



Twin Rivers Council

ROUNDTABLE REFERENCES



January 2008

fortorangeroundtable1@verizon.net





Opening Ceremony



- Cub # 1:** Welcome to America! - Where there are more than 3 million people that are from China or claim Chinese descent. We'd like to wish a Happy New Year to them.
- Cub # 2:** Chinese New Year's Day this year is on February 7th and the celebration lasts for 15 days.
- Cub # 3:** Wow! That's a long celebration!
- Cub # 4:** Let's all say, "Gung Hay Fat Choy" [Everyone says, "Gung Hay Fat Choy"]. "Gung Hay Fat Choy" means "Best wishes and congratulations. Have a prosperous and good year."
- Cub # 5:** Before our celebration of Chinese New Year this evening begins, please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Song Idea

Lion Dance Song

(Tune: Mary Had a Little Lamb)

See the lion dance and prance,
Dance and prance, dance and prance.

See the lion dance and prance
On Chinese New Year's Day.

Hear the firecrackers pop,
Pop, pop, pop; pop, pop, pop

Hear the firecrackers pop
On Chinese New Year's Day.

Story Idea

Chinese Legend Of Nian



One legend goes that the beast Nian had a very big mouth that could swallow a great many people with one bite. People were very scared. One day an old man came to their rescue. He offered to subdue Nian. To Nian he said. "I hear say that you are very capable, but can you swallow other beasts of prey on the earth? And not just people?" "People are by no means worthy opponents for you." So, Nian went out into the mountains and jungles and forests to find opponents worthy of his skill and prowess and did indeed swallow many beasts of prey on earthy that also harassed the people and their domestic animals.

After that, the old man disappeared riding the beast Nian. The old man turned out to be an immortal God. Now that Nian is gone and other beasts of prey are also scared off into the forests, people begin to enjoy their peaceful life. Before the old man left, he had told the people to put up red paper decorations on their windows and doors at each year's end to scare away Nian in case Nian sneaked back again, because red is the color the beast feared the most.

From that day on, the tradition of observing the conquest of Nian is carried on from generation to generation. The term "Guo Nian" which means "survive the Nian" becomes today, "Celebrate the New Year." The Chinese word "guo" mean pass-over or observe. The custom of putting up red paper and firing firecrackers to scare away Nian should it have a chance to run loose is still around. However, people today have long forgotten why they are doing all this. They feel the color and sound add to the excitement of the celebration.

Game Idea

Chinese Ball



Needed item: A basketball

Instructions:

1. The players stand shoulder to shoulder in a large circle.
2. One player has a basketball which he throws to any player in the circle who must try to catch it.
3. When the ball is caught by a player, children on either side must raise their arms in the following manner: The player on the catcher's right will raise his left arm, and the player on the catcher's left will raise his right arm.
4. If a player raises the wrong arm, or neither or both, that player leaves the circle.
5. If a player fails to catch the ball, he too must leave the circle.
6. If the player catches the ball, he throws it instantly to some other player, whose neighbors must raise their arms as described above.
7. The upraised arms are lowered again as soon as a catcher has thrown the ball.
8. When all but five players are eliminated, the remaining players are the winners, and the game starts all over again.



Game Idea

Chinese Trivia

Did you know...?

- Some of the first forms of currency in China were made of shell, satin, or Jade.
- There are 55 official minority nationalities, and 206 listed languages.
- China has approximately a 75% literacy rate.
- Only Imperial dragons embroidered on the robes of the Emperor or his personal attendants could display five claws.
- The Chinese women have won medals at the Olympics for their outstanding ability of weight lifting!
- In China, Tiger body parts are sought for use in traditional Chinese medicine and exotic recipes.
- In China, snake is a delicacy. Some dishes include roast boa and five-step snake, snakeskin with peppers, and snake lemon liqueur, which is "good for a person with a weak body". Some Chinese even check into sanitariums for extended snake-diet therapy.
- Even though there are French and Italian eateries popping up in southern China, Barbecued rat and dog are still favorites. Others include silkworms and black beetles.
- The ancient Chinese consider the peach a symbol of long life and immortality. These "Persian apples" actually had their beginning in China, but were developed in Persia and went from there to Europe and then to America with the colonists.

Game Idea Chinese Trivia (continued)



- Ladies in the high society in China once made black dye from dark eggplant skins and used it to stain their teeth to a black luster, a fashionable cosmetic use.
- Chinese is the oldest and the greatest of the world's literature.
- Acupuncture originated in China more than 5000 years ago.
- The Great Wall is the only man-made structure that can be seen from the Space Shuttle and is used by scientists to study earthquake



Activity Idea

Neckerchief Slides

Panda Bear: Use 1 white 1½ or 2 inch pompom for each bear. You will need 2 small black pompoms for the ears and 2 small white pompoms for the cheeks. Use two small wiggly eyes. You can use a tiny black pompom for the nose if desired. Glue a ring to the back for the neckerchief to be threaded through. (Note: I like to use expandable fake wedding bands for backs so that they can be made tighter or looser.)

New Year Banner: Write Happy New Year in Chinese on red laminated card stock. This is an easy inexpensive way to go. Put a ring on the back of the paper and you're finished.

Paper Kite: Make this with toothpicks and tissue paper or construction paper strips make cute neckerchief slides, either with a diamond-shaped kite or a box kite, with or without tails. Tails are fun but can be caught easily and break the slide.

Zodiac Animals: You could also let the boys research their Chinese Zodiac Sign and make paper animals or more pompom animals. The snake is very simple—a pipe cleaner and wiggly eyes. Twist it around your finger loosely. However, Webelos would have been born in 1997, so the year of the ox would be appropriate. Nine year olds would have been born in 1998 which was the year of the tiger. The eight year olds would have been born in 1999 which was the year of the hare. All these animals are very easy to make with pompoms, but you will need a little felt or pella to make ears and strips and horns.

Activity Idea

Chinese Horoscope Animals



Y E P H C B H R Z L C Q F O J
Y E D U G A U C R Z T E S G A
L E K F C L N M S N S U H S V
X Z U N J A R V X G D J W W X
D I K S O O T U J G T A C M S
M W T L O M C R R C O E W B E
N H Q S T G A Q F S G D O B Q
K Q T J I E P X F A K M G V D
H E F T B B Q Y P Q T B M R T
R W W M B R I A I X H G I Y H
S H L Z A K B R G R E O X W I
T A R J R Q A R W K N B R F W
E M Y Z F M M U A X C X K S Q
M F L Z N E R N H S R L N R E
N O G A R D S T I G E R Y B M

Find these words in the word search – they can be going in any direction:

Pig

Ram

Rat

Ox

Dragon

Monkey

Snake

Rooster

Tiger

Horse

Dog

Rabbit

Activity Idea

Brain Teasers



1. Take the number of pennies in a dollar. Multiply by the number of thirds in a circle. Divide by the number of inches in a foot of string. Subtract the number of nickels in a quarter – ANSWER: 20
2. If three cats can catch three rats in three minutes, how many cats could catch one hundred rats in one hundred minutes – ANSWER: the same 3 cats
3. A boy, driving some cows, was asked how many cows he had. He said, “when they are in line, there are two cows ahead of a cow, two cows behind a cow, and one cow in the middle” How many cows were there? ANSWER: 3
4. Do they have a 4th of July in England? ANSWER: Yes
5. Why can't a man living in Winston Salem, North Carolina be buried west of the Mississippi? ANSWER: He must be dead first
6. How many birthdays does the average man have? ANSWER: 1
7. If you have only one match and you enter a room in where this is a kerosene lamp, an oil heater and a wood burning stove, which would you light first? ANSWER: the match
8. A man built a rectangular house – each side has a southern exposure – a big bear comes wandering by – what color is the bear? ANSWER: white

Activity Idea

Inkwell and Quill Pen



Materials: baby food jar, cardboard circle the size of the jar top, self-drying clay, turkey feather, utility knife (for adults to use) ink

Directions

Inkwell

The baby food jar is our inkwell.

Cover the top with a circle of cardboard with a hole poked through the center for the pen point.

Cover the jar on the outside with the clay and let dry.

Decorate the inkwell and spray with acrylic to seal.

Quill Pen

A turkey feather will be our quill pen.

Trim off the rounded tip of the feather.

Split through the middle of the shaft for about half an inch, using the utility knife.

Cut away one side.

Sharpen the remaining part of the tip into a point.

Using It

Dip pen into ink, shake off excess ink carefully, write.

Do not press down too hard or point will get dull quickly or could break.

Point can be sharpened again with the utility knife.



Activity Idea

Do-it Yourself Flashlight

This light creates a dim glow. If you want a larger light, use two batteries in a larger container.

Materials: Flashlight battery; bulb; plastic pill bottle with a flexible lid; and insulated wire.

- Find a pill bottle large enough for the battery and bulb base to fit inside it. The wire should be the kind that can be bent easily.
- Scrape the insulation from one end of your wire and form it into a flat coil. Attach the coil to the bottom of the battery with adhesive tape.
- Cut an opening in the center of the pill bottle lid, so that the base of the bulb will fit.
- Push base of bulb through hole in lid.
- Scrape the other end of the wire and wind it around the base of the bulb. Secure in place with some tape.
- Crumple small pieces of paper. Place enough of this in the bottom of bottle so that when battery is inserted and the lid is tightly in place, the bottom of the bulb will just make contact with the raised center top of the battery.
- Hinge one side of the lid to the bottle with tape.
- When lid is closed, the bulb will light.
- To shut off your flashlight, flip the lid up.

Activity Idea

Make Your Own Single Pulleys



Materials:

Wire

Thread spools

String

Screw in Hook

Toy bucket full of heavy objects



- Bend about 8 inches of wire into a triangle shape and push the ends into a thread spool.
- Find a suitable place to hang your pulley. A book in the shed or garage or the hook at the end of a plant hanger will do.
- Tie one end of the string to the handle of the load.
- Wind the string over the thread spool.

Questions:

Is it easier to lift the load with the pulley?

How much string do you have to use to lift the load 1 foot?



Activity idea

CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

Place _____

Date _____

Time _____

Camp director's approval: _____

Campers notified _____	Area set up by _____
Campfire planning meeting _____	_____
M. C. _____	Campfire built by _____
Song leader _____	Fire put out by _____
Cheerleader _____	Cleanup by _____

Spot	Title of Stunt, Song, or Story	By _____	Time
1	Opening—and firelighting		
2	Greeting—introduction	M.C.	
3	Sing— Yell—		
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			
15			
16			
17			
18			
19			
20			
21			
22	Closing		



Communications

From MeritBadgeDotOrg

Merit badge requirements

1. Do ONE of the following:
 - a. For one day, keep a log in which you describe your communication activities. Keep track of the time and different ways you spend communicating, such as talking person-to-person, listening to your teachers or the radio, watching television, reading books, and other print media, and communicating online. Discuss with your counselor what your log reveals about the importance of communication in your life. Think of ways to improve your communications skills.
 - b. For three days, keep a journal of your listening experiences. Identify one example of each of the following, and discuss with your counselor when you have listened to:
 1. Obtain information
 2. A persuasive argument
 3. Appreciate or enjoy something
 4. Understand someone's feelings
 - c. In a small-group setting, meet with other scouts or with friends. Have them share personal stories about significant events in their lives that affected them in some way. Take note of how each scout participates in the group discussion and how effective each one is in telling his story. Report what you have learned to your counselor about the differences you observed in effective communication.
 - d. List as many ways as you can think of to communicate with others (face-to-face, by telephone, letter, e-mail, fax). For each type of communication discuss with your counselor an instance when that method might not be appropriate or effective.
2. Do ONE of the following:
 - a. Think of a creative way to describe yourself, using, for example, a collage, short story or autobiography, drawing or series of photographs, or a song or skit. Using the aid you created, make a presentation to your counselor about yourself.
 - b. Choose a concept, product, or service in which you have great confidence. Build a sales plan based on its good points. Try to persuade the counselor to agree with, use, or buy your concept, product or service. After your sales talk, discuss with your counselor how persuasive you were.
3. Write a five-minute speech. Give it at a meeting of a group.
4. Interview someone you know fairly well, like, or respect because of his or her position, talent, career or life experiences. Listen actively to learn as much as you can about the person. Then prepare and deliver to your counselor an introduction of the person as though this person were to be a guest speaker, and include reasons why the audience would want to hear this person speak. Show how you would call to invite this person to speak.
5. Attend a public meeting (city council, school board, debate) approved by your counselor where several points of view are given on a single issue. Practice active listening skills and take careful notes of each point of view. Present an objective report that includes all points of view that were expressed, and share this with your counselor.



6. With your counselor's approval, develop a plan to teach a skill or inform someone about something. Prepare teaching aids for your plan. Carry out your plan. With your counselor, determine whether the person has learned what you intended.
7. Do ONE of the following:
 - a. Write to the editor of a magazine or your local newspaper to express your opinion or share information on any subject you choose. Send your message by fax, email or regular mail.
 - b. Create a Web page for your scout troop, school, or other organization. Include at least one article and one photograph or illustration, and one link to some other web page that would be helpful to someone who visits the web page you have created. It is not necessary to post your web page to the internet, but if you decide to do so, you must first share it with your parents and counselor and get their permission.
 - c. Use desktop publishing to produce a newsletter, brochure, flier or other printed material for your scout troop, class at school, or other group. Include at least one article and one photograph or illustration.
8. Plan a troop court of honor or campfire program. Have the patrol leaders' council approve it, then write the script and prepare the program. Serve as master of ceremonies.
9. Learn about opportunities in the field of communication. Choose one career in which you are interested and discuss with your counselor the major responsibilities of that position and the qualifications, education, and preparation it requires.

Source: 2007 Boy Scout Requirements (33215)

Public Speaking

From MeritBadgeDotOrg



Merit badge requirements

1. Give a three- to five-minute introduction of yourself to an audience such as your troop, class at school, or some other group.
2. Prepare a three- to five-minute talk on a topic of your choice that incorporates body language and visual aids.
3. Give an impromptu talk of at least two minutes, either as part of a group discussion or before your counselor. Use a subject selected by your counselor that is interesting to you but that is not known to you in advance and for which you do not have time to prepare.
4. Select a topic of interest to your audience. Collect and organize information about this topic and prepare an outline. Write an eight- to 10-minute speech, practice it, then deliver it in the conversational way.
5. Show you know parliamentary procedure by leading a discussion or meeting according to accepted rules of order; or by answering questions on the rules of order.

Source: 2007 Boy Scout Requirements (33215)