



JUNE—OBEDIENT



WHEEL INTO SUMMER

A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT. HOW DOES “WHEEL INTO SUMMER” RELATE TO THIS POINT OF THE SCOUT LAW?

Summer is a great time to get outside and hop on your wheels. Bikes, skateboards, scooters, and roller blades give us the freedom to move about. However, with that freedom comes the responsibility to use our wheels safely and follow the rules. Consider having a bike rodeo as part of your pack meeting.

NOTE TO CUBMASTER

Pack meetings are best when they are no longer than an hour and a half in length. Pack meeting plans are guides and can be adjusted to fit the needs of your pack.

You might consider setting up tables or areas for each den to display pictures and items made during this month's adventure.

◆ BEFORE THE MEETING

Set up tables or areas for the den adventure displays (see above), if applicable.

Make arrangements for local law enforcement or members of a local cycling club to attend the meeting and assist with teaching bicycle safety.

Be sure the following materials are available for the meeting:

- Flags for the flag ceremony
- Materials for the bike rodeo (See Resources section.)
- Extra bicycles and helmets, if possible
- Bicycle props for the advancement ceremony
- Awards for the recognition ceremony
- Words for the closing song printed or projected onto a wall or screen

◆ GATHERING

Play Bicycle Simon Says. This game is played like the original Simon Says game; however, the leader can add bicycle safety commands. (For example: Signal a left turn; put on your helmet; signal a stop; get on your bicycle, etc.) The leader chooses when to add “Simon says.” All commands are acted out in pantomime.

◆ OPENING CEREMONY

The flag ceremony is led by a preassigned den. They will present the colors and lead the pack in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Before the ceremony begins, have the Scouts form two lines facing each other as they stand beside or in front of their bikes with the kick stands down. Leave several feet between the two lines to make a large aisle. Have the flag procession walk down the aisle as they bring the flags forward.

Have Scouts remain in the lines throughout the Pledge of Allegiance and the opening prayer. Then they may walk in pairs to their seats at the front.

Note: If you have a large pack, you may want to make more than one line on each side, leaving the center aisle wide enough for the flag procession.

◆ OPENING PRAYER

“Please protect me, my bike, and all I pass by. Help me to be obedient in following the rules that keep me safe. Give me steady hands and watchful eyes while I am on my ride so that I may be delivered back home safely to my family.”

◆ WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Cubmaster welcomes new families, visitors, and special guests by introducing them to the pack and thanking all who helped plan and prepare for the pack meeting.

◆ DEN DEMONSTRATIONS

If there is a den that needs to do some type of activity at a pack meeting for the completion of an adventure, please insert the activity here.

◆ AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Bike Rodeo

See the Resources section for ideas on planning for the rodeo. Note: Local law enforcement or cycling club members can often assist with bicycle safety and bike rodeos.

Alternate Audience Participation—The Big Wheel

Divide the audience into seven groups. Assign a part to each group and have them practice:

Big Wheel: “Spin, spin!”

Canoe(s): “Paddle, paddle!”

Airplane(s): “Zoooom!”

Car(s): “Rattle, rattle, bang!”

The narrator reads the story, and groups respond to the appropriate words.

Man has invented many different things that go and have provided him with transportation down through the years. The American Indian made his **CANOE**, which he bravely used to explore rivers and streams. Men like Henry Ford invented **CARS** to travel faster than ever before. There were men like the Wright Brothers who pioneered the invention of the **AIRPLANE** for those brave enough to travel through the air.

But sometimes people—and vehicles—have trouble venturing out and achieving great things. Here’s a story of one such case. **BIG WHEEL** circled his driveway day after day. He spun his wheels, afraid to travel beyond the driveway. “I am too small,” he thought. “I am safer staying in my own place.” Everyone around him was becoming a better type of **CANOE**, a new and fast-moving **CAR**, and a faster **AIR-PLANE**. But **BIG WHEEL** continued circling his driveway and spinning his wheels.

Then, one day, **BIG WHEEL** noticed a button on his steering wheel. It was labeled, “Touch me if you are brave!” He thought about the button a long time. He thought about the **CANOES**, the **CARS**, and the **AIRPLANES** that came home with stories of the fun they had venturing bravely all over the world.

Finally, **BIG WHEEL** pressed the button! He heard a loud grinding sound, and felt himself being lifted higher and higher. He closed his eyes in fright. When **BIG WHEEL** opened his eyes, he saw something he had never seen before. He really was a **BIG WHEEL**—tall and shiny with a big silver engine that made big whirring sounds. He looked at the button again, and now it said, “Transforming to brave.” **BIG WHEEL** learned that it takes bravery to be a **CANOE**, a **CAR**, an **AIRPLANE**, and ... especially ... a **BIG WHEEL**.

◆ RECOGNITION

Adventure Loops and Pins:

(Note: Adventure loops and pins can be presented at a meeting or as immediate recognition in the den.)

By den, call the names of those Cub Scouts who have completed the month's adventure to come forward.

- Have the den leader pass out the awards to the boys as they receive a Cub Scout handshake from the Cubmaster.
- If time allows, invite the den leader or den chief of the den to speak about the adventure work done for that month, and have the den stand and be recognized.
- Use a positive cheer to recognize their accomplishments.

Other options:

- Have the den stand and be recognized or come forward to receive certificates for the adventure they have completed. This option would be appropriate for a den that has already received the adventure loop or pin.
- Adapt the advancement ceremony for the month's theme into an adventure loop presentation if no rank badges are being presented.

◆ RANK ADVANCEMENT

Wheels Advancement

Set up a bicycle or related prop for each rank, and have Cub Scouts stand behind the appropriate prop when their group comes forward. Options for each rank are a bicycle safety sign for Bobcat, a smaller bike with training wheels for Tiger, a bike of the same size without the training wheels for Wolf, and larger bikes for Bear and Webelos. The bike for Webelos or Arrow of Light could be a BMX bike or a mountain bike to show advancement in riding.

Cubmaster: "For most of you, learning to ride a bike was both fun and scary. It was new, but it was something you wanted to learn. You also knew that you might sometimes fall over, but being a brave Scout, you jumped on anyway. Did you know that riding a bike is a little like advancing through the Cub Scout ranks?"

"Riding a bike is a lot of fun, but learning how to do it takes time. Before you first got on your bike, you had to learn a few things about bikes and how to ride them. Those steps are similar to earning the Bobcat rank, which explains Cub Scouting and teaches us some of the signals and signs we use. *(Ask Cub Scouts earning the Bobcat badge to come forward along with their families. Present the Bobcat badge to the parents or guardians to award to the Scout.)*

Cubmaster: "When you are a Tiger Scout, you have an adult partner who accompanies you to the meetings. Having an adult partner is like having training wheels on your bike. You need that person just until you learn to balance and can remember to pedal. It's exciting to learn to ride, but it also feels good to know the training wheels are there—just in case." *(Ask Cub Scouts earning the Tiger badge to come forward along with their families. Present the Tiger badge to the parents or guardians to award to the Scout.)*

Cubmaster: "Once you have the confidence to ask your parents to take away the training wheels, you might still be a bit wobbly, but you will be going straight in no time. Being a Wolf Scout is like that—you have a parent and a leader who run along behind you as you pedal. They stay very near to your bike, but they help only when you need it." *(Ask Cub Scouts earning the Wolf badge to come forward along with their families. Present the Wolf badge to the parents or guardians to award to the Scout.)*

Cubmaster: “You can ride so much better as a Bear Scout. You don’t need anyone to run behind you, and you can ride longer and farther each time. You should be very proud of how far you have come and how much you have learned. Now you only ask for help if you really need it, like if your bike chain comes off. As a Bear Scout you have learned many new things and need less and less help from adults.” *(Ask Cub Scouts earning the Bear badge to come forward along with their families. Present the Bear badge to the parents or guardians to award to the Scout.)*

Cubmaster: “Webelos Scouts can now look forward to riding their bikes faster and maybe even doing some tricks. As a group they can work things out on their own with just a little guidance from those who are older. They are confident in their skills and can take good care of themselves. Webelos Scouts are beginning to look toward Boy Scouting and all the new and exciting things they will do in a patrol under their own leadership.” *(Ask Cub Scouts earning the Webelos badge to come forward along with their families. Present the Webelos badge to the parents or guardians to award to the Scout.)*

Cubmaster: “These young men are starting on another leg of their Scouting journey. They have worked hard and achieved the Arrow of Light rank, the highest award in Cub Scouting. They can look behind themselves to see how far they have come, and they can also look ahead to see what might be around the next corner of the trail. We present this badge to those who have completed their journey, riding all the trails of Cub Scouting and looking ahead to the adventures of Boy Scouting. Please join me in congratulating these young men.” *(Ask Cub Scouts earning the Arrow of Light badge to come forward along with their families. Present the Arrow of Light badge to the parents or guardians to award to the Scout.)*

◆ CUBMASTER’S MINUTE

“We have had a great meeting, and we have enjoyed going where our wheels have taken us. The point of the Scout Law for this month’s meeting is **obedient**. A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and pack. He obeys these rules just as bicycle riders follow the rules of the road to keep themselves and others safe. Safe travels to all of you this evening.”

◆ CLOSING

Have the group sing the closing song below.

Pack Bike Ride

Tune: “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”

Let’s go out for a bike ride,
Let’s go out with our pack.
Strap on your helmet and safety pads,
I don’t care if we never come back!
Uh-oh, up ahead there’s a big hill,
But we won’t crash today.
Oh, it’s up, over, and down that big hill,
On our pack bike ride!

The preassigned den retires the flags.

RESOURCES

◆ AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Bike Rodeo

You may want to recruit some parents to assist with the event.

- Arrange for local law enforcement or a local cycling club to be on hand to teach bicycle safety.
- Arrange for the location if it will be different from your normal meeting place.
- Recruit additional parents to help.
- Communicate with the pack members so everyone knows what, where, when, etc.
- Ensure safety of participants and compliance with BSA policies.
- Plan for refreshments.
- Write thank you notes upon completion of events.
- Provide awards or recognitions for program activity participants and helpers.

Materials:

- Cones
- Caution tape
- Parts for bicycle repairs
- First-aid kits
- Safety vests
- Supporters certified in CPR and first aid

Station One: Inspection Station—The Cub Scout needs to have his bicycle checked for safety. Ask your local policeman to come and check the bicycle.

Station Two: Helmet and Bicycle Check—Check the helmet fit and seat height. Know how to use a lock and cable to secure a bicycle.

Station Three: Ride on the Line—Make a wide line and have the Cub Scout ride his bicycle down the line. The line should be no longer than 12 feet.

Station Four: Safe Driving—Have the Cub Scout ride his bicycle around traffic cones. The leaders can choose the pattern of the cones.

Station Five: On the Street—Create an intersection. Have the Cub Scout demonstrate how to cross an intersection safely.

Station Six: Steering—Make a circle with tape. Have the Cub Scout ride his bicycle around the circle, staying on the tape as much as possible.

Station Seven: Recognition—Recognize Cub Scouts for their participation in the rodeo.