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Preface Page

Reason for writing this thesis: This thesis is written to show the meaning of the World Scout Emblem (World Crest), why Scouts and Scouters world wide wear the emblem. The thesis also shows that Cub Scouting is world wide. It will also show what Cub Scouts are called in other countries and if the program is co ed.

The group that will benefit from reading this thesis: The target groups for this thesis are Cub Scout leaders, Commissioners, and Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioners.

Scope of this thesis: This thesis discusses the World Scout Emblem. It also covers age requirements, if the group is co-ed, the promise, law and motto. It also covers what the different age groups are called. It shows the similarities and differences between the Cub Scout program in the United States and in other parts of the world.

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Cub Scouting Around the World

With the popularity of Scouting for older boys, Baden-Powell began looking for a program for younger boys and in 1916 the Wolf Cub program began. This program was based on the popular children's book by Rudyard Kipling *the Jungle Book*. There has been very little change in the program since its inception. The name has changed through the years not only in the United States but around the world.

Now we will see how Cub Scouting has become a world wide program. We will be looking at the differences and similarities in the program in many countries. Since the program is world wide, we will look at the world wide organization and the World Scout Emblem. As of August 1990, there were 131 National Scout Organizations. These organizations are a part of the World Scout Organization. They authorize members of the World Scout Organization to wear the World Scout Emblem, on their uniforms, to use on literature and other noncommercial applications "to build an awareness and to identify Scouting."(Use of the World Scout Emblem,1) "The World Scout Emblem is the internationally registered "Trademark" of the World Organization of the Scout Movement."(Use of the World Scout Emblem,1)

The World Scout Emblem is one of the most recognized emblems in the world. Many have asked where did the idea of the World Scout Emblem come from? Lord Baden-Powell himself gave the answer of how the emblem originated. "Our badge we took from the 'North Point' used on maps for orienteering them with North. Lady Baden-Powell

said later, "It shows the true way to go". (The World Scout Emblem, 1)

The emblem has always reminded scouts "to be as true and reliable as the compass in keeping to their Scouting ideals and showing others the way." (The World Scout Emblem, 1)

The basic design of the Emblem has changed through the years before it represented North on a Mariner's compass. As early as two thousand BC the Chinese used it as a direction symbol. The use as a navigation aid in Europe probably dates from the end of the 13th Century when Marco Polo brought back a compass from Cathay."(The World Scout Emblem, 1)

"In the World Scout Emblem, the basic motif is encircled by a rope tied with a reef or square knot symbolizing the unity and brotherhood of the Movement throughout the world. Even as one cannot undo a reef knot no matter how hard one pulls on it so, as it expands, the Movement remains united."(The World Scout Emblem, 1)

"The color of the World Scout Badge is a white on a royal purple background. These, too, are symbolic. In heraldry white represents purity and royal purple denotes leadership and helping other people."(The World Scout Emblem, 1)

They cannot alter the proportions of the motif and the encircling rope. They can only reproduce it to strict specifications.(See an attached sheet) There are only five authorized formats of the World Scout Emblem. Members of the World Scouting Organization can only wear the World Scout Emblem. They permit recognized National Organizations to purchase these formats and use them as part of their official uniform.

There are approximately twenty countries that use the World Scout Emblem as the emblem for their national organization. They have kept the purple background with the basic motif and the encircling knot. About fifteen other countries have used the basic design and made additions. Other countries, including the United States, have used the basic design, but used a different color, and have done away with the encircling rope.

"So, today, as the symbol continues to point the way for navigators so, all over the world, it points the way to service and brotherhood for all members of the Scout Movement."(The World Scout Emblem, 1)

We have seen that there are 131 countries that are members of the World Scout Organization. We will be traveling to several of these countries to discover a part of their Scouting Movement. The part we will look for is the Cub Scout Program. We will see what they call the program in that country, age requirements, and if the program is co-ed. We will also see their promise, law and motto.

We will begin our Cub Scout journey in South Africa because many of Baden-Powell's ideas came from here. The program in South Africa is open to boys ages seven and a half to ten only. However, this is currently under review. The leaders can be either male or female. There are three levels in the Cub Scout program. These are the Cheetah, Leopard and the Lion. When they finish the Lion, the boys complete the Leaping Wolf challenge award. This is the highest award that they can earn as Cub Scouts.

They divide the pack up into sixes. There are usually about six Sixes in a Pack. Different colors identify the sixes: "White Six, Black Six, Grey Six, Red Six, Tawny Six and Brown Six.(White,1) There are not necessarily six boys in a Six.

The Pack Scouters are "lead by Akela and the other Pack Scouters generally take their Scouting names from the *Jungle Book*."(White, 1)

"The Cub Scouts wear a khaki button up shirt that has double breasted pockets and khaki shorts, with black or light brown socks and black or brown shoes."(White,1) "They wear a standard cub hat which is a green cap with gold braiding and a wolf's head on the front. Scarves differ according to which Group they belong to. Cubs wear khaki belts with brass scouting buckles, and usually have a variety of badges showing amongst other things; their Group Area, Advancement, etc. as well as the World Membership badge. Their Six badges are simple equilateral triangles worn on the left sleeve in the respective color."(White,1)

**The South African Cub Promise: "I promise to do my best-
To do my duty to God and my country
To keep the Law of the Wolf Cub pack
And to do a good turn to somebody every
day."(South Africa Scouting Collection,2)**

**The South African Cub Law: "The Cub gives in to the Old Wolf,
The Cub does not give in to
himself."(South African Collection,2)**

**The South African Cub Motto: "Do Your Best" (South African
Collection,2)**

We will leave the Cub Scouts of South Africa and travel to another continent.

We will go to Asia and visit the Cub Scouts of Nippon which is more commonly called Japan. The program in Japan is for boys only.

"The Beaver Scouts start in the second semester of kindergarten. When they are in the second semester of the first grade, they call them Big Beaver Scout. They then become Cub Scouts. A second grade boy is a Squirrel; third grader is a Rabbit; fourth grader a Deer and a fifth grader is a Bear."(Yamashita, 1)

The Cub Scout Promise of Japan: "I do Certaine seriously. I obey the Law of the Cub Scout Pack." (Yamashita, 1)

The Cub Scout Law of Japan:

- 1. Cub Scout follows good leaders.**
- 2. Cub Scout is itself for itself.**
- 3. Cub Scout helps it to each other mutually.**
- 4. Cub Scout helps for an infant person.**
- 5. Cub Scout gives goodwill."**

(Yamashita, 1)

The Cub Scout Motto of Japan: "Always be in high spirits" (Yamashita,1)

Our adventure continues with our next stop which is Australia. The Cub Scout Program in Australia is co-ed. The six and seven year old Scouts are called Joey Scouts. They name the Joeys from the young kangaroo. They meet once a week with up to twenty Joey Scouts in the group. Trained Joey Scout leaders and helpers supervise them.

Although, they wear everyday clothes, they have a special scarf to show that they are Joey Scouts.

They teach Joeys about nature, the world around them, a sense of belonging and to express themselves creatively. " Most importantly, Joeys are taught to jump in and help."(Scout Association of Australia ", 2) The Joeys jump into fun with a program that Joeys are taught about nature, the world around them, a sense of belonging lets them have fun, learn new skills, and work and get along with other children. They learn activities that help them develop physical coordination and cooperation with others.

Joey Scouts is the first step toward a life that "helps young people grow into capable, self-reliant individuals."(Scout Association of Australia, 2)

The Australian Joey Scout Promise:

**"I promise to do my best
To love my God and be helpful.
(Honeybun,1)**

The Australian Joey Scout Law:

**"A Joey Scout cares
A Joey Scout shares
(Honeybun, 1)**

The Australian Joey Scout Theme:

**"Help other people (H.O.P.)"
(Scout Association of Australia,1)**

When a Joey Scout turns eight, he or she will move into the Cub Scout Program. This program is for boys and girls ages eight to eleven. There are twenty-four girls and boys in a Cub Scout Pack.

They meet once a week. The Cub Scouts have a variety of interesting activities. They can go camping, fishing or exploring for the weekend. They learn bushcraft and visit many interesting places such as factories fire station, zoo, sports events and the list go continues.

The first items that a Cub Scout learns are "the Scout Salute, the Handshake, the Motto, the Grand Howl, Pack Calls, the Cub Scout Law and the Cub Scout Promise. "(Scout Association of Australia,1) The leaders play an important role in helping the boys and girls learn.

They make up the Pack of Sixes. They are called these because there are six people in a group.

The first badge worn is the color patch of the six. "One of the boys or girls in the group will be the Sixer(like a Captain of a sports team). You will know the Sixer by the two yellow stripes worn on their left pocket. The Sixer often has a Second as a helper(like a Vice-Captain) who wears one yellow stripe."(Scout Association of Australia, 2)

"The leader is known as Akela(The Wolf- the one who stands alone.) Akela's helpers are known as Bagheera(The Panther- the teacher of hunting) and Baloo(The Bear- the teacher of the Jungle Law)"(Scout Association of Australia, 2.) These are from Rudyard

Kipling's *Jungle Book*.

The Cub Scout earns achievement badges by doing things of interest and learning new skills. They also have Boomerang Badges. If you are eight years old, you can earn the Bronze Boomerang, nine years old the Silver Boomerang and ten years old the Gold Boomerang.

The Australian Cub Scout Promise:

**"On my honour,
I promise that I will do my best
to do my duty to my God, and
to the Queen of Australia.
to help other people, and
to live by the Cub Scout Law.
(Honeybun,1)**

The Australian Cub Scout Law:

**"Cub Scouts are loyal and
obedient.
Cub Scouts do not give in to
themselves." (Honeybun,2)**

Our journey will now leave the Pacific Ocean and travel to Europe. We will be making several stops in Europe. We will be visiting the following countries; Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Poland, and the United Kingdom. Our first stop will be in Denmark.

In Denmark, the local unit decides if it will be co-ed. The program begins at age six. The six to eight year old Cub Scouts are call Micros. The eight to ten year old Cub Scouts are Minis and the ten to twelve year old Cub Scouts are Juniors.

They all wear a uniform which is a dark blue smock and a scarf. "The official color of the scarf is green but individual units may choose another colour or even pattern."(Det Danske Spejderkorps, 7)

They usually organize the Micros into patrols of four or five children with an adult leader. They do not work on merit badges. Their emphasis is on fun and skills achieved which serve as their reward and motivation.

The Minis are organized into permanent patrols of four to six guides and Scouts. They have a patrol leader who is responsible for factual duties. Members of the Mini Branch can work on merit badges or activity badges.

The Juniors are organized into patrols of five to seven. The members take turns being the patrol leader. They are responsible for the communication between leaders and the patrol members. They can earn merit badges or activity badges.

The Law and the Promise is the same for all Branches in the Scouting program in Denmark.

The Scout Law in Denmark:

**"A member of the Guide and Scout fellowship will do his or her best:
-To find her or his faith and respect the faith of others.
-To protect nature.
-To be trustworthy.
-To listen to the opinion of others and to form his or her own opinion.
-To show responsibility in the family and in society(or to take his or her share in responsibility for her or his share in responsibility for her or his family and her or his surroundings)".
(Der Danske Spejderkorps, 16)**

The Scout Promise:

"I promise to keep the Guide and Scout Law." (Der Danske Spejderkorps, 17)

The Scout Motto:

**"Be Prepared"
(Der Danske, Spejderkorps, 17)**

We will go on a short trip to Finland. The Brownies and the Cub Scouts are called "Sudenpentu" which means Wolf Cub. The program can be co ed. This program is for children between seven and ten. They meet in a pack of 10- 20 youth. The leader has to be over sixteen and has to be trained.

Our next stop will be in Germany. The Cub Scouts are called "Wolfing".
The program is for boys and girls ages seven to eleven. There is no grade or rank in the
program. There are about six to eight in a "Rudel" which is like a den and Rudels build a
"Meute" which is like a Pack.

The Cub Scout Promise: "Ich will ein guter Freund sein und unsere Regeln
achten."
"I want to be a good friend and respect our rules."
(Bell, 1)

The Cub Scout Law: "Ein Woelfling nimmt Ruecksicht auf andere."
"Ein Woelfling hilft wo er kann."
"A Cub respects others."
"A Cub helps wherever he can."
(Bell, 1)

The Cub Scout Motto: "Unser Bester"
"Our Best"
(Bell, 1)

Greet: "Gut Jagd"
"Good hunting"
(Bell, 1)

We will now journey to Hungary. The Cub Scouts are called "Kiscserkesz"
which means "Little Scout". The program is for both girls and boys, ages six to ten.

The Cub Scout Law:

**"The Cub Scout obeys their leader.
"The Cub Scout exercises self control".
(Lukacs, 1)**

The Cub Scout Promise:

**"I promise that with the help of God I
shall strive for good. I know the Cub
Scout laws and I shall keep them."
(Lukacs, 1)**

We will now travel over the English Channel and go to Ireland. The Beaver Scout program is for boys and girls ages six to eight. The uniform is a sweat shirt that is a blue-green with the SAI(Scout Association of Ireland) emblem on the left breast and they have a group scarf. "Beavers wear their woggles(neckerchief slides) with each end of the neckerchief passing through if from different sides. This produces a sort of 'X' shape instead of the more usual 'Y' shape." (Cathcart, 1) The neckerchief is the same color for the Beavers, Cub Scouts and the Boy Scouts.

The Beaver Promise:

**" I promise to do my best to love God and to be a good
Beaver Scout."(Carthcart, 1)**

The Beaver Motto:

"Sharing, Sharing, Sharing"(Carthcart, 1)

The Cub Scout program is for boys and girls between the ages of eight and eleven. "It is open to all, regardless of race or creed, in accordance with the principles and methods conceived by our founder Robert Baden Powell."(SAI, 1)

The program emphasis is for the Cub Scout to work out for themselves and to learn by doing. They base the program as much as possible on the outdoors. The den usually meets once a week. The uniform is a green jumper, grey trousers and a group

scarf(neckerchief). If the Cub Pack is part of the Sea Scouts, then the program is based more on water activities.

Their uniform is a blue jumper, blue trousers and a group scarf(neckerchief).

The Cubs may earn the 'Q Cub' badge by participating in outdoor activities.

The requirements to earn the badge are: "Take part in eight outdoor activities(with an environmental content. Attend a weekend camp or hosteling weekend. If 75% of the Cub Scouts in a Pack earn the badge, the Pack is recognized as a Quality Pack"(SAI, 1 & 2)

Even though the Cub Scout Packs are different, the aims are the same for all units. The aims are to"further the physical, mental, social, and spiritual development of all its members."(SAI, 2)

The Cub Scout Promise:

**"I promise that I will do my best,
To do my duty to God and to my
Country,
To help other people and to keep the Cub
Scout Law." (SAI, 2)**

The Cub Scout Law:

**"Cub Scouts always do their best, think of
others before themselves and do a good
turn every day.(SAI, 2)**

The Cub Scout Motto:

"Do Your best."(SAI, 2)

We will fly back over the English Channel and go to the boot country(Italy).

In Italy there are two kinds of Cub Scouts, the Wolf Cubs were first for males only and was inspired by Rudyard Kipling's *Jungle Book*. The other is Ladybird Cub Scouts which was originally only for females. This program was inspired by C. Ruschi Dal's *Seven Black Points*. Both groups can now be co ed. The program is for girls and boys from the ages of eight to eleven.

In Italy there are three scout associations, the AGESCI(Italian Catholic Scout and Guide Association), the CNGEI(National Corps of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts) and the FSE(Italian Scout Federation).

Each unit is composed of between twenty and thirty boys and girls. They meet once a week and spend a weekend in the open once a month. Once a year they go to a seven to ten day camp. They stay in houses when they go to camp.

In the different associations, the ranks are different. In the CNGEI/FSE the cub is Simple Wolf - first Star Wolf - second Star Wolf. In the Ladybird Scouts or "Cocci" it is simple Ladybird- first Star Ladybird and second Star Ladybird. In the AGESCI the Cub is Law Wolf. Rock Wolf and Ancient Wolf. The "Cocci" is the Meadow Ladybird, Wood

Ladybird and the Mountain Ladybird. "Cocci is the diminutive of "Coccinella" that means Ladybird in Italian."(Scaccellati, 1)

"The AGESCI has a uniform for all ages. The badges are different. Wolf Cubs(Branco) wear celestial shirt, blue pants, green beret with six yellow lines and blue sweater. The Ladybirds have a red beret with seven black points. The CNGEI has a green uniform and the beret is the same as the AGESCI. The FSE has a green uniform for the boys and a celestial blue for the girls. The beret is the same".(Scaccellati, 2)

The unit that was originally for the girls is called Cerchio or Brownie Pack and they are called the Coccinelle or Ladybird. The unit that was for the boys is called Branco or Cub Pack and they are called Lupete.

The Promise for the AGESCI:

**"Prometto, con l'aiuto e l'esempio di fare mio meglio
-nel migliorare me stesso
-nel 'aiutare gli altri
-nel 'osservare la legge del Branco/Cerchio**

**I promise, with the help and the example of Jesus, to do my best:
-in ameliorating myself
-in helping the others
-in observing the law of the Pack."
(Scaccellati, 1 &2)**

The Law:

**"Il Lupetto e la Coccinella pensano
agli come a Se' stessi
Il Lupetto e la Coccinella vivono
gioia insieme al Branco/Cerchio**

**The Wolf and the Ladybird thinks
to the others like to themselves.
The Wolf and the Ladybird lives
with joy and loyalty together to the
pack."(Scassellati, 2)**

The Motto:

Our Best

**Our wonderful adventure into the World of Cub Scouting will continue in
Poland. The program is co ed. The boys and girls who are under seven are called 'Szkrczaty'
which means sometime like little one. They officially recognize the group through the male
side of the Scouting program. Girls run it but the boys are encouraged to attend.**

**"From ages seven to eleven the Scouts are called ' Zuchy' which means
obedient ones. The Scouts complete a grading which requires them to receive three stars.
The Scout can only receive one star a year. The Zuchy obey a five point oath and obtain
badges for various skills and talents."(m.v.a.suchocki:@reading.ac.uk)**

**Our journey will now take us to where Scouting began. We will go to the
United Kingdom. The program for girls and boys from six to eight is the Beaver Program.
In 1991, girls were admitted to the Beaver Scout Program. In 1996, was the first time that
Beavers were counted as members of the Scouting movement.**

The Beaver Scout wears a "simple uniform comprising of a turquoise or Group scarf with a maroon plastic woggle and normal cloths".(ScoutNet, 1)

The Beavers meet once a week. The group is called a colony and is made up of between twelve and eighteen youth. The maximum number for a colony is twenty-four.

The Beaver leaders are men and women between the ages of twenty and sixty five. The assistant leaders start at the age of eighteen.

The aim of the Beavers is to have fun and make friends.

Promise of Beaver Scouts: "I promise to do my best to be kind and helpful and to Love God."(ScoutNet, 1)

Motto of Beaver Scouts: "Fun and Friends"(ScoutNet, 1)

The Cub Scouts are boys and girls from ages eight to ten and a half. "The names of the Wolf and the Bear Baden Powell got from his friend Rudyard Kipling's *Jungle Book*. Baden-Powell could see stories in the *Jungle Book* as an ideal basis for character training. The stories encouraged an interest in nature and outdoor activities, appealed to the boys' love of romance and adventure and the characters had a strict code of behavior and loyalty, fair play and clean living which could well serve as a pattern for real life."(ScoutNet, 1)

The *Jungle Book* provided the background and the new handbook supplied the plan of action. The *Wolf Cubs Handbook* was first published in 1916.

In 1966 the Wolf Cubs name was changed to Cub Scouts. Cubmasters became Cub Scout Leaders.

Cub Scout Law: "Cub Scouts always do their best, think of others before Themselves and do a good turn every day."(ScoutNet, 3)

Cub Scout Promise: "I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to God and The Queen, to help other people and to keep the Cub Scout Law."(ScoutNet, 3)

We will now go on a very long trip. We are going to South America and see about the Cub Scout program in Brazil. At the beginning of the 1990's the program became co ed. The program is for boys and girls between the ages of six and a half and ten and a half. They are called "Labinhos" which means little wolves. The first graders are called Pat-a-tenra(soft pad); second graders are Primeira Estrela(first star); third graders are Segunda Estrela(second star) and the fourth graders are Cruzeiro do Sul(South Cross).

"It is important to know about the meaning of the star. In the middle of the Brazilian Flag, there is a copy of the sky during their Independence Day. In the center, you can see the South Cross, with its five stars. It is a very important symbol in Brazil and,

because of it Wolves earn their first, second, and all five stars during their time in Cub Scouts."(Reginatto, 2)

The Cubs can also earn an Environment, Conservation or Preservation Badge.

The Cub Scout Promise:

"Prometo fazer o melhor possivel para cumprir os meus deveres para com Deus e minha Patria, obedecer a Lei do Lobinho e fazer todos os dias uma boa acoa." (Reginatto,1)

"I promise to do my best to do my duty for God and my Country, to obey the Wolf's Law and to do every day a good action."(Reginatto, 1)

The Cub Scout Law:

**"O Lobinho ouve sempre os Velhos Lobos.
The Wolf always hears Old Wolves.
O Lobinho pensa primeiro nos outros.
The Wolf thinks in the other ones first.
O Lobinho abre os olhos e os ouvidos.
The Wolf opens the eyes and the ears.
O Lobinho e' limpo e esta' sempre alegre.
The Wolf is clean and always happy.
O Lobinho diz sempre a verdade.
The Wolf says always the truth."
(Reginatto, 1)**

Our journey will take us over Central America and most of North America to Canada.

The program for five to seven year olds is the Beaver Program. The program is optional for it being co ed. As in the United Kingdom, the Beavers meet in Colonies. The colonies are split into smaller groups called lodges. There is one leader for every five Beavers.

"The Beaver Program emphasizes having fun while encouraging children to feel good about themselves, their friends and family, God and nature."(Scouts Canada, 2)

The program also helps "children learn basic social skills and gain self confidence."(Scouts Canada, 2)

The Beaver Promise of Canada: "I promise to love God and help take care of the World."(Scouts Canada, 2)

The Beaver Law of Canada: "A Beaver has fun, works hard, and helps his family and friends."(Scouts Canada,2)

The Beaver Motto of Canada: "Sharing, Sharing, Sharing"(Scouts Canada,2)

As with the Beaver Program, the Cub Program is optional co ed. The program is for boys and girls ages eight to eleven. They build the program around a variety

of "games, crafts, music, storytelling, play acting, spiritual fellowship and the outdoors. The Cub program focuses around six activity areas: The Natural World, Outdoors, Creative Expression, Healthy Living, Home and Community, and Canada and the World. Individual interests and skills are recognized through simple awards."(Scouts Canada, 3)

The Cubs meet in a Pack and the Pack is made up of groups called Sixes.

There is one leader for every six Cubs. "Each Cub learns a promise, law and motto, to help guide their personal development."(Scouts Canada, 3)

The Wolf Cub Promise of Canada: "I promise to do my best to love and serve God,
To do my duty to the Queen;
To keep the law of the Wolf Cub pack, and
To do a good turn for somebody everyday."
(Scouts Canada, 3)

The Wolf Cub Law of Canada: "The Cub respects the Old Wolf,
The Cub respects himself/herself."
(Scouts Canada, 3)

The Wolf Cub Motto of Canada: "Do Your Best."(Scouts Canada, 3)

Our wonderful world of the Cub Scout journey is ending. Our last country we will visit is the United States.

In the United States, the program is for boys only. It is for boys in grades one through five or when a boy reaches the age of eleven. The boys in the first grade are Tiger

Cubs. They meet in a den with a guardian or parent per boy. They have seventeen Big Ideas that they can work on. They work on one Big Idea a month. An adult and the boy can choose for which Big Idea they would like to be responsible. They host the den meetings and plan the activities for that month. The Tigers attend the monthly pack meetings and can have a part in the meeting.

The uniform for the Tiger and the adult partner is an orange T-shirt with the Tiger emblem on the front of another shirt with the Tiger emblem ironed on. There are iron on Tiger Tracks that can be placed anywhere on the boy's shirt after the completion of a big idea. When the Tiger completes the first grade, there is a graduation ceremony for the boy to go into a den in the Pack. All the boys in the Tiger Cub den usually go together as a whole den.

The Tiger Cub Motto in the United States: "Search, Discover, Share"(Tiger Cub Guidebook, 6)

The Tiger Cub Promise in the United States: "I promise to love God, my family, and my country, and to learn about the world." (Tiger Cub Guidebook, 6)

In the Cub Scout program there are several dens that make up a pack. A den is usually made up of about eight boys. They meet once a week with at least two leaders.

The den leader has to be an adult at least twenty ones years of age. The assistant leader can be eighteen. The leaders can be male or female. The pack meets once a month and the leader at the pack meeting is called a Cub Master.

Any boy regardless of age has to earn the Bobcat Badge. There are five requirements that the boy must earn to receive the Bobcat Badge. The boys in the second grade or who are eight work on the Wolf Badge. "There are twelve achievements that involve simple physical and mental skills."(Cub Scout Leader Book, 130) The parent or guardian must approve each requirement by signing the boy's book. The den leader will keep a record of the boy's progress. When the boy has earned all twelve achievements, he then can receive his Wolf Badge. While the boy is working on the Wolf requirements, he can work on Electives. There are twenty two electives that he can earn. With the completion of ten elective projects, the Cub Scout can earn a Gold Arrow Point. With each ten electives after that, he can earn Silver Arrow Points. He can earn as many Silver Arrow Points that he can.

When the boy finishes the second grade or turns nine, he begins work on the Bear. "There are twenty-four Bear Achievements in four different categories. He must complete twelve of each to earn the Bear Badge."(Cub Scout Leader's Book, 130). The bear can also work on electives to earn arrow points. He can use some requirements from the twelve achievements that he did not use to earn the Bear Badge as electives.

With the words like Tiger, Wolf and Bear, we wonder when we can up with these names in the United States. We did not stray from Lord Baden Powell's use of Rudyard Kipling's *Jungle Book*. We stayed with the theme as so many other countries did.

When the boy finishes the third grade or turns ten, he goes into the Webelos Den. Webelos stands for We'll Be Loyal Scouts. The Webelos program is different from the Cub Program. In the Cub program the parent or guardian signs off on the finished requirements, the Webelos den leader signs off for completion of an activity. The boys begin to do more activities as a den and with the Boy Scouts and less with the den and parents. There are twenty activity badges. Eight of these badges the Webelos Scout is required to earn to receive the Webelos Badge and the Arrow of Light. The Webelos Program is a two year program. The first year, he earns his Webelos Badge. After he has earned his Webelos Badge, he may receive compass points for additional badges. The Arrow of Light Badge is the only badge that the boy can earn in the Cub Scout Program that he can wear on his uniform when he enters the Boy Scouts.

Cub Scout Promise in the United States:

**"I, (name), promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my Country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack."
(Cub Scout Leader's Book, 27)**

Cub Scout Law of the Pack:

**"The Cub Scout follows Akela
The Cub Scout Helps the pack go.
The Pack helps the Cub Scout grow.
The Cub Scout gives goodwill."
(Cub Scout Leader's's Book, 28)**

Cub Scout Motto in the United States:

**"Do Your Best."(Cub Scout Leader's
Book, 28)**

As our journey of Cub Scouting Around the World ends, we can see that there are many similarities in the Cub Scout Programs. Many kept with Baden Powell's concept of using the *Jungle Book* theme for names different ranks and by using a Law of the Pack. We saw in some countries that the program for the younger boys and some girls were called different things. In most of the British Colonies the first graders are Beavers but in Australia where they are Joeys.

We saw that most Cub Scout packs are made up of dens and that there are about six to eight Cub Scouts in a den. Some countries they were called Sixes instead of dens because they are made up of six boys or girls in each den.

The promise, law and motto in most of the countries are very similar. They all have duty to God, Country, others and self. Some countries instead of duty to Country

had duty to the Queen.

The major difference in all the countries is if the program was co ed or not. In the United States, we do not have a co ed program until the Exploring Program which is for the older youth.

We can see from this thesis the importance of learning about Cub Scouts in other countries. About every three years, there is a theme one month about customs or Scouting in other countries. We can see why the World Scout Emblem is an important emblem in the world and that it is a world wide recognized emblem. Hopefully our journey has been rewarding and that as a commissioner to Cub Scout Packs or as a Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner, you have increased your knowledge of Cub Scouting Around the World.

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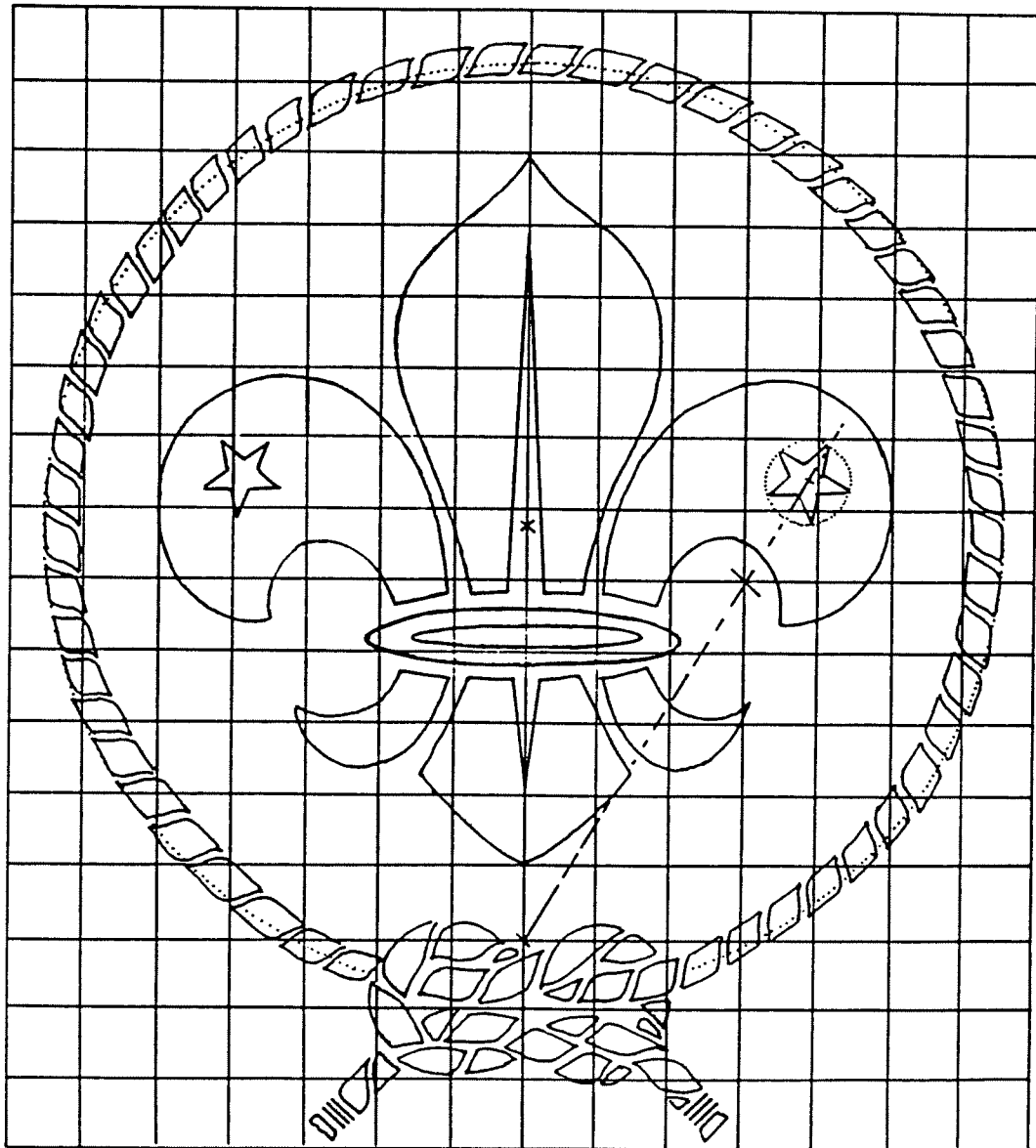
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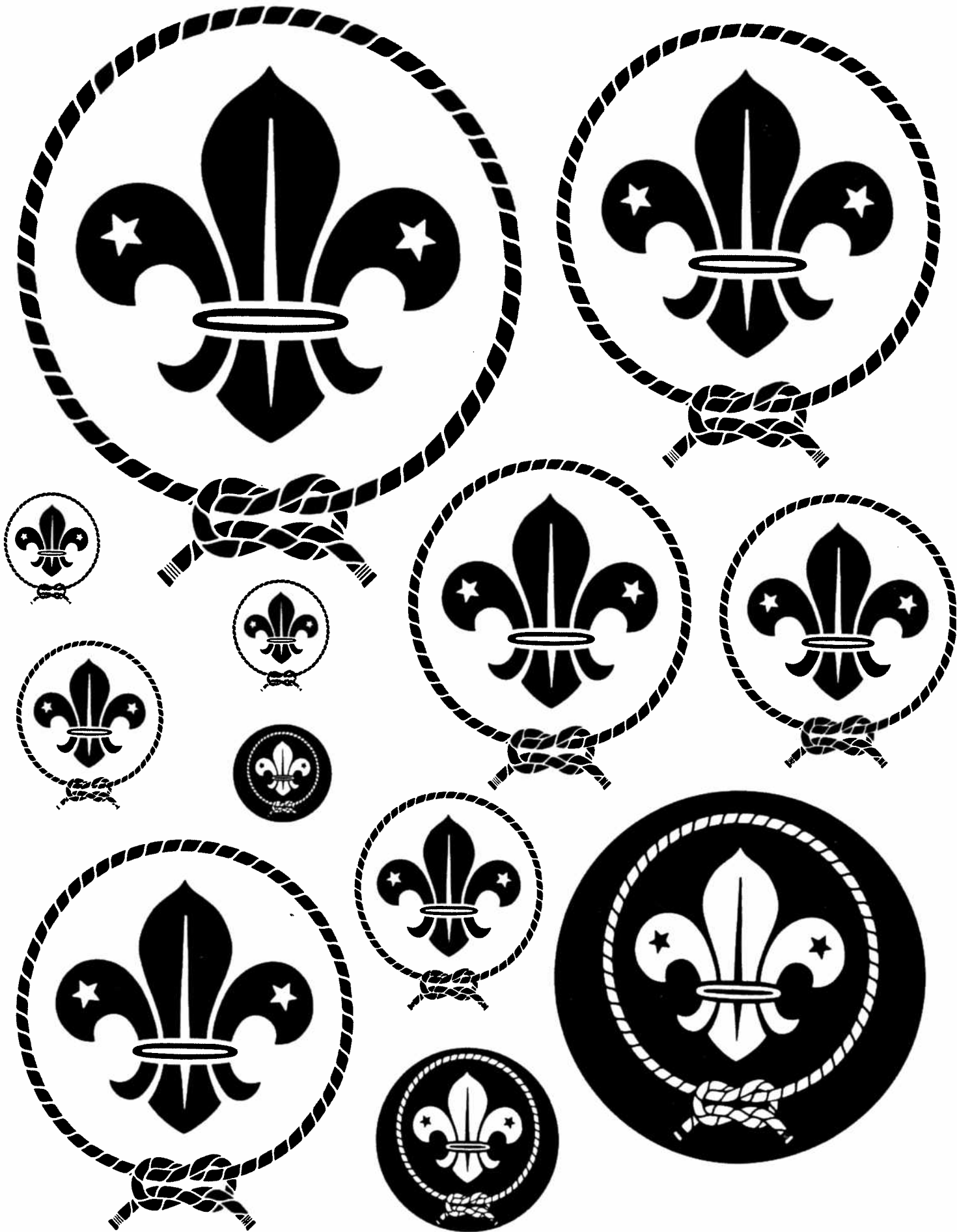
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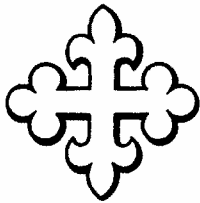


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