



Hunter & Coastal Region From The Pouch



Term 3 2007

A Message from Moani

Thank you to Lake Macquarie District for the information in this From the Pouch.

What is Happening

This term will be busy for our Mobs.

Our **kite Challenge** has already created interest in newspapers. I am sure the days will go well and generate some interest in our Section as well as Scouting in general.

Our **State Konara** will see leaders from all over NSW in attendance.

Then we have the **Centenary Foreshore event**, 22nd 23rd September. This event is also considered our annual **Fun Day** this year. There will be many new activities for the Joey Scouts to try and have fun. It was pleasing to hear the event has drawn the attention of the Chief Commissioner of Australia, who will be attending for the weekend.

Care and Share Month October/ November

This year we are asking Mobs to help a group of children in Cambodia. The Sunshine Centre provides before and after School Care for around 90 children aged from 3-16. The program includes breakfast and hot lunch, bathing facilities and basic health care for the children. These children are too poor to attend school as their families earn less than US \$2.50 per day. The children would normally spend their days roaming the streets, trying to earn income, usually by collecting recyclable materials. The Sunshine centre not only provides meals but have now had 70 children enrolled into government schools, for some of these children it is the first time at school.

Details on how you can join in the Care and Share for Cambodia will be available from your District Leaders.

New Mobs

Foster group have recommenced and have started a Joey Scout Mob. School promotion were done in the local schools with very pleasing results. The group which was not operating has recommenced with about 10 Joey Scouts and 25 Cub Scouts.

Well done to Foster!

Happy Hopping  Moani ,

Marilyn Hocking
Regional Commissioner Joey Scouts
Hunter & Coastal Region



Joey Scouts

“Waste as Art 2007”

1st Belmont & 1st Valentine Joey Scout Mobs combine to create a recycled masterpiece called “Joey-zilla”.

The Mobs entered the waste as art competition run by the Newcastle Museum.

The Mobs made up their creative work of art as part of their environmental challenge. The work was then on display at the Newcastle Museum over the school holidays. The Mobs visited the museum to see the display of their work as well as the work of others.

Waste as Art is run annually. Waste as Art 2008 is scheduled to call for entries in late Feb/early March 2008. The exhibition will then be held over April and early May '08. For full details speak to your District Leader.



Bubbles Games & Activities

Dancing Bubbles

Have the Joey Scouts break up into groups of 3. Holding hands form their own circle. Ask the Joey Scouts to slowly and gently spin. Tell them to "float" like bubbles. As the Joey Scouts float and drift, they will eventually "dance" into each other, causing the bubble to get bigger, until all the little bubbles, join with each other, and form one large bubble, continuing to dance until the large bubble eventually bursts or "pops". This dance can be to soft music.

Bubble Experimentation

Bubble blowing naturally gives rise to scientific investigation. Your Joey Scouts will notice that not all bubbles behave the same way. Let the Joey Scouts experiment with bubbles and they may discover answers to some of the following questions...What happens if they blow hard? If they blow softly? What colour are bubbles? Are all bubbles the same shape? The same size? If they touch a bubble what happens? How long do bubbles last? Have plenty of small no-spill bubble container's ready, and plenty of extra wands, and ask each Joey Scout to help fill the room with bubbles!

Jumbo Bubbles

Fill a small wading pool with bubble solution. (Combine 1 part Liquid dish soap w/12 parts water and a few drops of glycerine.) Use Different bubble-blowing tools: plastic rings from soda six-packs, for instance, or wands made from pipe cleaners. And what do you have if a Joey Scout stands inside a hula-hoop in the pool and you pull the hoop up around him? **A human bubble!**

Bubble Bag

Fill a large re-sealable freezer bag with styling gel. Tape the top portion with clear mailing tape. Put the bags out on the table for Joey Scouts to explore. Talk with them about the bubbles in the gel, the smooth texture, the squishy gel, and their squeezing actions. You can make a variety of bags by adding some of the following: food colouring - let the Joey Scouts mix the colours into the gel by squeezing the bag glitter or sequins - they can watch it move around as they squeeze the bag.

Bubble Blowers

Cut out the centre of a margarine lid · Cookie cutters · Flyswatter · Rubber band · Strawberry baskets · Six-pack rings · Egg poacher trays · Funnels · Tin can - open at both ends · Paper cups - poke a hole in the bottom · Drinking straws - individually or in a group banded together · Hula-hoop · Pipe cleaners · String · Slotted spoons · Potato masher · Strainer · Cardboard tubes

Hand Wand

Put your hands in the bubble juice and place your pointer fingers and thumbs together (making a circle). Then you can pull your hands out and blow through your circle. You don't need a bubble wand!

Wet and Dry

While blowing bubbles with the Joey Scouts try touching a bubble with a dry finger. Repeat using a wet finger. What happens? You will observe that bubbles break when they touch an object that is dry.

Bubble Sheet Stomping

It's also fun to put big sheets of bubble wrap on the floor and they can jump on them to pop the bubbles.

Bubble Arts & Crafts

Bubble Wrap Painting

Use bubble packaging to paint with. It works well if you make the packaging into a glove (fold over and staple) I used this on fish - they looked awesome.

Bubble Painting

Add some liquid tempera to bubble mixture, and hang poster paper on the easel, have the Joey Scouts blow bubbles on to the paper, and watch the design that forms when they pop.

Bubble Critters

Have the Joey Scouts cut out several circle shapes and create their own bubble animal/shape out of the circles.

Personalize Bubble Wands

Use a thin piece of craft wire about 7 inches long, and bend it to form a wand. Form a circle at the top of the wand and bend it around to form a handle. I let the Joey Scouts put beads (we used beads with letters on so they could form their names) any kind will do. Then when they get done with putting beads on the handle, I twist the bottom to hold the beads in place.

Catching Bubbles

Put a little tempera paint in your bubble juice and blow bubbles outside while the Joey Scouts run & catch the bubbles on paper.

Bubble Windows

You'll need 2 straws and long piece of cotton string per Joey Scout. Thread the straws onto the string and knot the string. Slide the knot inside one of the straws. When you hold one straw in each hand and spread out the string it should look like a rectangle. The Joey Scouts dip the bubble windows into the bubble solution while holding the straws side by side. As they take the windows out of the solution, they should slowly pull the straws apart. This will make a window of bubbles.

Bubble Jar

Fill a small plastic bottle half full of water. Add a few drops of food colouring, if desired. Add baby oil or mineral oil to completely fill the jar. Secure the bottle tightly. Then slowly tilt the bottle from side to side. When this occurs, the liquid in the jar resembles waves. Bubbles can be created by shaking the bottle. Encourage the Joey Scouts to observe these reactions.

Long Bubbles

You will need Styrofoam cups, rubber bands, straws that do not bend, and a piece of cotton cloth. Fill the cup half of the way with solution. Poke a hole near the top with the straw and insert. Cover the top with a square of cloth (I use an old piece of flannel or cut up towel) secured with the rubber band. Then have the Joey Scouts blow into the straw and watch the bubbles come out the top. If it works right, the bubbles will be in one long continuous piece...really cool.

Recipes

Stronger Bubbles

Add some glycerine, to some dish soap, and it will strengthen your bubbles. You can find the glycerine at your local pharmacy.

Bubble Solution

3/4 cup Joy brand liquid dishwashing detergent 1/4-cup glycerine bucket water. Mix all ingredients & pour into a shallow pan. Excess solution can be stored in a sealed container. This solution works best if it is allowed to set for several days before use.

Bubble Solution

1 cup of water 2 tbsp liquid detergent 1 tbsp glycerine 1/2 tsp sugar

Lake Macquarie District Joey Scouts meet their Local Firemen.



BBQ Rules

We are about to enter the summer and BBQ season. Therefore it is important to refresh your memory on the etiquette of this sublime outdoor cooking activity.

When a man volunteers to do the BBQ the following chain of events are put into motion:

Routine...

- (1) The woman buys the food.
- (2) The woman makes the salad, prepares the vegetables, and makes dessert.
- (3) The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils and sauces,

And takes it to the man who is lounging beside the grill - beer in hand.

Here comes the important part:

- (4) THE MAN PLACES THE MEAT ON THE GRILL.

More routine...

- (5) The woman goes inside to organize the plates and cutlery.
- (6) The woman comes out to tell the man that the meat is looking great. He thanks her and asks if she will bring another beer while he flips the meat.

Important again:

- (7) THE MAN TAKES THE MEAT OFF THE GRILL AND HANDS IT TO THE WOMAN.

More routine...

- (8) The woman prepares the plates, salad, bread, utensils, napkins, sauces, and brings them to the table.
- (9) After eating, the woman clears the table and does the dishes.

And most important of all:

- (10) Everyone PRAISES the MAN and THANKS HIM for his cooking efforts.
- (11) The man asks the woman how she enjoyed "her night off." And, upon seeing her annoyed reaction, concludes that there's just no pleasing some women...



Joey Mob Program Planner

Attendance:

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Attendees / Total

Theme	Back to Front	Meeting	Indoors	Date	
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Time	Methods	Activity	Leader	Equipment Required etc.
0.05	Ceremony	Closing Parade		
0.10	Game	Tunnel races <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over & under • Between the legs 		2 toy Joey kangaroo or ball
0.25	Activity Game	Masks Dress Up relay		Paper plates, hat string, textas Joey Scout hats, pretend shoes (worn backwards)
	Activity	Song – ABC backwards		ABC written backwards on a piece of paper
0.40	Game	3 bases- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gum boot throwing • Knock-em-downs • Egg into cartons 		Gum boots Tins, balls Plastic eggs & egg cartons
0.55	Ceremony	Opening Parade		

General Comments

Best back-to-front dressed person wins a badge from Leader

Tunnel races – played by walking backwards using toy kangaroo

- Over & under
- Between the legs

Activity – Joey Scouts make masks to wear at the back of their heads

Dress up relay – Form 2 teams. First Joey Scout in the team goes walks backwards to the end of hall. Puts on their masks, hat and pretend shoes and walks backwards to their team. Repeat until everyone is finished in the team.

3 bases- played by throwing items behind their backs

- Gum boot throwing
- Knock-em-downs
- Egg into cartons

Today's Thought

I am but one,
But I am one
I can't do everything,
But I can do SOMETHING;
What I can do,
I ought to do,
What I ought to do,
God helping me,
I WILL DO.

RIVER WALK

There's this blonde lady out for a walk. She comes to a river and sees another blonde lady on the opposite bank. "Yoo-hoo!" she shouts, "How can I get to the other side?" The second blonde looks up the river then down the river and Shouts back, "You ARE on the other side."

Invisible ink



Can you read invisible writing?

Please ask for:

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| lemon | |
| saucer | |
| pen nib or paintbrush | |
| iron and ironing board | white blotting paper |
| orange | scissors |
| onion | airtight box |
| milk | dropper |

1 Squeeze the juice from ½ a lemon into a saucer.

2 Use the lemon juice and a pen nib or paintbrush to write a message on paper.

3 Let the writing dry. Can you see it? Ask your teacher to help you heat the paper in an oven or with a hot iron. Can you see the writing now?

4 Predict: Can any of these be used as invisible ink?

orange juice onion juice milk

Try out your ideas.

Q1 What happens to the heated paper (Step 3)?

Q2 In Step 4, which liquid was the best invisible ink?

Sound and Light

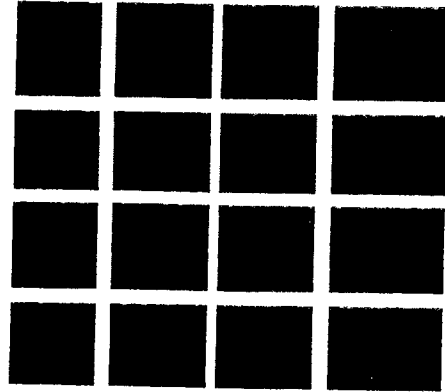


Seeing
Lesson 1

7. Can you see a vase or two faces? Can your brain 'see' two different things from the same image?

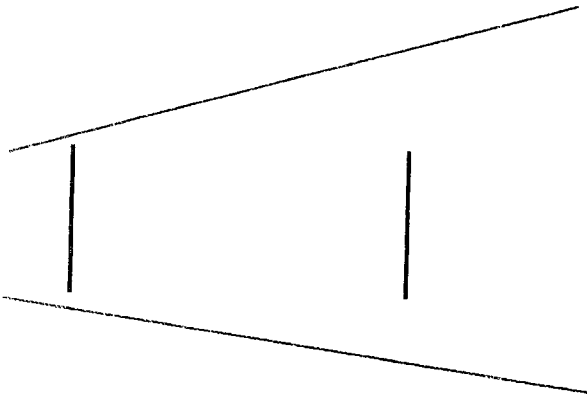


10. Look at the black squares. Can you see grey dots where the white lines meet? Can you look directly at one of the grey dots and still see it?

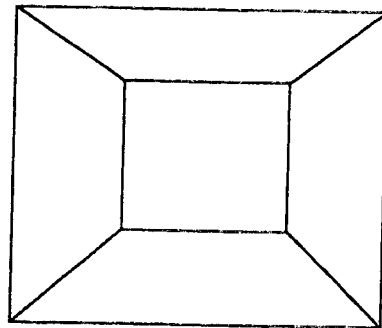


Look around quickly. Can you catch a grey dot still there?

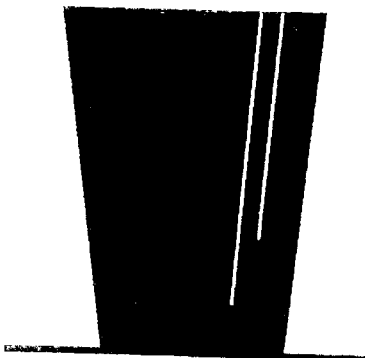
8. Which is longer?
Were you right?



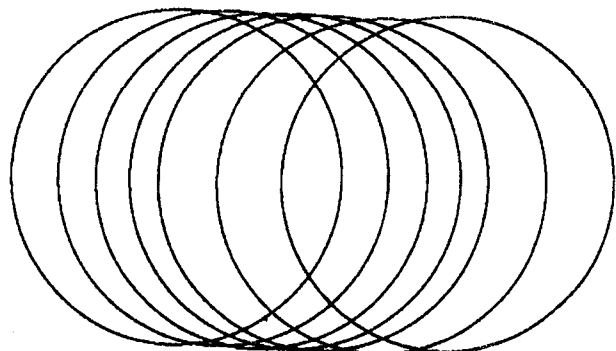
11. Is the smaller square in front of the larger one or behind it?



9. GUESS: the height of the hat: _____ cm
the length of the base: _____ cm
MEASURE: the height of the hat: _____ cm
the length of the base: _____ cm



12. This is a tube made up of rings. Is the opening at the front on the left or on the right?





Joey Mob Program Planner

Attendance:

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Attendees / Total

Theme	Father's Day	Meeting		Date	30/8/2007
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Time	Methods	Activity	Leader	Equipment Required etc.
4.30	Ceremony	Opening Parade		Flags
4.35		Craft- Paint Dad's Picture		A4 Paper, paint, paint brushes
4.45		Game- Being Dad Relay		Shorts, hat, shirt
4.50		Game- Bean Bag Relay		Bean bags, minties
5.00		Activity- Father's Day Card		Template, pencils, textas
5.10		Game- Big Shoe Relay		Shoe boxes, chairs
5.20		Afternoon Tea		
5.25	Ceremony	Closing Parade		Flags, Prayer

General Comments

With the games mix Dad's up with the Joey Scouts

Game – Being Dad Relay

Joey Scouts and Dad's in teams. 1st Joey helped by 2nd person dresses up in shorts, hat and shirt. 1st Joey Scout goes to the end of the hall around the chair and back to the 2nd person in line. 1st Joey Scout undresses. 2nd person to put on clothes helped by 3rd person. This continues all Joey Scouts and Dad's have a go. Last person is helped by 1st person.

Game – Bean Bag Relay

Joey Scouts and Dad's in 2 teams or more. 1st person with bean bag on head, who is followed by the 2nd person as a helper. 1st person goes to the end of the hall to pick up a mintie, bending at the knees trying not to lose bean bag. Only 2nd person can pick up the bean bag and put it back on the 1st person head. 1st and 2nd person return to start. 2nd person with bean bag and 3rd person as helper game finished when all have a go. Last person is helped by 1st person.

Game – Big Shoe Relay

Form 2 teams. Leaders put out obstacles. Joey Scouts and Dad's go around the obstacles wearing the shoe boxes.

Games

1. **Help Your Mate**

Equipment - Bandages, Sleds (small mats with rope tied to them)

How to Play

Put Joey Scouts into teams of 3. One of them at one end of the hall the other 2 at the other end with bandages and sled. They must run to their wounded mate and bandage his / her wounds. They then put their wounded mate onto the sled and drag him/her to the hospital ~ Finish Line.

2. **Promise Statues**

Equipment - Nil

How to Play

Joey Scouts run freely in a designated area. When Leader calls out a different parts of the Joey Scout Promise, the Joeys stand still and act out that part.

I PROMISE Stand still and salute

TO DO MY BEST Stand up straight with arms by side feet together

TO LOVE MY GOD Hands in prayer position

AND BE HELPFUL Stand next to someone as if you are going to help them cross the road.

3. **The Net**

Equipment ~ Nil

How to Play

Two Joey Scouts in centre of hall holding hands are the net. They call out "Who's afraid of the net?" Other Joey Scouts are the fish who call out from one end of the hall, NOT US we are brave fish and race to the other end of the hall, avoiding being caught in the net. If caught they join the net, which must not break and catch the other fish when they race down to the other end of the hall.

4. **Rounding Up The Sheep**

Equipment Blindfolds, Tins with stones in them

How to Play

Joey Scouts are blindfold in a safe area outside. Leader moves around rattling the tin. Joey Scouts follow the sound. Other Leaders and Parent Helpers watch the Joey Scouts to keep them safe.

5. **Platypus Hunt**

Equipment Nil

How to Play

Three Joey Scouts are the Platypuses depending on the mob size. Hunt for their lunch the other Joey Scouts are fish. When tagged they join the platypus at the waist. Game keeps going until there are no fish left.

6. Busy Bees

Equipment Nil

How to Play

Joey Scout chooses a partner and holds hands. Follow the directions the Leader calls e.g jump up and down, run back to back, skip, hop to the end of the hall. When Leader calls **BUSY BEES** the Joeys runs around and finds another partner.

7. Land, Sea, Air

Equipment Large Ball

How to Play

Joey Scouts in a circle, Leader throws the ball to a Joey Scout and calls "Land, Sea, or Air. The Joey catching the ball names a creature found there.

8. Run The Hot Sand Relay

Equipment Nil

How to Play

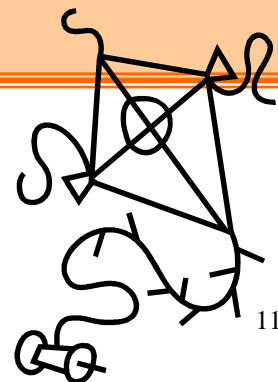
Firstly explain to the Joey Scouts – Because our feet are used to wearing shoes we would not last very long walking around the desert as some aboriginal tribes have done for thousands of years. So in the relay Joey Scouts must pretend their feet are burning on the ground and the sun is very hot overhead. Leaders will be looking for the best acting not the fastest. They go from one end of the hall to the other.

STOP THE PRESS!!!!!!!

Joey Scouts Fly High over Lake Macquarie!

Lake Macquarie Mobs have gone all out to make the 100 up Challenge exciting and noticeable. They have encouraged the other sections to attend and help them achieve the goal of getting 100 kites in the air at one time. The District has made this an event to remember by invited the Lord Mayor of Lake Macquarie who will officially open the event. The Lord Mayor and local Members of Parliament will be honoured guests for the Day.

The District also managed to get articles and pictures in both the Lake Macquarie Leader (Front Page) and the Lake Macquarie / Newcastle Post.





Joey Mob Program Planner

Attendance:

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Attendees / Total

Theme	Duty to God 1 - creation	Meeting	Outdoors	Date	
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Time	Methods	Activity	Leader	Equipment Required etc.
0.05	Ceremony	Welcome		
0.10	Activity	Walk to Jetty		Set out rules Theme – God’s creation/ nature JS pick up leaves, stones to make a collage on God’s creation
0.15	Activity	Collage		Cardboard, glue
0.30	Activity	Craft – Water scope		Margarine tubs, rubber bands, clingwrap – cut base of tub and cover with clingwrap – use to underwater
0.50	Activity	Discussion		God’s creation/nature
0.55	Ceremony	Scouts Own		Scouts Own

General Comments

Duty to God program 1

Focus: Nature as God’s creation. It will be run as a nature ramble at Green point Reserve, Ross St car park, Belmont. There is a 10 minute walk from the car park to the jetty.

The nature walk and activities

Focus: Nature and God’s creation – what the Joeys can see, hear, smell, touch

Scouts Own

Focus: Reflection on God’s creation.

Joey Scout Own
Nature Ramble,
Greenpoint Reserve, Belmont

1st Belmont & 1st Valentine
8th March 2007

Introduction

Welcome to our Joey Scout's own. This evening, we saw, heard, smelt and touched many of the things God created all for us and our wonderful world. We saw the rocks in the lake with our water scope, we heard the birds' singing, smelt the lake and felt the leaves, bark and stones when we did our nature collage.

Opening Prayer

Things to Wonder About

Hey God!

Did you really make all the sun and moon?
And all those little dots at night we call the stars?

Hey God!

Did you really make squeally guinea pigs?
And all those noisy cicadas too?

Hey God!

And did you really make the Christmas beetle?
And mossies that buzz around your ear?

Hey God!

And did you really make squishy mud in the lake
And the starfish and don't forget the razorfish too?

Hey God!

Did you really make all my Joey friends?
You did? Well thanks – thanks a lot.

Yarn

The Birth of the Sun (from Aboriginal Dreamtime)

When the world was young, everyone had to look for food in the moonlight because there was no sun. Then came the time when the emu and the brolga, both of whom were sitting on a nest of eggs. They were arguing whose chicks were the best.

Finally, the angry brolga ran to the emu's nest and took one of her eggs and threw it hard into the sky. It shattered against a pile of sticks gathered by the sky-people.

The yolk of the egg, burst into flame and caused such a huge fire that its light showed for the first time, the beauty of the world beneath. When the people in the sky saw this beauty, they decided will light the fire in the sky for the people below.

So when the kookaburra laughs every morning, the fire in the sky throws out a little bit of heat and light. By noon, the fire in the sky is hot. But when the fire begins to die down, there is only a few embers left to colour the sky and evening has come.

Song

All Things Bright and Beautiful

All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all.



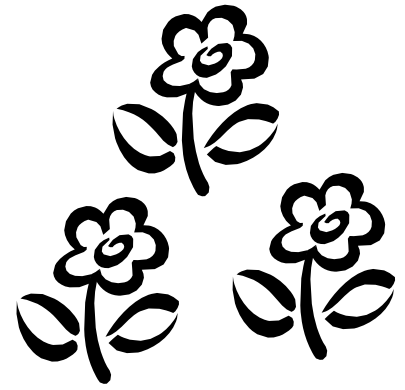
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Joey Scout enjoy trip to Nature Ramble



Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.



He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell,
How great is God Almighty.
Who has made all things well.



Closing Prayer

Thank You

Thank you Lord God
that you are interested in each one of us

Thank you
For everything that you made
For our family and Joey friends
Be with us all as we go home.

Cup Puppets

Items Needed

Foam Cups, Paddle Pop Sticks, paper / cardboard puppet templates of people / animals (small enough to hide inside the foam cup)

To Make:

1. Joey Scouts cut out their puppet, decorate (eg. colour in) suggestion : If making people (small clothing can be made for Joey Scouts to colour and stick on) 2. Glue Puppet to paddle pop stick 3. Leader / adult make slot in base of foam cup for paddle pop to slide through 4. Feed the base part of paddle pop stick puppet through the cup slot, so Joey Scout can slide their puppet person / animal up and down in the cup.. " hiding and reappearing "

Song

We are Joey Scouts
We like to care and share
In everything we do
and help other people
come on and be
a Joey Scout too !

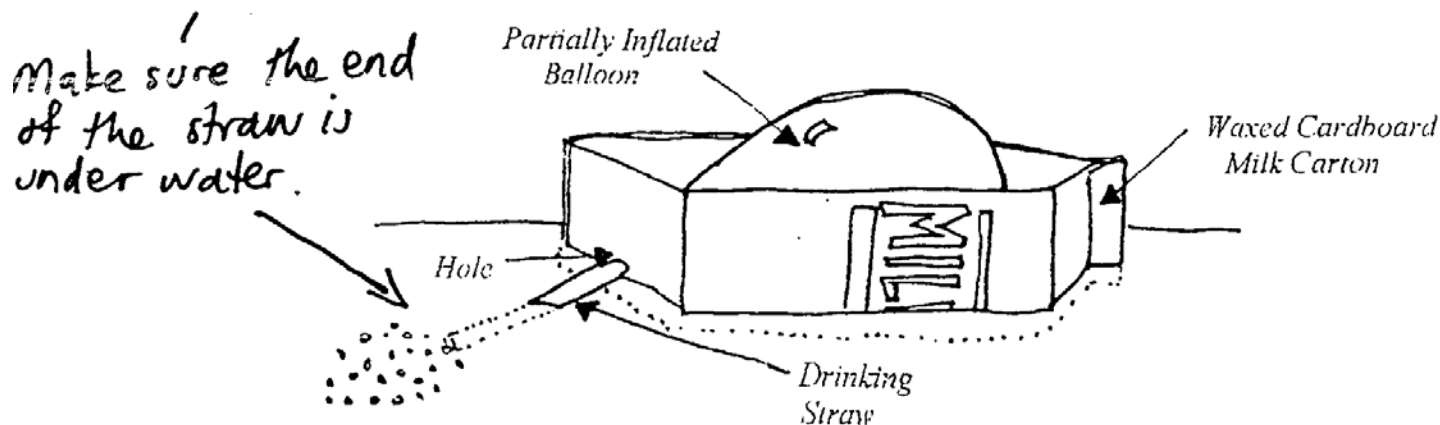
Activity/ Game

Place a variety of food items, with different textures (crunchy, gooey, sloshy, cold, warm)... on paper plates onto the plastic sheet.. spaced apart all over the place, to form a MAZE !**Examples of food items:** corn flakes, rice bubbles, cooked spaghetti, baked beans, crunchy noodles, tomato sauce, custard, perhaps if your GAIM !!! Tin Dog Food !! The yuckier the better !! Joey Scouts are blindfolded, and need to follow directions of another Joey Scouts to direct them through the maze WITHOUT STEPPING on ANY of the FOOD PLATES !!

Balloon Powered Boat

Materials: Waxed cardboard milk cartons, Balloons, Drinking Straw, Rubbers

Instructions: Cut one side out of a milk carton. Make a small hole large enough to take a straw in the base of the carton. Place a drinking straw in the opening of a balloon and secure with masking tape. Push the straw through the hole in the milk carton so that the balloon sits inside the milk carton. Inflate the balloon by blowing through the straw and place the carton in the water with the straw pointing down. Make sure the end of the straw is under water when released.



Task: Make the boat go straight ahead.
Design a way to make it turn to the right.
You can add more masking tape or more holes

59 Life's Lessons Learned, by Age Level

- I've learned that you can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk. Age 6
- I've learned that I like my teacher because she cries when we sing "Silent Night". Age 7
- I've learned that when I wave to people in the country, they stop what they are doing and wave back. Age 9
- I've learned that just when I get my room the way I like it, Mom makes me clean it up. Age 12
- I've learned that if you want to cheer yourself up, you should try cheering someone else up. Age 13
- I've learned that although it's hard to admit it, I'm secretly glad my parents are strict with me. Age 15
- I've learned that silent company is often more healing than words of advice. Age 24
- I've learned that brushing my child's hair is one of life's great pleasures. Age 25
- I've learned that wherever I go, the world's worst drivers have followed me there. Age 29
- I've learned...that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it. Age 39
- I've learned that there are people who love you dearly but just don't know how to show it. Age 41
- I've learned that you can make someone's day by simply sending them a little card. Age 44
- I've learned that the greater a person's sense of guilt, the greater his need to cast blame on others. Age 45
- I've learned that children and grandparents are natural allies. Age 46
- I've learned that singing "Amazing Grace" can lift my spirits for hours. Age 49
- I've learned that motel mattresses are better on the side away from the phone. Age 50
- I've learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. Age 52
- I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly after they die. Age 53
- I've learned that making a living is not the same thing as making a life. Age 58
- I've learned that if you want to do something positive for your children, try to improve your marriage. Age 61
- I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. Age 62
- I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back. Age 64
- I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, the needs of others, your work, meeting new people, and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you. Age 65
- I've learned that whenever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the right decision. Age 66
- I've learned that everyone can use a prayer. Age 72
- I've learned that it pays to believe in miracles. And to tell the truth, I've seen several. Age 73
- I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. Age 82
- I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch --- holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. Age 85
- I've learned that I still have a lot to learn. Age 92