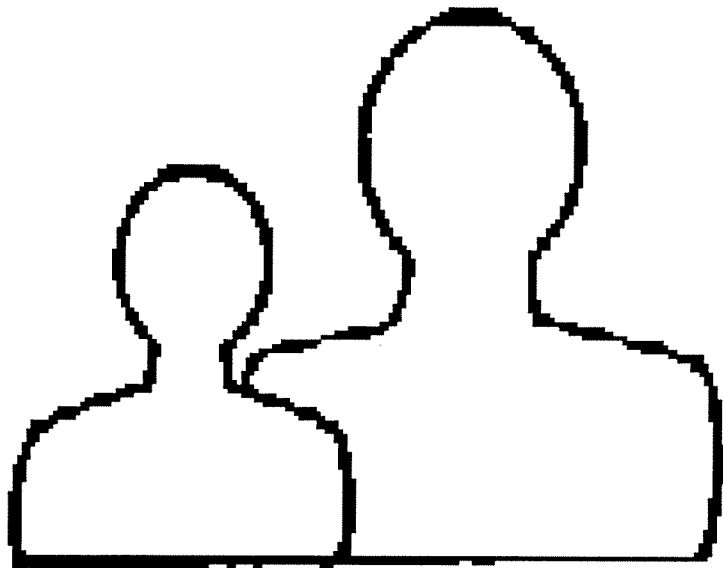


**FAMILY MEMBER**



# FAMILY MEMBER

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## Community Group

The Family Member activity badge will help promote better understanding within families. It provides opportunities for the Webelos Scout's family to spend time together in worthwhile activities.

Requirements include learning the meaning of the word "family" and gaining an understanding of what is meant by "duty to family." It also calls for a safety and security inspection of the home and the sharing of chores and responsibilities. The boy will learn how to identify ways his family can save money. He will also learn why it is important to dispose of garbage and trash properly.

Optional requirements will involve the Webelos Scout in developing a home energy-saving plan, family meetings, helping with housecleaning and laundry, and meal planning and preparation.

- Identify safety hazards inside and outside.
- Invite a representative from the sanitation and refuse disposal service to explain how trash is disposed of and why proper disposal is important.

## PLACES TO GO

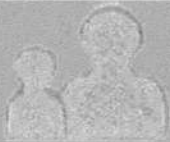
- Trash collection service or sanitation dump
- Grocery store to compare prices
- Public utility company to learn about energy conservation programs

## DEN MEETING ACTIVITIES

- Discuss the meaning of "family," "duty to family," and "family meeting."
- Make a chart of family responsibilities or make posters of "family trees" using snapshots of close family members.
- Discuss ways to conserve home energy and how to develop an energy-saving plan.
- Have an energy-wasters hunt.
- Plan well-balanced menus.
- Discuss the home safety checklist found in the *Webelos Scout Book* and talk about ways to provide home security.

## PACK MEETING DEMONSTRATIONS AND EXHIBITS

- Display posters of family trees.
- Distribute copies of home safety checklist. Explain ways to save energy and hand out copies of "Home Energy Saver's Quiz," which appears later in this section.
- Display chart of well-balanced meals or menus.
- Explain ways to provide home security.
- Explain why garbage and trash must be disposed of properly.



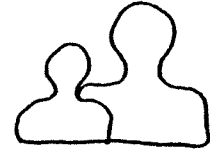
**Do All of These:**

1. Tell what is meant by family, duty to family, and family meetings.
2. Make a chart showing the jobs you and other family members have at home. Talk with your family about other jobs you can do for the next 2 months.
3. Inspect your home and surroundings. Make a list of hazards or lack of security that you find. Correct one problem that you found and tell what you did
4. Explain why garbage and trash must be disposed of properly.
5. Make a list of some things for which your family spends money. Tell how you can help your family save money.
6. Plan your own budget for 30 days. Keep track of your daily expenses for seven days.

**And do two of these:**

7. Prepare a family energy-savings plan. Tell the things you did to carry it out.
8. Tell what your family does for fun. Make a list of fun things your family might do for little cost. Do one of them with a member of your family.
9. Learn how to clean your home properly. Help do it for 1 month.
10. Show that you know how to look after your clothes. Help with at least two family washes.
11. Help plan the meals for your family for at least 1 week. With adult supervision, help buy the food and help prepare at least three meals for your family.
12. Take part in at least four family meetings and help make decisions. The meetings might involve plans for family activities, or they might be about serious topics that your parent wants you to know about.





# Family Member

The Family Member Activity badge is in the Community Group. The purpose of this badge is to help Cub Scouts focus on their role in the family and to promote better understanding within families. It also provides opportunities for families to work together to identify some of their common interests and household goals. Much of the work needs to be done at home, but you can begin these discussions and distribute checklists or other charts to encourage this family involvement.

## SUGGESTED DEN ACTIVITIES:

1. Do a Home Safety Check and take one home.
2. Complete the Energy Checklist and take one home.
3. Make family activities chart to discuss at home.
4. Sort laundry and learn how to operate washer & dryer.
5. Visit a recycling center & learn about saving resources and energy.
6. Learn how garbage is handled in your community.
7. Discuss healthy meals. Plan menus and shopping lists for one week.
8. Collect easy recipes into a card booklet of scout approved recipes and menus.
9. Make chart of how families spend money. Discuss things to save money for and list inexpensive entertainments.
10. Have a poster contest for the pack meeting on home security or recycling.

Consult Webelos Den Activities for more den and pack activities!

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## FAMILY MEMBER

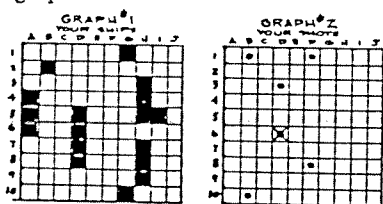


**GAMES FOR THE ROAD.** Try these to keep car riders occupied.

**Battleship.** For two players. Materials: For each, a pencil, graph paper or any paper with two sets of 10 blocks wide by 10 blocks high.

Each player marks his Graph No. 1 as shown with letters and numbers. He positions his "fleet" so only he knows where his "ships" are. Each player "fires" shells at the other's ships. The object is for one player's fleet to sink the other's first.

Each player gets one battleship—four darkened squares on the paper; two cruisers—three darkened squares; and six submarines—single squares. All adjoining squares are darkened vertically so ships "head" toward the top of the graph.



BATTLESHIP

Each player keeps Graph No. 2 to record where he shoots and if that shot is a hit on one of his opponent's ships. To play: Roll a die or draw to see who plays first. Each player fires as many shots from his ships as his ship occupies squares. For instance, each cruiser fires three shots. When shots from all ships are fired, it is his opponent's turn. A player "fires" by naming any pair of coordinates such as "B2," "F6," and so on. His opponent locates those coordinates and marks a cross where the "shell" hits. If it strikes a darkened square, it is a hit, and he tells the player who fired. But he does not tell which ship the shell hit.

To sink a ship, hits must strike every darkened square of that ship. The player who loses the ship then notifies his opponent that a ship is sunk. That ship no longer may fire shots.

When Player 1 is finished a complete salvo, Player 2 takes his turn. Play continues until every ship of one player is sunk. The other player wins.

B	I	N	G	O
2	26	27	36	4
12	3	1	57	39
83	98	78	71	72
18	70	15	9	16
20	8	63	06	70

LICENSE BINGO

**HOME SAFETY INSPECTION.** Before your den meeting, rig a room with as many hazardous situations as you wish. See the sketch here for some ideas. Add or substitute as you desire.

Use dolls to simulate babies. Before Scouts enter the room, tell them to pretend that dolls are alive. Instruct Scouts to spot as many safety hazards as they can. Allow one Webelos Scout into the room at a time for three minutes. Have an adult present to time the Scout and as a safeguard.

Make the hazards as true to life as possible but not if there is any real danger to safety. You would, for instance, not really load the shotgun.

Be sure to have another activity in progress for the rest of the den. Don't let the boys discuss the room's condition when they return from their inspection.

After all have inspected and written down all recalled hazards, bring Scouts back into the room for a critique. Let each boy tell the others one or two hazards he found. The leader then points out any dangers not mentioned. Score the boys' sheets and announce a winner. Present a simple award if appropriate.

**SPARKLING WINDOWS.** Webelos Scouts may help their family spruce up apartment or house windows or any glass surface with a little elbow grease and this advice.

Use readymixed glass cleaner or concoct your own using this formula: mix four tablespoons of car antifreeze and six cups of water. Pour into an old glass or plastic spray bottle or any suitable container.

Spray or apply the solution onto the glass. Wipe the glass clean with newspaper. If you wish, shine the glass with a paper towel or soft cloth.

**LICENSE BINGO.** For any number of players. Materials: For each, a pencil and a sheet of paper. Each player reproduces a bingo card like this one shown. He places any number from "1" to "99" within any square he wishes. No number is repeated. The center square is "Free."

To play: Player No. 1 observes the license plate of the next car approaching, overtaken, or overtaking. He compares the number on it with those of his card. Read the numbers from left to right. If his card contains that number, he crosses through it on his card. Then the next player observes the next car's license plate. The first player with five squares in a row marked wins.

Example: License plate is "452GHJ." Player marks "4," "5," "2," "45," and "52," if he has those numbers. Disregard the letters.

**STAIN REMOVAL.** Taking out stains from expensive clothes is a job best left to professional dry-cleaners. But some stains in inexpensive clothes might be removed with household cleaners by Webelos Scout-age boys under supervision. (Requirement 9).

### Removal with a store-bought cleaner:

Ballpoint pen ink	• Put absorbent cloth or paper towel under stained area.
Cooking oil	• Place chemical cleaner on stain.
Facial makeup	• Rub stain until it leaves the clothing and passes into the material below.
Motor oil	• Remove the absorbent material. Put cleaner on a new cloth, wipe around edges of stain and toward center of stain.
Rubber cement	• Let dry. Reapply treatment if removal unsatisfactory.
Wax	

### Removal with water:

Blood	• Place absorbent cloth or paper towel under stained area.
Catchup	• Rub stain gently.
Coffee and tea	• If stain is persistent, rub in drops of detergent.
Dairy products	• Rinse out detergent.
Grass	• Remove absorbent material.
Mustard	• Wipe dry.
Soda pop	

## FAMILY MEMBER



**ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET INSULATORS.** You and your Webelos Scouts can conserve energy by paying attention to the little things around home. Cut back home heating or cooling at night. Shut off lights in unoccupied rooms. Reduce the length of hot showers. Caulk around window and door frames.

If you have central heating/cooling, check the next time the air blower is operating. Feel around electrical wall outlets. You will probably feel air being sucked out and wasted through cracks around those outlets.

Stop these air leaks and save the heated or cooled air. Insulate these outlets with this simple project. Gather plastic foam trays that food comes on. Wash and dry the trays. With a screwdriver carefully unscrew the wall plate protecting the outlet. This is a task that parents and Scouts should tackle together. (Let them not to stick any metal or bc into the outlet box. Place pl screws close by.

Lay the plate atop a flat section of plastic foam. With a pencil trace a quarter-inch outside the outer edge of the plate. Also trace the cutouts of the plate. With a scissors snip out the plastic rectangle and the cutouts. Carefully, without tearing the plastic foam insulator place it between the plate and the wall so the cutouts match. Screw into position. This action should reduce drafts around the outlets.

## ENERGY CHECKLIST

**1. What's Your Temperature?** Check your thermostat to see where it's set. Give yourself 1 point if:  
A. it's a cool day, the heat is on, and the thermostat is set at 68° F or lower  
B. it's a cool night, the heat is on, and the thermostat is set at 60° F or lower  
C. it's a warm day, the air conditioning is on, and the thermostat is set at 78° F or higher  
Give yourself 2 points if neither the heat nor air conditioning is on!

**2. Window Watch:** Take a look at your windows. Are there storm windows on every one? Give yourself 3 points if all your windows have storm windows, 2 points if just some of them do, and 0 points if none have storm windows.

**3. Dreaded Drafts:** Check for drafts around windows and doors. Put your hand where the window or door meets its frame and feel for moving air. (This works best on a windy day or when there's a big difference between inside and outside temperatures.) Give yourself 2 points if you don't have any drafty windows or doors, 1 point if just some of them are drafty, and 0 points if all are drafty.

**4. Up in Smoke:** If you have a fireplace, check to see if the damper is closed when the fireplace isn't being used. If it is, give yourself 1 point. And if you also have glass doors on the fireplace, give yourself another point. (If you don't have a fireplace at all, give yourself 3 points.)

**5. Hot Stuff:** Is your water heater insulated? If it is, give yourself 3 points. And if you have insulation around your hot-water pipes, you get 1 point.

**6. A Bright Idea:** Check your lights to see if they're equipped with incandescent light bulbs or fluorescent light bulbs. Give yourself 3 points if you find fluorescent bulbs instead of incandescent bulbs.

**7. Shower Saver:** Do you have a low-flow showerhead in your bathroom? If you do, give yourself 2 points.

**8. Faucet Find:** Take a look around your house to see if any of your faucets are leaking. If all your faucets are leakproof, you get 2 points.

**9. Go for the Cold:** Do you usually wash your clothes in hot, warm, or cold water? Give yourself 2 points for cold water, 1 point for warm water, and 0 points for hot water.

**10. Recycling Power:** Do you recycle your newspapers, glass, and aluminum cans? If you do, give yourself 3 points! If you don't recycle all three, give yourself 1 point for each item you recycle.

**11. Lights Out?** Check the rooms in your house. Are the lights, TVs, and stereos off in all the rooms that aren't being used? If they are, you get another 3 points.

**12. Drip Dry:** Do you let clean dishes in the dishwasher air dry, or use the automatic dry setting? Give yourself 1 point if you let them air dry.

### ENERGY SCORES

26–30 points: Your home is a super energy saver!

21–25 points: Your home has a few energy "leaks" that need fixing, but you're doing OK!

14–20 points: You're on the right track, but you really can improve your energy savings.

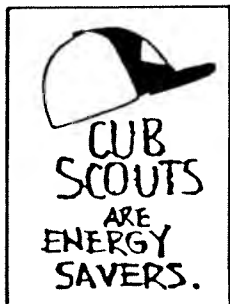
13 points and below: Your house needs some energy-savings help!

## HOME SAFETY CHECK

Home accidents are a leading cause of accidental death. Discuss the hazards listed below, then form two teams, one to work outside and one inside. Tour the area, looking for these and other safety hazards.

### Outside Team

- Is trash (broken glass, boards with nails in them, empty cans, etc.) strewn around the outside of the house or garage?
- Are insecticides stored in a safe place, out of the reach of small children?
- Are flammable substances, such as paint, thinner, gasoline or charcoal starter stored in marked containers and kept in cool, well-ventilated places, away from any flame?
- Are sharp tools in a locked cabinet?
- Are power-tool cords unplugged and out of reach of small children?
- Are roller skates, skateboards, and wheel toys out of the driveway and walk areas?
- Are oily rags lying about?
- Is the door on an unused refrigerator or freezer locked or removed?
- Are all outside lights in working order?
- Are crawl spaces in the house's foundation covered securely?
- If you have a swimming pool, are gate latches childproof?
- Are trash and garbage containers securely covered?
- Is your sidewalk free of uneven areas of broken cement?



USE COLORED PAPER FOR CUTOUTS AND HEAVY FELT PEN FOR LETTERING.

### Inside Team

- Are curtains and furniture away from air conditioners and heating elements?
- Does the fireplace have a screen?
- Are large glass doors equipped with decals as a safety reminder?
- Are electrical appliances unplugged when not in use?
- Are electrical cords in good condition?
- Are electrical wires on the floor where people can walk on them or trip on them?
- Are insecticides stored in a safe place, out of reach of small children?
- Are poisonous substances in childproof containers?
- Are all prescription medicines in childproof containers?
- Is the expiration date on medicine current?
- Are nonprescription medicines stored in medicine cabinets?
- Are matches stored in rodentproof and childproof containers?
- Are old newspapers close to a heater or other source of flame?
- Are smoke detectors equipped with workable batteries?
- Are fire extinguishers operable?
- Are the telephone numbers of the fire department and paramedics clearly displayed on or beside each phone?
- Are carpets and floor coverings free of tears and holes?
- Are hallway lights in working order?
- Are bathtubs and shower stalls equipped with nonskid tape or mats?
- Are knives and sharp tools put away where children cannot get to them?

After the safety check is completed, assemble both teams and report. Discuss ways to correct the hazards.



Make an energy-saver poster similar to one of these.



FAMILY MEMBER

THE CHORE CHART

Now that you know how to do your chores, here's a chart to help you remember when to do them. Copy it or cut it out of the book and tape it up where you can see it every day. (Den leader-since this is your book, hopefully you will make copies for the boys)

If you sweep on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, put a mark next to sweep in the Monday, Wednesday and Friday boxes. If you clean your room only on Saturday, put a mark next to "Clean my Room" in the Saturday box. Do this with all the chores that you do around your house.

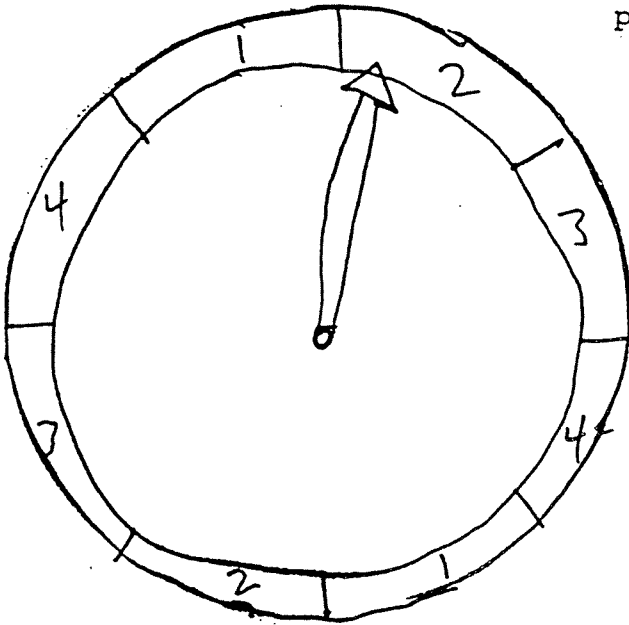
Now, you're all ready to go. And remember, have FUN!!!

**CHORE CHART**

CHORES	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Sweep							
Dust							
Vacuum							
Set The Table							
Clear The Table							
Wash Dishes (load dishwasher)							
Dry Dishes(unload dishwasher)							
Take out garbage							
Do the laundry							
Do the ironing							
Clean the basement							
Clean the bathroom							
Make my bed							
Clean my room							
Clean the garage							
Water the plants							
Mow the lawn							
Shovel or sweep the walk							

FAMILY MEMBER (Continued)

With just a little imagination your den can make a game similar to the one below. They can make their own rules and scoring plan.

<p>LOST YOUR LOAD!!!</p>	<p>NATIONAL HOLIDAY NO TRASH PICK-UP - LOSE YOUR TURN</p>	<p>Collect A LOAD OF PLASTIC</p>	<p>Regular TRASH PICK-UP</p>	<p>PAPER RECYCLING STATION TURN IN YOUR PAPER 3 BUNDLE MIN.</p>	<p>CITY CLERKS OFFICE ROLL DICE EVEN # GETS PERMIT</p>
<p>MOVE AHEAD 1 SPACE FOR EACH CAN YOU HAVE</p>	<p>Corners: GO - collect one can The Dump - just visiting Pick-up your choice Lost your load</p> <p>Collect 3 of each: cans paper plastic --must have a dumping permit--</p>			<p>Collect A LOAD OF PAPER</p>	
<p>Regular TRASH PICK-UP</p>				<p>LOAD NOT COMPACTED PROPERLY LOSE 1-PAPER</p>	
<p>Collect A LOAD OF PAPER</p>				<p>Collect A LOAD OF PLASTIC</p>	
<p>Regular TRASH PICK UP</p>				<p>ALUMINUM RECYCLING STATION TURN IN YOUR CANS 3 CAN MIN.</p>	
<p>Go collect 1 CAN</p>	<p>Collect A LOAD OF PLASTIC</p>	<p>Regular TRASH PICK-UP</p>	<p>TIME EXPIRES ON YOUR PERMIT</p>	<p>MOVE BACK 1 SPACE FOR EACH PAPER BUNDLE.</p>	<p>THE DUMP JUST VISITING</p>

## FAMILY MEMBER

Have scouts bring their favorite family recipes from home and have a recipe exchange meeting. Have a den meeting where scouts taste foods that they have never tried before. Hold a "Taste it. You may like it!" party.

Have each scout prepare a dish at home and bring it to the meeting and share the recipe with the den. You could assign each boy a dish, i.e., salad, vegetable, main dish, dessert, and drink. You might ask two scouts to fix the main dish. Talk about how to choose different foods and how to store them. Discuss good nutrition.

Have the scouts make a chart showing the jobs that they and other family members have in their homes. Have each scout bring his chart to the meeting and tell what jobs they are taking on for the next two months. Discuss how the scout will do them. Before the scouts inspect their home and grounds to make a list of hazards or lack of security, you might want to talk over some of the home hazards they may find. You could also contact the police department and ask if someone from crime prevention could attend one of your meetings to talk about security in your home.

Make a contest out of making a list of how families spend money. See who can make the longest list. Talk about the list and see what important expenses were omitted. Give one point for each item. Most scouts will forget things like rent, utilities, car payments, stamps, insurance, etc. You might think up a list of things that most scouts will omit and award two points if they happen to list one item on your list.

Invite a mother to your den meeting to talk about cleaning a room properly. I bet the mother would enjoy talking to the scouts about this! While you have a mother at your den meeting talking about cleaning a room, you might ask her to talk about looking after and caring for your clothes, and how to do a family wash.



Have a button sewing contest. Each scout will need a small piece of cloth, a button, needle and thread. Each scout sews on a button. Judge the best sewn on button. Display these works of art at your next pack meeting. Don't forget some Band-Aids!

Hold a cooking contest. Have each scout cook one dish and bring it to the meeting. Be sure they can tell how they made the dish. You might think about printing a small recipe book for your den.

This could include their breakfast dishes, lunch, and dinner dishes. This would make a great gift idea for Mother's Day. You might include some of these recipes on your next cook outs!



Have the scouts fix a meal and invite the parents to your meeting for a feast! In the meal planning they must plan the meal, shop for the food and then cook it. Don't forget to set the table properly.



### HANGING THE FAMILY LAUNDRY

The following game can demonstrate the team work of a family. Two teams compete against each other and see who can hang the family laundry the fastest and correctly

- Materials: Large grocery bag or box  
 Clothes pins  
 Hanging line of some type  
 Laundry (sheets of wadded up paper with large letters - one on each article - to spell out FAMILY LAUNDRY)



To make this game a lot of fun, provide each team with a brown shopping bag which contains the materials needed for hanging the family laundry. The less you tell them about how to do it, the more fun it will be to watch. For instance, tell them it has to be hung in a certain order, but don't tell them why or how to hold or string up the line etc. Blow the starting whistle and let them have at it. How they hold or tie up the line is their problem to solve. Here are several possibilities - trees, tables, posts or a team members hold it. Let them discover what it is the wrinkled laundry must spell out on the line, etc. To add more interest and confusion, the sheets of paper could be different colors and cut in shapes of shirts, socks, pants etc. An organized team would probably assign a certain part of the job to each member.

Also, to keep watching teams from memorizing the pieces, such as a red sock is the letter "F" so they have an unfair advantage over the first team competing, use a different bag of laundry for each team using the same number of articles but perhaps spell out something different such as "LAUNDRY" on seven, with several blank papers. Many comical words could be used such as "OUR RAGS, WHO NEEDS IT, KEEP IT CLEAN, WASH DAY BLUES."

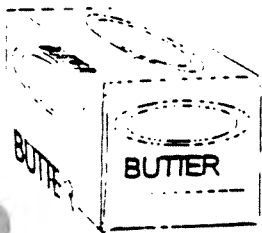
### FEED THE BABY

Divide the group into teams. Each team is either the "feeder" or the "baby." Neither team knows beforehand what the activity will be. The "babies" are seated in a row, facing the "feeders" who stand in front of the "babies." Bibs are tied on the "babies." Each scout taking part, is given a small cup or bowl of apple sauce, a plastic spoon, and is blindfolded. At the signal, the "feeders" try to feed the apple sauce to the "babies." "Babies" may not use their hands to guide the spoon to their mouths, but may give the "feeders" all kinds of advice and direction as to how to reach their mouths. First pair to finish the apple sauce wins points for their team. Then they switch positions. This could get messy, but a good time can be had by all. Be sure to explain safety measures as no one wants to end up with apple sauce in the eye.



### CHURNING BUTTER

Put a some half-and-half or cream into a jar. Screw the lid on tightly. Scouts shake their jar until butter is formed. (Do in advance to see how long it takes.) The scout who finishes first is the winner. Add a pinch of salt before eating. Enjoy on crackers or a bagel!





**FILL IN THE BLANK**

A \_\_\_\_\_ is a group of people who care for each other and share with each other.

Your family gives you \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

Camping Gear  
Family

Love  
Tigers

Uniform  
Clothing

Shelter  
Tents

Webelos  
Food

**WORD SCRAMBLE**

yflaim: \_\_\_\_\_  
rtecpse: \_\_\_\_\_  
noemy: \_\_\_\_\_  
evas: \_\_\_\_\_  
lthyhea: \_\_\_\_\_  
milfay nfu: \_\_\_\_\_



Family  
Respect  
Money  
Save  
Healthy  
Family Fun

**FOOD GROUP MATCH UP**

Bread/Cereal  
Vegetables/Fruit  
Milk  
Meat

Apples, oranges, leafy green & yellow veggies  
Fish, poultry, dried peas and beans  
Bread, cereal and other things made from grain  
Cheese, milk, ice cream

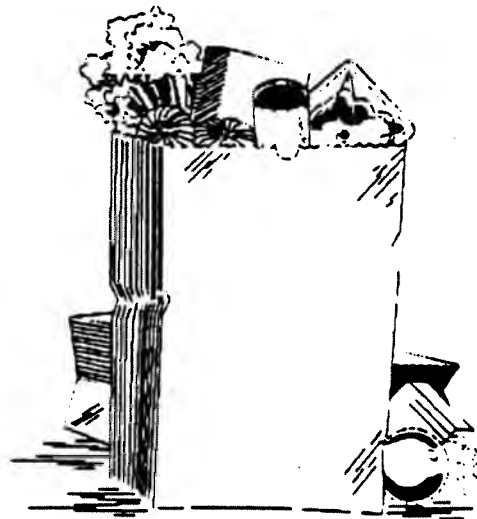
**MISSING LETTER**

1. Fa\_\_ily Mem\_\_
2. W\_\_be\_\_
3. \_\_oo\_\_g\_\_p
4. M\_\_ne\_\_
5. A\_\_oy\_\_cou\_\_s al\_\_re\_ared

**WORD DISCOVERY**

How many new words can you make with the following? Set a time limit.

FAMILIES IN SCOUTING HAVE FUN!





## FAMILY MEMBER

### HOME INSPECTION

Before your den meeting, rig a room with as many hazardous situations as you wish. Instruct the boys to spot as many safety hazards as they can. Allow them in one at a time for three minutes, while rest of den works on another activity in the other room. Have an adult present to act as a safety guard. Make the hazards as true to life as possible without creating a real danger.



As boys return to main room, ask them to remain quiet about what they have seen. When all have completed their observations and written down the recalled hazards, call all the boys together. Let each boy share one or two hazards he saw. The leader can then mention any the boys did not see.

### ENERGY WASTERS HUNT

*Similar to above activity.*

Before the den meeting, set up examples of energy waste in several rooms. Give each Webelos Scout an opportunity to find the waste. Here are some examples:

- ▶ Light on in empty room
- ▶ Television on in empty room
- ▶ Refrigerator door open
- ▶ Water dripping in sink
- ▶ Thermostat set too high or too low
- ▶ Outside door open in cold or hot weather



You can think up more based on your meeting place's facilities. Some boys may find problems you didn't even create!

### BATH OR SHOWER?

*As a rule of thumb, it takes a cubic foot of gas or 1/4 kilowatt hour of electricity to heat a gallon of water. Which is more energy efficient -- a bath or a shower?*



To conduct this experiment, boys need access to a bathtub with a shower head. On one night, each boy should fill his bathtub to take a bath, but before he steps in, he should use a ruler or yardstick to measure the depth of the water in the tub. The next night he should take a shower instead of a bath. But before he begins, he should close the bathtub drain so that the shower water will collect in the tub. When finished, measure the depth of the water that has collected. Compare the two readings.

Webelos Scouts could work on the Heritages Academic Belt Loop and Pin in conjunction with this activity badge.

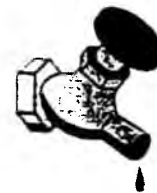


6-3'S



## WATER LEAK DETECTIVES

Even a tiny leak can waste a lot of water. A leak that fills a coffee cup in 10 minutes will waste over 3,000 gallons of water a year. That's equivalent to drinking 65 glasses of water a day!



- ▶ Learn how to read the water meter. If you have one, it will probably be on the outside wall of your house, or next to the street under a cement or metal cover.
- ▶ Pick a time when everyone is going to be out of the house, and no one will be using water -- such as when the whole family is going shopping or to the movies.
- ▶ Before you leave, read the water meter and write down its setting. The when you get back home, take another reading. If the numbers have changed, you've probably discovered a leak!

Checking your toilet can be another way to find a leak. In one year, a leaky toilet can waste over 22,000 gallons of water. That's enough to take three baths every day!



- ▶ coloring in the tank.
- ▶ Wait about 15 minutes. Make sure no one uses the toilet during this time!
- ▶ Now look in the toilet bowl. If colored water has moved into the toilet bowl, you have discovered a leak.

## SHOPPING LIST CODE

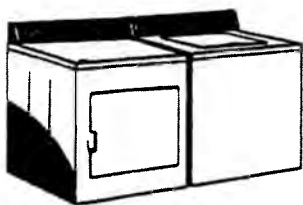
*This is a fun "secret code" that could also be used for the Communicator activity badge.*

- 1 mop
- 3 breadsticks
- 2 peaches
- 6 peanut-butter cookies
- 1 melon
- 7 potatoes
- 7 fruit bars
- 6 fish sticks
- 2 dozen eggs
- 2 onions
- 5 frozen popsicles

At first glance, this appears to be a boring shopping list. But to your family members, it is an important message. The number before each word tells which letter to use. The first letter in "mop" is M, so that is the only letter to save from that word. The next letter to save is E, the third letter in "breadsticks". Continue down the list.

Now the grocery list has new meaning:

**MEET ME AT ONE**



## A TRIP TO THE LAUNDROMAT

Every boy needs to learn how to sort and wash his own clothes. Take a den field trip to the laundromat, with each boy bringing along a batch of his own dirty clothes!



## Family Member

License Bingo - FOR ANY NUMBER OF PLAYERS

Material : FOR each, a pencil and a sheet of paper.

Each player reproduces a 6" x 6" bingo card of

his own. He places any number from "1" to "99"

within any square he wishes. No number is

repeated. The center square is "Free"

To Play: Player No. 1 observes the license plate of the next car approaching, overtaken or overtaking. He compares the number on it with those on his card. Read the numbers from left to right. If his card contains that number, he crosses through it on his card. Then the next player observes the next car's license plate. The first player with five squares in a row marked wins.

Example: License plate is "452GNJ"

Player marks 4 5 2 45

and 52 if he has those numbers

Disregard the letters



## Family Word Search

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

Find the following words in the puzzle above. Words appear only horizontally or vertically.

AFFIRM	CARING	CELEBRATE	CHANGING
CLEANLINESS	CLOTHES	COOPERATE	CRAFTS
DECISION	ENERGY	FAMILY	FLEXIBLE
FOOD	GARBAGE	GROCERY	GROWING
HELP	HIKING	JOBS	LAUGH
LEISURE	LOVE	LOYAL	MEALS
MEETING	NEATNESS	NURTURE	RECYCLING
RESPECT	PICNIC	SAFE	SAVING
SECURITY	SHARING	SHOP	SUPPORT
TASKS	TRUST	VACATATION	VALUED



## Family Member Activity Badge

# Home Inspection

By Barb Stephens

### Home Inspector

First, locate unsafe conditions and eliminate all hazards promptly. The following questions will aid you in making an inspection of your home.

1. Do you have a strong, safe step ladder for reaching heights?
2. Are halls and stairways safe and well lighted?
3. Are means taken to prevent rugs from slipping, particularly on polished floors?
4. Is a rubber mat provided for the bathtub to prevent slipping?
5. Are metal boxes provided for storing matches out of reach of children?
6. Do you have a screen for use in front of open fires?
7. Are your furnace and stove pipes clean?
8. Are all gas pipes and fixtures tight to prevent leaks?
9. Do you have a cabinet which can be locked, for storing poisons and medicines out of reach of children?
10. Are emergency numbers for police, fire and poison control posted by the telephone?

### Discover Unsafe Family Habits

Now, walk through your house and find any unsafe habits which you or other members of the family may have. Use the following questions as a guide.

1. Are toys, brooms, soap, and other articles kept off stairs and walks?
2. Are ice, snow, grease, or other slippery substances removed from steps and walks promptly?
3. Do you, if possible, go out of doors to use flammable cleaning fluids?
4. Have the children in your home been taught the danger of playing with knives, scissors, bottles, and matches near stoves and open fires?
5. Is the garage door kept open when the car is inside with the engine running?
6. Do you always check twice to be sure appliances are off before leaving the

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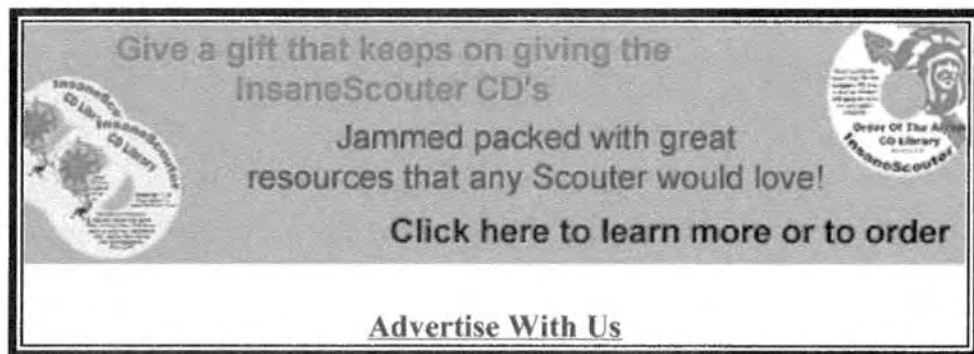


house?

7. Are there proper containers in the home for cigarettes? Better yet, if anyone smokes in the home encourage them to quit, for their own and the family's health.
8. Is the dryer lint filter cleaned after each load?
9. Do you know how to use tools safely, and are they stored properly?
10. Are firearms stored out of reach and unloaded?
11. Are plastic bags and plastic materials kept out of reach of young children?

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# Meal Planner for 3 Meals

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## Meal #1: Menu

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## Shopping List

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## Meal #2: Menu

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## Meal #3: Menu

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## Family Member Activity Badge

### Family Finances

By Barb Stephens

#### Webelos Family Member Scavenger Hunt

Have boys find another boy in their den with the following:

1. A parent who works at \_\_\_\_\_
2. Has a great grandparent still living
3. Has two sisters
4. Has the same favorite color
5. Lives in a five-bedroom house
6. Has his Arrow of Light
7. Has lived in another state
8. Has a grandparent/aunt/uncle living with his family.
9. Has a relative living in outside the United States.
10. Has had a foreign exchange student living with them.

#### What Does Your Family Spend Money On?

Here is a list of things families may spend money on. In the blank in front of each item, guess and write down how much money you think is spent (per month). Then take this list home and ask a parent to fill in more accurate amounts. Which items did you get right? Which items really surprised you?

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. House payment or rent
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Car payment
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Gas, oil, tires, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Food
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Clothing and shoes
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Insurance: Life, Health, Auto, Home
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Medical and dental bills
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Schooling
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Church and charity donations
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Utilities: electric, gas, telephone, cable TV
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Savings
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Vacations
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Retirement funds
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Hair cuts
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Health and beauty supplies
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Cleaning supplies
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Repairs
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Family funds
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Hobbies
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Fun and recreation









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### DEN MEETING IDEAS

- Make a list of fun activities of little cost and do them over several den meetings.
- Have the boys make a chart showing the jobs of all members in their homes. Have them bring the chart to the meeting and tell what jobs they are taking on for the next two months, and how they will do them.
- Have the boys fix a meal and invite the parents to your meeting for a feast! The boys should plan the meal, shop for the food, and cook.
- Plan a family game night. Each family brings a game and takes part in sharing the game with another family. The boys could invent games for the families to play.
- Have a contest folding the laundry.
- Have a sewing contest. Give each boy a small piece of cloth, a button, needle, and thread. Have the boys sew a button on. Judging can be for speed, neatest job, most secure, etc.
- Have a cooking contest. Have each boy cook one dish and bring it to the meeting. They must be able to tell how they made the dish. You might even make a small recipe book that includes all the dishes that were prepared.
- Make a contest out listing things on which families spend money. See who can make the longest list. Talk about the lists and see what important expenses were omitted. Give one point for each item. Before the meeting, you might create a list of things the boys are likely to forget and, if they do include them on their own lists, give them two points for those items.
- Contact the police department and ask if someone could attend one of your meetings to discuss home security.
- Arrange for the local fire marshal or one of his investigators to visit your den and discuss or demonstrate fire safety in the home and community. They may also be able to provide a copy of a home inspection sheet.
- Call the local health department to see if they can provide information or a speaker about the dangers of trash and garbage piling up and ways in which your den might help the community to be a healthy and safe place to live.
- Visit your local financial institution to find out how the monetary system works. Tour the vault and safe deposit box area, and discuss how saving money as a family unit can be beneficial in the long run.
- Contact the local public utility companies or the environmental control agency to find out how your natural resources can be saved and what we as individual family units can do to conserve.
- With the help of a nutritionist, teach the boys to plan meals for the family. They should include all the basic food groups and the order in which they're needed. Plan a week's worth of meals for a family and visit a grocery store to price the food required to sustain this family.

### FAMILY MEMBER HANDBOOK

Make a copy of the next 3 pages for each boy. Have the boys complete them at home and bring to the den meeting for review. Put all finished work together in a book for a pack meeting.





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## FAMILY MEMBER

### FAMILY MEMBER HANDBOOK, continued

Fill in the blanks: I'm a VIP in my \_\_\_\_\_!  
A FAMILY IS:



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In return for the love and care of family, I have a duty to my family.  
THIS DUTY IS:

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FAMILY MEETINGS ARE:

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It takes a lot of money to run a family. You can help save family money!  
SOME THINGS OUR FAMILY SPENDS MONEY ON ARE:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



WAYS I CAN HELP MY FAMILY SAVE MONEY ARE:

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### SAVING ENERGY

Saving energy helps your family save money and conserves our country's natural resources. List four things your family can do together to help conserve energy.

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### FAMILY MEMBER HANDBOOK, continued

#### FAMILY TEAMWORK

A family is a team and each family member must share the load for the family to succeed!

NECESSARY FAMILY CHORES

PERSON RESPONSIBLE

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

OTHER JOBS I CAN DO

Personal cleanliness

Pick up after myself

_____	_____
_____	_____

TRASH & GARBAGE MUST BE DISPOSED OF PROPERLY BECAUSE:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

#### FAMILY FUN

Having fun together builds family spirit and unity. List seven inexpensive family fun ideas that you and your family can do together. When your family has done each thing, put the date completed next to the idea.



INEXPENSIVE FAMILY FUN IDEA

DONE

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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# WEBELOS



## FAMILY MEMBER

### FAMILY MEMBER HANDBOOK, *continued*

#### BE SAFE AT HOME

We can help keep our family from being hurt or injured in home accidents. With an adult, become your "Home Inspector." Be sure to have an adult help you. NEVER do it alone. After completing the inspection, list any corrections you and your adult family member made.

#### Home Inspector Checklist

First, you and a family adult locate unsafe conditions and eliminate all hazards promptly. These questions will help with your home inspection. Answer each question "yes" or "no". When done, talk with the family about how you can correct the problems with a "no" written beside it.

1. Does you family have a strong, safe stepladder for reaching heights?
2. Are halls and stairways safe and well lighted?
3. Are precautions taken to prevent rugs from slipping, particularly on polished floors?
4. Is a rubber mat provided for the bathtub to prevent slipping?
5. Are metal boxes provided for storing matches out of reach of children?
6. Does your family have a screen in front of any open fireplaces?
7. Are your furnace and stovepipes clean?
8. Are all gas pipes and fixtures tight, to prevent leaks?
9. Is there a locking cabinet for storing poisons and medicines out of reach of children?
10. Are emergency numbers for police, fire and poison control handy by the telephone?

Next, discover and correct unsafe habits, which you or your family may have.

1. Are toys, brooms, soap, and other articles kept off stairs and walks?
2. Is ice, snow, grease, or other slippery substances removed from stairs and walks promptly?
3. Do you go out of doors to use flammable cleaning fluids?
4. Have the children in your home been taught the danger of playing with knives, scissors, bottles, and matches or near stoves and open fires?
5. Do you always check twice to be sure appliances are off before leaving the house?
6. Are there proper containers in the home for cigarettes? If anyone smokes in the home encourage them to quit, for their own and the family's health.
7. Is the dryer lint filter cleaned after each load?
8. Do you know how to use tools safely, and are they stored properly?
9. Are firearms kept unloaded in a locked box? Is ammunition stored in a separate locked box?
10. Are plastic bags and plastic materials kept out of reach of young children?

THIS IS WHAT MY FAMILY DID TO CORRECT UNSAFE CONDITIONS IN OUR HOME:

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