



Creating Fun Memories



WHY (RAFTS?

Why do we use Crafts in Cubs?

- ★Kids get bored when you talk to them
- ★Reinforces concepts learned in the adventures
- ★Parents get a tangible item to keep
- ★Kids learn to make useful things
- **★**Completes a requirement
- **★**Gets parents involved



WHY (RAFTS?

What can Crafts Teach Cubs?

- **★**New skills
- ★How to try different ways of doing things
- ★How to create something with their hands
- **★**Determination
- **★**Fine Motor Skills
- ★Pride in their hard work



DO'S AND DON'TS

DON'T

- Use a craft just to fill time
- Craft at every den meeting
- Make complicated crafts that are frustrating to complete
- Discourage creativity or let them give up!

DO

- Crafting with a purpose (service projects, gifts, advancement)
- Vary the types of crafts
- Send unfinished crafts home to complete with family
- Find crafts that are ageappropriate and challenging

HOW TO INTRODUCE A CRAFT

- 1) Test the craft yourself. If you have a spare Scout sitting around, have them test it too.
- 2) Make a finished sample and any patterns you might need.
- 3) For wood projects, it is helpful to have most of the cutting done ahead of time.
- 4) Try to have enough tools for everyone. Have parents bring their own if they can.

HOW TO INTRODUCE A CRAFT

- 4) Make sure you have enough materials for everyone to get started at the same time.
- 5) Teach the craft step by step. You may have to go over the steps several times.
- 6) Enlist parents to help! Send unfinished crafts home for finishing.
- 7) If possible, display the finished crafts at your next den or pack meeting.

THE EDGE METHOD

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"Here's what we're doing today"

"Let me show you how"

"Here are the steps to follow"

"Now you try!"

TYPES OF CRAFTS

Paper

Wood

Leather

Rope

Fabric

Metal

String

Recycled Items





TIGER ADVENTURE (RAFTS

- My Tiger Jungle Birdhouses
- Good Knights Shields
- Stories in Shapes Shape Collages
- Tiger Theater Hand Puppets





WOLF ADVENTURE (RAFTS

- Council Fire Cards for Seniors
- Air of the Wolf Paper Airplanes, Kazoos, Balloon Boats
- Code of the Wolf Mancala
- Digging in the Past Fossil Cast, Dino Dig, Fossil Snack
- Germs Alive "Snot" Slime
 - Grow Something Terrarium
 - Motor Away Boats & Cars



BEAR ADVENTURE (RAFTS

- Baloo the Builder Bird Feeders
- Bear Claws Soap Carving
- Bear Picnic Basket Snacks
- Beat of the Drum Native Crafts
- Grin & Bear It Carnival Games, Posters, Tickets, Prizes
 - Robotics Robots, Robot Hand Craft
 - World of Sound Mbira, Sistrum, Rainstick



WEBELOS ADVENTURE (RAFTS

- Adventures in Science Model Solar System, Circuit Crafts
- Art Explosion, Build It Pretty Much the Whole Adventure
- Build My Own Hero My Hero Award
- Castaway Survival Bracelets
- Engineer Building from a Blueprint, Rocket Launcher
 - Game Design Build a Game
- Looking Forward, Looking Back Scrapbook, Time Capsule
- Moviemaking Sets, Props, etc.

RESOURCES - IDEAS

- Cub Scout Handbook
- Cub Scout Leader's Handbook
- Previous Den Leaders
- Old Craft Books
- Pinterest, Pinterest, Pinterest
- Google photos



RESOURCES - MATERIALS

- Lumberyards or General Contractors
- Printing and Sign Shops
- Grocery Stores
- Your Own Recycle Bin
- Craigslist
- Online Ebay, Etsy, OTC
- The Dollar Store
- Amazon





THANK YOU!

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