

<b>theme:</b>	<b>games people play</b>
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***Every four years a Jamboree is held in a different country around the world. B-P wanted to unite all the Scouts in friendship from around the world. Only Scouts can attend as they have a very far way to travel. But, we are going to hold our very own "Cuboree". Get ready for some fun!***

***Do you know that all the countries around the world have special games that they only play? Let's us find out more about them.***

### **Games:**

1. **Active:** Japanese Tag

As in all tag games, "it" pursues the other players and tries to touch them one at a time. When one has been touched, that Cub must keep their hand on the spot where he/she was touched (let's say the knee) and then chase after the others trying to tag them. His/her hand cannot be moved from the spot until he/she has tagged someone else!

2. **Relay:** Riding the Sleds in Canada

In Sixes Cubs line up. Each Six is given a large piece of cardboard. One Cub sits on the cardboard and the other Cub must pull the cardboard. Each Cub gets a chance to have a turn pulling and sitting.

3. **Revision:** Getting to the Jamboree

This is a fun game. Cubs line up in teams or Sixes. Chairs are placed on the opposite side of the hall and the "lightest" Cub must sit on the chair. One piece of rope is attached around the chair to start. As each Cub comes up, they will tie their piece of rope to the rope attached to the chair. Cubs continue to do this until it is a long piece which can be pulled by all the Cubs in that Six. Make sure the surface of the floor is smooth. Use a reef knot or a knot that all the Cubs know.

4. **Knotting revision:** Italian Spaghetti!

Cubs are given cooked spaghetti which can be used to tie knots. It is tricky to tie knots using spaghetti, but fun!

5. **Team:** Crossing the Rice Fields in China

Divide the Cubs into two teams (or more). When the leader calls, "rice", the first pair of each team forms a "wheelbarrow" and races across the "rice field" to the "river" (two parallel ropes on the floor). At the edge of the river, one player climbs on the other's back and is carried piggy back across the river. On the other bank, they change places for the return trip across the river and then wheelbarrow back to their team. The next pair goes.

6. **Relay:** Kangaroo Hop

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***Different countries have different things which they use often. Do you know what they are?***

**Sense training:**

1. **Touch:** What is it and where is it from?

Items from around the world are placed in a bag. The Cubs must use their hands to feel and say which country they are from. E.g.:

Vuvuzela – South Africa  
Kangaroo – Australia  
Boomerang – Australia  
Spaghetti – Italy  
Garlic – France  
Clogs – Holland/ The Netherlands  
Coffee beans – Brazil  
Clock – Switzerland  
Chocolate – Switzerland  
Pyramid – Egypt  
Etc. ...

Variation: If you can't find 'the real thing' then use pictures and turn it into a 'sight' game instead.

2. **Sight:** Find the missing picture

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***Chopsticks are used in some countries instead of knives and forks ...***

**Yarn:**

**THE LEGEND OF THE CHOPSTICKS (Story from Korea)**

In Korea there is a legend about a native warrior who died and went to heaven. "Before I enter," he said to the gatekeeper, "I would like you to take me on a tour of hell."

The gatekeeper found a guide to take the warrior to hell. When he got there he was surprised to see a great table laden with the most excellent foods. But the people in hell were starving.

The warrior turned to his guide and raised his eyebrows.

"It's like this," the guide explained. "Everybody who comes here is given a pair of chopsticks one and a half metres long and is required to hold them at one end to eat. But you just cannot eat with chopsticks that long if you hold them at one end. Look at them, they miss their mouths every time, see!?"

The warrior agreed that this was hell, indeed, and asked to be taken back to heaven straight away. In heaven, to his surprise, he saw a similar room with a similar table laden with very nice food. In fact, everybody looked radiantly happy.

The warrior turned to the guide. "No chopsticks, I suppose?" he said. "Oh yes," said the guide, "They have the same chopsticks, the same length, and they must be held at the end as well. But you see, these people have learned that if a man feeds his neighbour, his neighbour will feed him also."

**Often people from different countries around the world do things differently than we do, sometimes even the way they play games. Some games are the same all over the world, but others are different.**

### **Craft/Activity:**

1. **Activity:** Games Galore!

Bring along different board games – traditional or home-made – and sit the Cubs in smaller groups and get them to play some games. Try the traditional Egyptian game 'Mehen'. Instructions can be found here: <http://www.highlightskids.com/crafts/mehen-ancient-egyptian-game>

If you want to make your own unique board games, click on this link for some board game templates: <http://donnayoung.org/homeschooling/games/game-boards.htm>  
When you make your own, try and make them Cubbing specific!

2. **Handcraft:** Let's make music

Make a musical instrument which the Egyptians use. The template can be found in the *Activity Module: page 45*.

**Or**

Build a model of the Eiffel Tower using the construction kit model idea in the *Activity module: page 30*.

***There are lots and lots of songs from other countries ...***

### **Singing/Play Acting:**

1. **Singing:** Kookaburra from Australia

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree  
Merry, merry king of the bush is he  
Laugh kookaburra, laugh  
Kookaburra, gay your life must be  
Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree  
Eating all the gumdrops that he can see  
Stop, kookaburra, stop  
Kookaburra, leave some there for me  
Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree  
Chasing all the monkeys he can see  
Stop, kookaburra, stop  
Kookaburra, that's not a monkey, that's me!

A number of South African songs could also be added here.

- Sarie Mare
- Die Stem

2. **Playacting:** Free speech

***There is a place in Hyde Park in London called "Speakers Corner". It started in 1872 and promotes "free speech".***

Let's see what your Cubs have to say. Topics are written on pieces of paper and the Cubs who would like to stand up, can attempt talk about one of them.

Topics can include:

1. Today has been the worst day of my life!
2. Why did the milkman have to deliver sour cream this morning!
3. If my teacher only knew.....
4. My best friend is a monkey!
5. My life as an astronaut.

**OR**

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**Advancement covered:**

**Silver Wolf:**

*Knotting:* Knotting game/activity. **(Revision game)**

**Gold Wolf:**

*Healthy Mind:* Learn to play a board game. **(Activity)**