

Blue & Gold Banquet Meal Planning

Ideas borrowed from <http://lyndel.net/blueandgold/planningguide.pdf>

Blue & Gold Committee: It is suggested a committee meets separate from the Pack Planning Meeting to plan the details of the Banquet night. It may consist of some of the Pack Committee, Den Leaders, and (most important) Cub Scout parents. The committee should start meeting a few months in advance and may be invited to the Roundtable that focuses on February to get ideas.

Elements: Invitations, Decorations, Gathering Period, Opening Ceremony, Invocation, Songs, Dinner or just Dessert, Entertainment-Games-skits or stunts, Awards, Recognition of Leaders, Closing Ceremony

Include in the banquet program all of the regular pack meeting activities. Something different and special can be added. Most packs prefer to use entertainment from within their own group. Slide presentation of pack activities during the past year or den chiefs and leaders performing, as a change from the usual. Visiting entertainers, like magicians, clowns, puppet shows, or singing groups are frequently used. Avoid long speeches.

Guests to invite could include: COR, Chartered Organization Head, religious leader, Scoutmaster, Pack alumni, School principal, Council or District Scouts, Unit Commissioner

Dinner Options: Potluck, Food Committee (furnishing all or part of the food, paper products, etc.), Catered, or Restaurant/Cafeteria

Potluck Option: For a den of eight families, two families bring meat dishes, two bring vegetables, two bring salads, one brings dessert, one brings bread and beverages.

Dinner "Bar" Options: Potato Bar, Taco Salad Bar, Build-a-Sandwich, Pasta Bar, Hawaiian Haystacks Bar, Sundae Bar

Quantity Buying Table (Amounts to serve 25 people)

Baked beans - 4 qt. bowl	String beans - three No. 2 cans	Peas - five No. 2 cans
Potato salad - 1 qt. bowl	Mashed potatoes - 4 qt. bowl	Gelatin salad - 9X13 inch dish
Lettuce - three heads	Salad dressing - 1 pt. or ½ lb.	Catsup - Three 14-oz bottles
Swiss steak - 10 lbs.	Baked ham (boneless) - 8 lbs.	Meat loaf - 5 lb beef
Frankfurters - 7 lbs (2 ea)	Frying chicken - 40 pieces	Turkey - 18 to 20 lbs
Stuffing for poultry - 5 qts.	Rolls - 3 to 4 doz	Jelly - 1 ½ pts
Butter - ½ lb (32 servings)	Potato chips - 2 lbs	Punch - 2 gal (50 5-oz serv.)
Ice Cream - 1 gal.		

Fiesta (tacos, moustaches, red/yellow/green, words in Spanish, parrots, pinata)

Snoopy (dog houses, peanut's characters, stuffed dogs, dog biscuits/bowls)
Circus (Canopy, balloons, cotton candy, popcorn three rings, parade, aerial wire, juggling)
Monopoly (chance cards, jail, play money, house/hotels, properties, pawns)
Dalmations (Dogs, leashes, fire hydrant, classic car, spots)
Baseball (Positions, ball/bats, bases, diamond, stadium, scoreboard, pennants)
Football (Goalposts, pom-poms, yard markers, helmets, balls)
Olympics (Medals, trophies, theme music, 3x5' flags, award stands, torch, events, countries)
Music (Instruments, notes, albums, staff, music stands)
Indian Lore (Teepees, bows/arrows, artifacts, buffaloes, dream catchers, animal hides, drums, totem poles, horses, camp fires)
Trains (Station, models, luggage, tickets, conductor, sound effects, tracks)
Patriotic (Flags, eagles, bunting, campaigns, town crier, 1776, scroll)
Presidents (silhouettes, flags, buttons, slogans, band music, donkeys, elephants, quill pens)
Country Store (dry goods, candy jars, sacks, counter, prices, crates, lanterns)
Military (ranks, symbols, medals, uniforms, camouflage, targets)
Medieval (banners, armor, knights, castles, jousting, dragons)
Pirates (ships, treasure chests, skull/crossbones, eye patch, gold, maps, parrots, cannons)
School (Chalkboards, report cards, apples, rulers, alphabet, globes, playground, bell)
Western (cattle, brands, irons, campfires, chuck wagons, rail, fence, hay bales, wood wheel)
Kites/Balloons (baskets, sandbags, clouds, trees, scenery, various shaped kites)
Farms (barns, tractors, implements, haybales, silos, fences, animals, pies)
Jungle (Animals, trees, bushes, ferns, sound effects, hanging vines, Tarzan)
Luau (Palm trees, mats, low tables, pig roast, MuMus, leis, Hawaiian music, pineapples, coconuts, volcanoes, tikis, hula skirts, canoes, surfboards)
Oriental (origami, chopsticks, silk, characters, artifacts, videos, kimonos, hats)
Fish (Tissue fish, water/waves, streamers, underwater, reefs, corals, fishnets, lures, boats)
Send the Light (Lighthouses, rocks, waves, blinking lights, signal flags, Morse code)
Boys Club (club houses, "boys only" signs, make baking contest)
Outer Space (Rockets, stars, planets, aliens, spacesuits, moon rocks, mission control panel)
Around the World (Countries, Cub promise in other languages, flags, costumes, songs)
Disney (characters, movie posters, pictures from color books, tiny toys from fast food meals)
Southwest (Pueblos, Native American symbols, music, desert, cactus, canyons, sunsets)
Occupations (teaching, healing, building, flying, growing)
Bees (Hives, honey, clover, flowers, clothes, honeycomb)
Highways (road maps, cars, traffic signs, billboards, gas station, roads made of black paper)
Computers (function keys, stylized letters, continuous paper, disks, terms, monitors, binary)
Noah's Ark (Ark, animals, rainbow, dove, water, raindrops)
Birdhouses (birds, branches, nests, sound effects, twig, birdseed, birdbaths, bird feeders)
Library (books, stands, shelves, carts, titles, magazines, card catalogue, Dewey Decimals)
Magic (plastic top hats with popcorn, magic wands, magic show by kids, Den Chiefs, leaders)
In The Bag (Everything is put in a bag: preopener, awards, craft, game, dinner - each ingredients in a plastic bag, all put into a paper bag)