Cub Programme

Theme: Cub Scout Traditions

6.30pm Opening Parade

Akela & all Leaders

6.35pm Game 1 - Kaa's Tail

Mowali

Sixers form up in lines. Each six member grabs the shirt of the cub in front of them with both hands and forms a snake. The last Cub in each line is given a tail (a scarf or the like), which is tucked into their trousers. On the call of go, each snake (acting as a team with only the head having their hands free) have to try and grab the tail of one of the other snakes, without loosing their own. If a tail is taken, that team is out. This game can also be run 1 on 1, 2 on 2, or all for 1, etc.

6.50pm The Jungle Book

Baloo

Read the abridged story of the Jungle Book (attached) or alternately, read the original if you prefer, and introduce the Jungle Book Characters. At the conclusion of the story, go through each of the characters mentioned and show the Cubs pictures of each. Then expand the character list with other animals that appear in other stories, including Tabaqui, Hathi, Jacala, Mang, Chil and Rikki Tikki Tavi.

7.10pm Game 2 – Mowgli & Shere Kahn

Select 1 Cub to be Mowgli & 1 Cub to be Shere Kahn. Place a number of hoops around the hall for the remaining Cubs to stand in, or chalk outlines if hoops are not available. On the command of 'Go' by the leader, Shere Kahn tries to catch Mowgli. At any time, Mowgli can go into one of the hoops, but the Cub in that hoop becomes Mowgli and has to get away. If Mowgli is caught by Shere Kahn, then a new Shere Kahn is chosen and you start again. In the interest of everyone getting a go, it is recommended that Mowgli should swap with someone in a hoop every 15-20 seconds.

7.25pm Game 3 - Jungle Book Characters 1

Bagheera

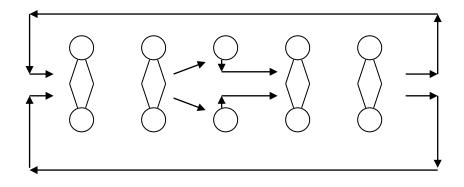
Using the photos of the Jungle Book animals from the previous activity, place them at various locations around the Hall. The Leader then calls out the name of one of those animals (Akela, Baloo, etc) and the cubs have to run to that location. Last person there (or anyone going to the wrong animal) is eliminated. Last person standing wins.

Variation - Put up names instead of photo's and call out the animal instead of name and see how the Cubs react.

7.40pm Game 3 - Jungle Book Characters 2

Rama

Cubs form up in pairs and sit on the ground in 2 lines next to their partner. Whilst seated, they turn and face each other and touch their feet together. Each pair is then given the name of a Jungle Book character. The Leader then reads out the Jungle Book story. When the name of their character is read out, the pair with that name races along the line of cubs going up between the legs of the other cubs, and then back behind each line, and again between the legs back to their original position.



7.55pm Closing Parade - Notices

Akela & all Leaders

The Jungle Story (Taken from My Adventure into Cub Scouts - Pgs 15-18)

In the hills of Seeonee, in the jungles of India, there was a pack of wolves which everyone called the free people. Do you know why? Because they had a law which they all respected and kept, and that made their members free and different from the other animals in the jungle.

The chief of the wolves was Akela, a large lone grey wolf. He had a lot of experience and so he guided them when they went hunting and took them by safe routes, to protect them from danger. The pack respected Akela and Akela respected the law.

Not far away were the ruins of an abandoned city which the animals of the jungle rather scornfully called the "cold lairs". That was where the monkey people of the bandar-log lived. Annoying the other inhabitants of the jungle was a favourite pastime. All day long they would leap around the tree-tops shouting, screeching and tumbling.

"What a way to spend the day!" said the animals.

"Just like a people without a law," added the wolves.

As night fell after a hot summer day, father wolf, Raksha (the mother wolf), and their six wolf cubs were resting. Suddenly a tiny child appeared in the mouth of the cave. He was lost and fleeing from the lame tiger, Shere Khan, who wanted to eat him up.

"Look! What a strange thing!" said mother wolf.

"Why, that's a man-cub!" exclaimed father wolf.

"This is a man-cub?" asked mother wolf, who had never seen one before. "Bring it closer and let me see it," she added.

Inside the cave, the child crawled towards the cubs, curled up cosily among them and, feeling very tired, quickly fell asleep.

"Poor little thing!" said father wolf. "He has hardly any hair and he's so frail that I could kill him with a single blow of my paw."

"We shall care for him as if he were one of our own children and we shall call him Mowgli. That means 'frog' in the language of the jungle," whispered mother wolf.

Father wolf was silent for a few moments, and then he said, "We will have to present him at council rock, together with the other cubs".

Some time later, the pack assembled at the council rock under a lovely full moon. And Shere Kahn came in search of the prey which he claimed had been stolen from him. Although Akela was annoyed by the

rude tone of the tiger demanding to be heard, he allowed him to speak because the law said that no-one could be denied that right.

"The man-cub mother wolf has presented belongs to me and I demand to him back," said Shere Kahn.

"Shere Kahn is right," said some of the assembled wolves and added, "the 'frog' will only bring us trouble.

Such a deep silence fell over the council rock that it was felt as far away as the cold lairs. The toads stopped croaking, the owls stopped hooting and even the monkeys ceased their murmuring.

"Shere Kahn has spoken," said Akela, and he added, "now, the law our own people keep says that two members of the free people who are not his parents may speak for the man-cub".

"I speak for the man-cub," growled Baloo, the big brown bear, standing up on his two hind paws. "He can do us no harm. Let him run free on our plains and, has I have done for each of you, I will teach him the law myself."

"Who else will speak for the man-cub?" said Akela. "Baloo has spoken and he is our cub teacher."

Again, silence fell all around.

"Akela and all you free people!" It was the voice of Bagheera the black panther, who had crept quietly up to the circle of wolves. "It is shameful to kill a cub", he said, as his clever, alert gaze met the evil eyes of Shere Kahn. "What's more, he will be very useful to you in the hunt when he is older. You have heard what Baloo has said in keeping with the law. If you agree to have the man-cub in the pack, I will bring over a bull which I have just hunted down not far from here. What do you say?" the hungry wolves could not resist Bagheera's offer, and they came close to Mowgli to sniff him all over as a sign of acceptance.

And so it was that Mowgli was taken in by the free people. He learned the laws of the Jungle from old Baloo and how to creep and stalk and hunt from Bagheera. And so he was accepted as a member of the Pack. He was to have many adventures before he returned to the world of humankind many years later, by then a young man.