

Announcements

Announcements, announcements, announcements! A terrible way to die, a terrible way to die, a terrible way to be talked to death, a terrible way to die. Announcements, announcements, announcements!

Explanation of how the “campfire” will run

“Light” the fire

Song—God Bless America (just once!)

*God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home*

Audience participation story

<i>HISTORY/HISTORIES</i>	<i>“Way Back” (point in opposite direction)</i>
<i>SCOUTS/SCOUTING</i>	<i>“Be Prepared” (give Boy Scout sign)</i>
<i>CUB SCOUT</i>	<i>“Do Your Best” (give Cub Scout sign)</i>

This is a story you won't find in any HISTORY book, but no doubt it will stir up memories for many of you who have had a similar experience. The story is about two CUB SCOUT named Freddy and Alicia, and their first experience with hiking and camping. This is how it all started.

The birthday of SCOUTING was approaching, and Freddy and Alicia's CUB SCOUT Pack was reading a story about the HISTORY of SCOUTING and how it all got started.

Alicia CUB SCOUT could hardly wait until she was old enough to be a SCOUT, so she asked her Den Leader if she could help plan a day of hiking around the neighborhood and park. Freddy CUB SCOUT loved cooking, so he asked they could have a cookout, too. Their Den Chief, a Star SCOUT, offered to support them.

When the day arrived, the CUB SCOUTS were very proud of themselves. Their Den Chief said someday they would be SCOUTS who would go down in HISTORY because they were so well-prepared when the day began. The lunches had all been packed and put in the park's picnic area. When Freddy CUB SCOUT went out to get the lunches, he was shocked to find the paper bags were torn and scattered all over. Looking around, Alicia CUB SCOUT saw a bunch of squirrels, munching on sandwiches and looking very content. “Oh, boy,” said Freddy CUB SCOUT, “I thought I would make a well-prepared SCOUT, but I wasn't prepared for this!” Alicia added, “Well, I guess our lunch is HISTORY!”

Fortunately, some lunches were safe in a cooler, and everyone agreed to share. Their Den Chief told stories of funny things that had happened at weekend SCOUT camps. The CUB SCOUTS were assured that, in no time, they would bridge to a Troop, and maybe someday even join a Sea Scout Ship or Venturing Crew, and write their own HISTORIES with many good memories.

Knock knock jokes & run ons

MIKE: Knock, knock.

RICK: Who's there?

MIKE: Wanda.

RICK: Wanda, who?

MIKE: Wanda come play outside?

Scout 3: "What do we want?"

Scout 4: "Low-flying-airplane noises!"

Scout 3: "When do we want them?"

Both: "Neeeeeeeeooooooooowwwww."

KARTIK: Knock, knock.

JIMMY: Who's there?

KARTIK: Theodore.

JIMMY: Theodore, who?

KARTIK: Theodore is locked. Let me in.

Scout 5: "I told my friend that she drew on her eyebrows too high."

Scout 6: "What'd she say?"

Scout 5: "Nothing; she just looked surprised."

Sing along—Fried Ham

*Fried ham! Fried Ham!
Cheese and bologna, after macaroni
Then we'll have some
Onions and pickles and pretzels
And then we'll have some more
Fried Ham! Fried ham!*

*Same song second verse
Opera style makes it worse. . .*

*Same song third verse
Baby talk makes it worse. . .*

*Same song fourth verse
Cowboy talk makes it lot worse. . .*

*Same song fifth verse
Alien talk [just beeps] makes it worse*

Skit—Bandana/Banana

The idea behind the skit is that the Scouter with the banana has misunderstood the announcer. Every time the announcer says to do something with the bandana, the Scouter does it with a banana instead.

Players

One Scouter, older scout, Den Chief, to serve as the announcer

Several scouts, each with a bandana (neckerchiefs work)

One Scouter, older scout, Den Chief, with a banana

Every now and then the Scouter with the banana should say something like “Really?” or “You’ve got to be kidding me!”. He can shake his head at the announcer. The scouts can look at the Scouter with the banana like he is crazy. But the announcer should not notice that the Scouter is using a banana instead of a bandana.

Announcer: You know Scouts, a bandana is a very good thing to have. Everyone get out your bandana, and I’ll show you how useful it can be.

The scouts all pull out their neckerchiefs. The Scouter holds the banana.

Announcer: One of the best uses for a bandana is to wipe the sweat off of your face when you are hot. Give it a try.

Everyone wipes their faces with their neckerchiefs. The Scouter rubs the banana on his face. For the following lines, everyone does what they are told, even the Scouter with the banana.

Announcer: When you are finished, you can just fold your bandana in half and stick it in your pocket.

Announcer: If it is sunny, you can put your bandana on your head to protect yourself from the rays of the sun.

Announcer: You can use it to dry your hands.

Announcer: If you need to blow your nose it comes in handy.

Announcer: If you need to sit on the ground, you can put it beneath you and sit on it.

Announcer: And when you are finished, you just stick it back in your pocket.

By this point the banana and the Scouter will be a mess.

Scouter (holding up the banana): How am I supposed to do that?

Announcer: What are you doing?

Scouter: I did everything you told me, but there is no way I am sticking this banana back in my pocket

Announcer: I said bandana, not banana!

Scouter: Ohhhhhh!

Action Song—Button factory

Hi! My name is Jo(e)

And I work in a button factory

One day my boss came up to me.

He said “Jo(e), are you busy?”

I said, “No”

He said to “push this button with your right hand”

[make pushing motion with right hand.]

Hey! My name is Jo(e)

And I work in a button factory

One day my boss came up to me.

He said “Jo(e), are you busy?”

I said, “No”

He said to “push this button with your left elbow”

[make pushing motion with right hand AND left elbow.] . . .

[Continue using body parts like knees, chin & tongue. End with the following]

Hey! My name is Jo(e)

And I work in a button factory

*One day my boss came up to me.
He said "Jo€, are you busy?"
I said, "YES!"*

S'mores break & water bottle toast

Campfire leader's minute

Scouting was brought to America by William D. Boyce, a Chicago publisher, and the way Boyce discovered Scouting is one of the movement's most colorful stories. Boyce, it seems, was in London in the fall of 1909 and was out in a famed London fog looking for an office in the center of the city. Nearly at his wit's end, Boyce stopped a young man and asked directions. Not only did the youth tell Boyce how to reach his destination, he actually led Boyce there to make certain the American found his way without becoming lost again. Boyce, to show his gratitude, offered the youth a tip, but the youth would not accept it. When asked why, the young man told Boyce he was a Boy Scout and taking a tip would negate the good deed he had done and violate his Scouting code.

The youth's gesture impressed Boyce, who later visited with Lord Baden-Powell himself. Boyce was so taken with Baden-Powell and the Scouting idea that back in America he and other men interested in youth development founded the Boy Scouts of America in Washington, D.C., on February 8th, 1910. No one knows who the Scout was who performed his Good Turn for Boyce, but he has not been forgotten. In Gilwell Park in London, American Scouts had a statue erected in his honor. A large-scale representation of the Silver Buffalo Award, the statue bears the inscription, "To the Unknown Scout Whose Faithfulness in the Performance of the Daily Good Turn Brought the Scout Movement to the United States of America."

Scout Vespers

*Sung to tune of: "Oh Christmas Tree"
Softly falls the light of day,
While our campfire fades away.
Silently each Scout should ask
Have I done my daily task?
Have I kept my honor bright?
Can I guiltless sleep tonight?
Have I done and have I dared
Everything to be prepared?*

*Listen Lord, oh listen Lord,
As I whisper soft and low.
Bless my mom and Bless my dad,
These are things that they should know.
I will keep my honor Bright,
The oath and law will be my guide.
And mom and dad this you should know,
Deep in my heart I love you so.*

Goodnight, Scouts, and may the Spirit of Scouting be with you until we meet again.