Pack 2 May Pack Meeting

“Mentally Awake”

Gathering Activity: Kim’s Game

WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS: JOE

Please rise for the presentation of the Colors and the Pledge.

OPENING: Presentation of the Colors

\*\*Tigers: present the colors and lead the Pledge (Keith)

Please remaining standing for the reciting of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.

\*\* Scout Oath and Law: Led by Wolves (Shawn)

Good evening Pack 2. Welcome to our May Pack meeting. I would like to especially welcome any new scouts and family members that we have with us for the first time.

INTRODUCTION TO “Mentally Awake”:

This month’s Scouting theme is “Mentally Awake”. Who remembers the 3 promise we make in the Scout Oath? (Duty to God/Country/ Others, obey Scout Law, and to take care of ourselves). The second of these actions is to be “Mentally Awake” and take good care of our minds. By being mentally awake, scouts can ensure that they are always alert and ready and they avoid being easily distracted. Scouts pay close attention in school, at home, and at den and pack meetings. They are constantly observing their surroundings. What are some things that we can do to make sure that we are mentally awake? (pay attention, get rest)

DEVOTIONAL: Keith

**Lakota Prayer**

*Great Mystery,*  
*teach me how to trust*  
*my heart,*  
*my mind,*  
*my intuition,*  
*my inner knowing,*  
*the senses of my body,*  
*the blessings of my spirit.*  
*Teach me to trust these things*  
*so that I may enter my Sacred Space*  
*and love beyond my fear,*  
*and thus Walk in Balance*  
*with the passing of each glorious Sun.*

Joke #1

Shawn: If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

Joe: I don’t know. What do May flowers bring?

Shawn: Pilgrims!

DEN DEMONSTRATIONS: JOE

Ask each den in turn to talk about their adventures during last month. Call each den forward with their Den Leaders.

Song: Hello, My name is Joe (Joe)

ADVANCEMENT and RECOGNITIONs: JANE to call up Den Leaders

Tigers: Keith

Wolves: Shawn

Bears: Joe

Rank Advancements:

Cheer: Roller Coaster (Shawn)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Shawn

1. Huck Finn Day, Sunday, June 3rd. Crandall Field.
2. Parent and Leader Meeting, June 6th, 6:45 pm.
3. Final Den Meeting, June 13th. 6:45 pm.
4. Pack Hike, June 16th.
5. June Pack Meeting and Den Graduation, June 20th, 6:30 pm.
6. Pack positions: Assistant Cubmaster, Pack Chef
7. Summertime Activities: Summer Pops (June 23rd) and Relay for Life (June 29th)
8. Summer camp: Week 3 – July 9th-13th

Joke #2:

Keith: What kind of pajamas does a storm cloud wear?

Jane: I don’t know. What kind of pajamas do storm clouds wear?

Keith: Thunderwear.

CUBMASTER MINUTE: JOE

A little history about Memorial Day…

The [Civil War](http://www.history.com/topics/american-civil-war/american-civil-war-history), which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the country’s first national cemeteries.

By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, [New York](https://www.history.com/topics/us-states/new-york), the official [birthplace of Memorial Day](http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/memorial-day-history/pictures/memorial-day/birthplace-of-memorial-day).

Waterloo—which first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. “The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land,” he proclaimed.

The date of [Decoration Day](http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/civil-war-dead-honored-on-decoration-day), as he called it, was chosen because it wasn’t the anniversary of any particular battle.

On the first Decoration Day, General [James Garfield](http://www.history.com/topics/us-presidents/james-a-garfield) made a speech at [Arlington National Cemetery](http://www.history.com/news/arlington-national-cemetery-8-surprising-facts), and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

Many Northern states held similar commemorative events and reprised the tradition in subsequent years; by 1890 each one had made Decoration Day an official state holiday. Southern states, on the other hand, continued to honor their dead on separate days until after [World War I](https://www.history.com/topics/world-war-i).

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday. Many Americans continue to observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials or holding parades to remember these fallen soldiers.

Scouts - Always remember to honor and show gratitude for those who died to defend our freedoms. Be “mentally awake” and on the lookout for our service men and women. Be sure to always thank them for their service.

Please stand for the retreat of the colors.

Closing: Flag retreat – Bears (Joe).