insert the end into the cardboard circle again.

Repeat the process with a second chenille stem and the smaller cardboard circle to make the neckerchief ring.

Games:

2006 "Cubs in the Future" Baloo's Bugle, p.21.

2002 "Blast Off" Baloo's Bugle, p. 12-13.

2000 "Space: The New Frontier" Santa Clara Pow Wow Book p. 8-11. *Star Trek games.*

Borg Tag (Chain Tag from How-To Book):

Each tagged player is assimilated into the Borg collective. The collective links elbows or holds hands and tries to tag the remaining players. The playing area needs to be small enough that the slower Borg collective has a reasonable chance of tagging the other players.



Balloon Rocket Races

<https://sciencebob.com/make-a-balloon-rocket/> Set up 2 strings for racing.

Flying Saucers (Flying Discs from How to Book, p. 3-5): toss frisbees onto targets, or into holes cut in boxes.

Rings of Saturn: hula hoop games.

<https://www.verywellfamily.com/hula-hoop-games-and-activities-1256808>

Toss the hoops over a chair or other target. (Or just play regular ring toss.)

Create an obstacle course for people using hoops.

Roll the hoop through an obstacle course.

Pass the Hoop: Have everyone hold hands and stand in a line or circle. To start the game, loop the hoop over a player's arm. From there, the rest of the group must pass the hoop down the line or around the circle without letting go of each other's hands.

Star Wars Games:

<https://www.coolest-kid-birthday-parties.com/star-wars-birthday-party-games/>

<https://www.themomcreative.com/2014/10/star-wars-party-with-jedi-training-academy.html>

<https://karascreativeplace.blogspot.com/2012/05/da-da-da.html>

To create a giant Star Wars obstacle course, string together the activities below in order.

Repair a Droid Puzzle: players put together a puzzle of R2D2 or C3PO. (Print off a picture and cut it up.) For an interesting cooperative version, give a puzzle piece or two to each player. Players must assemble the puzzle without speaking. For an extra challenge, mix together 2 or 3 puzzles of the same droid that have been cut up differently. (Star Wars scenes: Luke fixes R2D2 after buying him from the Jawas. Chewbacca reassembles C3PO after he accidentally runs into storm troopers in Cloud City and is blasted into pieces.) - *W.M.*

Repair a Droid Circuit: successfully connect a circuit together so a light turns on.

Use a Snap Circuit kit. Or use a D battery, wires or aluminum foil, and a flashlight bulb.

<https://enjoy-teaching.com/battery-and-bulb-experiment/> - *W.M.*

Trash Tower: players must build a tower of a specified height using recyclables before they can leave the trash compacter. (Star Wars scene: Luke, Hans, and Leia are trapped in the trash compacter.) - *W.M.*

Balance Beam: cross a 2" x 4" balance beam without falling off to get to the control panel. Make the balance beam by putting the 2" x 4" on some bricks. (Star Wars scene: Obi Wan Kenobi crosses the bridge to get to the platform where the control panel is.) - *W.M.*

Secret Code: solve a secret code to get the deactivation code to the battle station tractor beam. (Star Wars scene: Obi Wan Kenobi successfully deactivates the tractor beam so the Millennium Falcon can escape.) - *W.M.*



Blaster Fire Maze: players go through the maze without coming in contact with the blaster fire (crepe paper streamers) on their way to the Death Star. (Star Wars scene: Luke pilots his X-wing through enemy fire to get close enough to the death star to destroy it.) For a more durable version of the game, string rope between chairs or other objects.

<https://karascreativeplace.blogspot.com/2012/05/da-da-da.html>



Death Star Beanbag Toss: Toss a beanbag into a hole in the Death Star to destroy it. (Star Wars scene: Luke fires on the death star and it blows up.)

<https://www.themomcreative.com/2014/10/star-wars-party-with-jedi-training-academy.html>

Storm Trooper Knock Over (Pendulum game): Tape a picture of a storm trooper or a small AT-AT Walker to a pop bottle. Tie a weighted string (pendulum) to the top of a ladder so it hangs underneath the ladder. Set up the storm trooper bottle so that the pendulum knocks it over when it's released and swings. Mark bottle and pendulum release spots with masking tape for easy set up and play. (Star Wars scene: Ewoks swing logs on ropes to take out AT-ATS and storm troopers.) - *W.M.*

<http://teachertombsblog.blogspot.com/2011/03/in-case-of-emergency-break-out.html>

<http://letspromoteplay.blogspot.com/2010/03/learning-with-pendulum.html>