Cub 90th Birthday Evening Plans

As you all know this year cubs are celebrating their 90th birthday from their beginnings in 1916. So below are a couple of evening plans from the very first book produce for wolf cubs, with just a few changes to make them safe for cubs scouting nowadays. The book was called " How to run Wolf Cubs" and was by John Lewis.

Week 1 ***First month Star work. (c. 1920's)***

GAME : This would have been musical drill at the start of night with the cubs exercising to folk dance, the suggestion in the book it would be completed to a fiddle or piano. The cubs would stand in their own space and follow the leader at the front of the room to the beat of the piano.

"Each item of the First Star course will be explained by the cub master to the whole pack in as interesting manner as possible. Anecdotes and humour should liven things up. "

First of the tests :

Must know the composition of the Union Jack and the right way to fly it.

Start by talking about St. George, and what he did, and explain that he was on a sovereign or the old £1 note. Then move around to talk about the other saints of the UK.

Now get the children to draw their own versions of the flags, and the Union Jack.

If possible show the cubs in small groups how to roll up the flag, and how it is important not to let it touch the floor. Also explain the problems with putting the flag up upside and that this is a signal of distress.

The second part of the evening is knotting. Examples of this can be found in the knotting booklet.

GAME : Safety knotting game (c 1941) compiled by K. Graham Thomson.

The cubs it in a circle, with one cub who is IT. He walks around the circle of cubs with a piece of rope in his hands. He drops the rope behind one of the seated cubs, and they have to tie a reef knot before the cub can walk around the circle. If the sitting does then he stays sitting down and the IT cubs has to undo the knot and walk around again, if the cub has not tied the correct knot he is then IT.

Week 2 ***Who was Lord Baden Powell ?***

GAME :

This evening is to find out about the history of Lord Baden Powell and why he started the Scout Association and then cubs scouts. An excellent resource is page 12 and 13 from the old cub scout handbook, or from the cub pack essentials pages 10 to 11, also pages 18 and 19 from the scouting essentials book.

Really for tonight it is a case of thanking Lord Baden Powell for starting scouting and looking back on how cubs has grown from those days in 1916. A time when cubs would not travel in cars, no TV or radio. No computers or play stations, where food was totally different with no fast food.

Get the cubs from the information you have given them make a poster showing the main characteristics of BP with maybe a large picture of him in the middle. Also thinking about when scouting actually started and how beavers started 20 years ago. There is some information on the internet about the starting of cub scouts, see if you can get in a visiting speaker to talk about their times as a Wolf cub.