

## Mustang District Cub Round Table Pack Meeting/Activity Ideas List (March 2016)

### "Homemade" Options

**Bear Den(s) Carnival** – 6 or so stations; indoor or outdoor activities similar to "Olympics" below; it worked well to combine with Blue & Gold for Entertainment

**Gingerbread houses/tents** in December – assemble and decorate gingerbread houses (or tents, or whatever works for you); pre-package gingerbread pieces and the candy for decorations.

**Demolition Derby** with old PWD cars – set up two tracks facing one another, release cars simultaneously, after the collision, closest car to the center wins (contact Pack 919 in Eden Prairie for PWD tracks to borrow); suggestion to also use Lego cars.

**Paper airplane derby** – multiple stations with competitions that connect with Scout values; see AG Industries website for airplane templates (but templates are not necessary)

**Egg drop** – coordinate with local fire department; have scouts build containers to protect the eggs

**Hike** – nice outdoor option for summer pack activity

**Bike Rally** – ride around town; stop off at a local ice cream place for a treat

**"Cub-annapolis"** – build race cars out of cardboard boxes (paper plates for wheels) and decorate with whatever seems fun; have the boys wear giant wool socks and big goggles and "race" around the indoor space with obstacles and a pit area; have spray bottles to spray the goggles (that must then be wiped), and so on.

**Marble Run** – use wrapping paper tubes and painter's tape to set up gravity-fed marble runs on the walls. This was suggested as a January activity if you have people save Christmas wrapping paper tubes.

**FOS** – cake auction; sell paddles to each family for nominal fee (to generate 100% participation) then auction cakes to raise further FOS funds. Note: cake auctions seem to work well in general for other fund-raising needs.

**Pack Olympics** – various ways to organize stations; knee hockey, ring toss, nerf gun target practice, generally 6 stations works well.

**Rain-gutter Regatta** – boat kits available from the Scout shop; inflatable “rain gutters” work well

**Space Derby** – kits from Scout Shop; requires some construction and a “track” for the aircraft to fly across mono-filament line

**Swimming** – rent out the local pool (or attend “open swim” as a pack/den), take snacks and make it a family party/event

**Sock wars/Siege wars** – combination event; collect socks for a service project. Have a “war” of balled-up socks that is enhanced by building cardboard walls that can withstand a “siege”

**“Working with Wood”** – set up stations for various wood craft requirements; rough-cut PWD cars (adults must man power saws), sand PWD cars, *etc.* The “big station” is putting together a wood craft kit (bird house, PWD car stand, *etc.*); leatherwork station also a good option.

#### “Imported” or “Go-to-Visit” Program Options

**Bird Banding** – Three Rivers Park District

<https://www.threeriversparks.org/events/B/bird-banding.aspx>

**Feed My Starving Children** – Service project; multiple locations around the area. With the “mobile pack” option they come to your location, but this looks like it would be a larger operation than just Cub Pack activity.

<https://www.fmsc.org/>

<https://www.fmsc.org/mobilepack>

**Halls of Magic** – Magic and comedy; “balloon trick” costs extra but eye witnesses say, “It’s worth it.”

<http://www.hallsofmagic.com/comedymagic/index.html>

#### **Helping paws of Minnesota**

Service dog organization that does on-site demonstrations; strong positive reviews

<http://helpingpaws.org/our-programs/community-education.html>

**Mad Science** – they come to your meeting and do demonstrations/projects

<http://mn.madscience.org/specialevents.aspx>

**MN Amateur Space Modeler Association** – for help with anything related to model rockets; demonstrations, *etc.*

<http://www.mn-rocketry.net/masa/>

**Robotics** – demonstration from local high school (or middle school) robotics team. “High Tech Kids” is the umbrella organization (First Lego League, First Tech Challenge)  
<http://www.hightechkids.org/mn-first-tech-challenge-grades-7-12>

**The Works** – engineering programs for kids  
<https://www.theworks.org/educators-and-groups/offsite-workshops/>

**Zoomobile** – Program(s) put on by the MN zoo  
<http://mnzoo.org/education/zoomobile/>