



# PACK 333 PACK MEETING

16 OCTOBER 2007 ~ 7:00PM

*"DOWN ON THE FARM, A CELEBRATION OF THE HARVESTS"*

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- ◆ *OPENING: FLAG CEREMONY, OATH, & INVOCATION [BEARS]*
  
- ◆ *WELCOME & GREETINGS*
  
- ◆ *REVIEW RULES FOR THE CUBS & PARENTS TO WORK BY...*
  
- ◆ *POPCORN SALE REPORT*
  
- ◆ *SKIT [WOLVES]*
  
- ◆ *AWARDS & ADVANCEMENTS*
  
- ◆ *GAME [TIGERS]*
  
- ◆ *AWARDS & ADVANCEMENTS*
  
- ◆ *ANNOUNCEMENTS*
  
- ◆ *CLOSING CEREMONY [WEBELOS]*

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"Earth gave this food to us, Sun that made it ripe and good.  
Dearest Earth, Dearest Sun, we won't forget what you have done.  
Blessings on our meal, Peace upon the Earth!" ~ Anonymous

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### **@ WELCOME & GREETING: A HEAP OF CARE & PATIENCE**

It takes a heap of working with a boy to make a man.  
A heap of care and patience, and you've got to understand  
That he won't be any better than you were as a lad,  
Unless a spark is kindled to show him what is bad.

He looks to you for guidance, and he looks to you with pride.  
It's up to you to demonstrate, you can't just let it slide.  
For with that eager mind of his, he watches you each day  
Judges you by what you do, not just by what you say.

### **@ ADVANCEMENT: BOUNTIFUL CROP**

Cub Scouts are my farm friends. They come in different sizes, colors and speak different languages. And by doing good deeds, they help the world become a better place to live in. Farming and Scouting both take planning and hard work. The farmer gets his reward in a bountiful crop and the Cub Scouts get theirs in advancement and awards.

- The Bobcat, is like a pea, small but an important part of the Scout diet. This is the first rank of Cub Scouts.
- Next, we have a cherry tomato. It is very important to the Cub Scout diet. Like the tomato, the Tiger Cub is small, but enthusiastic and energetic.
- The next vegetable is string bean. It is a little bigger and important to the Scouting diet. Like the bean, the Wolf rank, is harder to accomplish.
- A carrot is the next vegetable. Like the bear rank, it is bigger yet and important to the Cub Scout diet. This rank is larger and the requirements are more difficult to accomplish.
- The last vegetable we have tonight is the largest of all, the corn. It is made up of many small kernels. The Webelos badge is like the corn, many activity badges are worked on for this rank and the Arrow of Light. The requirements are greater for these awards.

Farmer Brown and his friends have a harvest of vegetables. Like Farmer Brown, we too expect to have a bumper crop of Scout ranks and advancements in our Pack this year. Tonight we do have several of Farmer Brown's friends who have worked and have harvested some awards.

### **@ CLOSING (AFTER THE FLAGS ARE RETIRED): CAN YOU SLEEP WHEN THE WIND BLOWS?**

A young man applied for a job as a farmhand. When the farmer asked for his qualifications, he said, "I can sleep when the wind blows." This puzzled the farmer. But he liked the young man, and hired him. A few days later, the farmer and his wife were awakened in the night by a violent storm. They quickly began to check things out to see if all was secure. They found that the shutters of the farmhouse had been securely fastened. A good supply of logs had been set next to the fireplace. The young man slept soundly.

The farmer and his wife then inspected their property. They found that the farm tools had been placed in the storage shed, safe from the elements. The tractor had been moved into the garage. The barn was properly locked. Even the animals were calm. All was well. The farmer then understood the meaning of the young man's words, "I can sleep when the wind blows." Because the farmhand did his work loyally and faithfully when the skies were clear, he was prepared for the storm when it broke. So when the wind blew, he was not afraid. He could sleep in peace.

How does this apply to our lives? The story about the young farmhand illustrates a principle that is often overlooked about being prepared for various events that occur in life. There was nothing dramatic or sensational in the young farmhand's preparations he just faithfully did what was needed each day. Consequently, peace was his, even in a storm. A short poem expresses this principle as it pertains to your life:

*It isn't the things you do,  
It's the things you leave undone,  
Which gives you a bit of heartache,  
At the setting of the sun.  
What are you leaving undone? Goodnight Scouts*