

Session 1

Preparation and Materials needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Materials needed for this session: Rope or yarn, large size craft sticks (50 sticks per scout), wood glue, “The six Boy Scout knots” sheets, hanging birdhouse instructions, peanut butter or Sunbutter, bird seed ✓ Have the attendance sheet out and ready ✓ Review the session to be prepared to lead the discussion. Do not read it to the scouts, be prepared ahead of time to smoothly lead the session.
Gathering	The six essential Boy Scout knots
Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Pick 2 scouts to hold the flag, 1 scout to lead the Oath; 1 scout to lead the Law. ✓ Ensure all of the scouts are focused and ready to begin
Talk Time	Review the recycle sheet in the Cub Scout booklet
Activity	Build a Birdhouse/feeder
Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Point out positive behaviors and activities shown during this session. ✓ Tell the scouts what next session will be. ✓ Have the scouts clean up the room
After the meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Enter the advancements per rank. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lion – Animal Kingdom 3 (homework) ○ Tiger – Backyard Jungle 4 ○ Wolf – Call of the Wild 2 ○ Bear – Bear Necessities 8 ○ Webelos – Build it (homework) ○ Arrow of Light – Build it (homework) ✓ Enter attendance ✓ Turn in any needed documents into the district/council ✓ Call, text, or e-mail 2 parents to share something positive about their scout. Make sure every scout has a positive comment before you return to these scouts.

Gathering: Knots

Give each scout several lengths of rope/yarn and craft sticks. Use the six essential Boy Scout knots sheet to have the boys practice the knots. Make sure the Wolves demonstrate how to tie an overhead knot and a square knot. The Bears should demonstrate a two half hitch knot and ask them what this type of knot is used for.

Visit the knots after making the bird house. Ask the boys to pick a knot they think will be best to hang a birdfeeder up with.

Talk Time: Help save energy, water, and protect the planet

Review the Recycle page in the Cub Scout Booklet. Talk about what is recycling.

Explain that we are going to make a bird house using material they would normally throw away (popsicle sticks) and that is reusing.

Activity: Build a Birdhouse/feeder

1. The instructions are in the Cub Scout Booklet. Help them review it.
2. Allow the scouts to explore other ways to be creative with building the bird house with the given material.

3. Ensure the scouts attach a string using a square knot to hang the house outside
4. Have the scouts smear some peanut butter or Sun butter on the inside of their birdhouse. The butter is used to glue bird seed inside the house during transport. Sprinkle the peanut butter with bird seed. Make sure to shake the bird house to knock loose seed out of the house before the scout leaves.

Closing:

- ✓ Point out positive behaviors and activities shown during this session.
- ✓ Tell the scouts what next session will be.
- ✓ Have the scouts clean up the room
- ✓ Give the Bears, WEBELOS and AOLS their homework sheets.