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A Scout in a yellow shirt and blue shorts is climbing a rope, with a blue rope and a blue knot visible.

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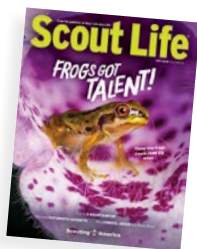
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Welcome to Scouting! I'm Scout, and I'm a maileagle. What's a maileagle? I'm an eagle that hauls the mail, of course!

Scouting is a blast! You'll have fun hanging out with your friends and making new ones. **You can learn to tie knots,**

set up a tent and provide first aid. You can cook a meal outdoors, go on a hike, and visit your local police and fire stations.



Your parents will have fun too, whether they're helping you make a Pinewood Derby car or volunteering on a campout. Share this with them.

One superfun part of Scouting is reading *Scout Life* magazine. In fact, this magazine is a pocket-size version of *Scout Life*! **You can get *Scout Life* mailed to you 10 times a year** so you can see all

the cool stuff you can do in Scouting. It also has lots of games, jokes and comics, plus they even let me answer readers' letters!

Ask your parents to subscribe to *Scout Life* today by going to go.scoutlife.org/minimag26 or scanning the QR code on the right. They'll even get a special introductory price.



So come on in and join all the *Scout Life* fun. Our next meeting is right around the corner!



(These footprints — talon prints! — are my official autograph!)



WORDS BETWEEN FRIENDS



S O M

THE FRIEND PICTURED ABOVE.

A

ADD AN E TO THE END.

M

CHANGE THE FIRST LETTER TO SPELL THE OPPOSITE OF WILD.

T O O E

CHANGE THE M TO A T AND ADD AN S IN THE MIDDLE.

S

CHANGE THE FIRST LETTER TO SPELL ANOTHER WORD FOR TRASH.

W

DROP THE E AND CHANGE THE A TO SPELL THE OPPOSITE OF EAST.

T

ADD A Y TO SPELL THE NAME OF THE FRIEND BELOW!



T O G R

THE FRIEND PICTURED ABOVE.

A

TAKE OFF THE T AND R AND CHANGE ONE LETTER TO SPELL A WORD THAT TELLS HOW OLD YOU ARE.

C

CHANGE ONE LETTER TO SPELL THE NAME OF A TYPE OF PLAYING CARD.

E

CHANGE ONE LETTER TO SPELL A VERY COLD WORD!

C

CHANGE ONE LETTER TO SPELL A WORD THAT DESCRIBES A FROZEN CONDITION.



I O O

REMOVE THE MIDDLE LETTER AND REPLACE WITH TWO LETTERS THAT ARE THE SAME TO NAME THE FRIEND HOLDING THE SIGN!

P E W E

THE FRIEND PICTURED ABOVE.

E

CHANGE THE P TO A B, AND TAKE OFF "WEE."

E C W

ADD A 3-LETTER WORD THAT CROWS SAY.

B O O W

REPLACE THE SECOND E WITH A C.

E O A

TAKE OFF THE W AND SMOOSH IT ALL TOGETHER TO GET THE NAME OF THE FRIEND BELOW!



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MY FIRST CAMPING ADVENTURE

The first week I joined Scouting,  I immediately  went to Scout camp.  I had never been to a single campout until that day. I would've never expected to have a  good time.

We had a great time  hiking, cooking  and  swimming in the lake. We all  bonded, and I got to know everyone better. The campfire  was my favorite part. We all  laughed and told stories.  I am so happy I had this experience. — Wyatt B., Farmers Branch, Texas

Has anything exciting happened to you lately?

If you have had an adventure and are under 18, write about it and send it to Readers' Page, Scout Life, S308, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079, or via the e-form at scoutlife.org. You will receive this Official Contributor patch if we print your submission.



LET'S
LOOK AT
**NATIONAL
PARKS**



The National Park Service was created in 1916. It protects more than 84 million acres of parks so everyone can enjoy them.



The largest national park is Wrangell-St. Elias in Alaska. It covers 13.2 million acres but has only about 75,000 visitors each year.



Yellowstone was the **FIRST NATIONAL PARK IN THE U.S.**



Some of North America's highest waterfalls are in California's Yosemite National Park, with Yosemite Falls at 2,425 feet tall and Ribbon Fall at 1,612 feet tall.

Mammoth Cave National Park in Kentucky has the longest cave system in the world. It's more than 400 miles.

Nice!

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NATIONAL PARKS ARE A GREAT PLACE TO CAMP.

Always check with the
park ahead of time to learn
about their rules, and
remember to Leave No Trace.

Watchman Campground in
Zion National Park, Utah

Find your way through
the maze to the park.

FINISH

START

THERE ARE 433
NATIONAL PARKS
IN THE UNITED

STATES. This includes
national battlefields,
monuments, scenic trails
and more.

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Nearly 5 million people visit the Grand Canyon each year.

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MAZE ANSWER:



A Cub Scout high-fives Spider-Man as he leaves the campfire program.

Cherokee Scout Reservation staff dress as superheroes and reward Cub Scouts with patches after camp activities.

Aquaman makes a surprise appearance.

Spider-Man moves down the climbing tower to "award" Cub Scouts with the power of wall-crawling and bravery.

**SUPERHEROES HELP
CUB SCOUTS BE SUPER AT CAMP.**

By Michael Freeman

Matt Vorys and other Bear Scouts worked on water rescues in Cherokee Scout Reservation's swimming area. Learning these important skills for the Salmon Run Adventure helps Cub Scouts become strong, heroic swimmers.

After Matt was done, he saw someone come out of the water. A camp staffer dressed as comic book superhero Aquaman came to praise the Cub Scouts.

"Aquaman was awesome," says the 8-year-old Bear Scout from Pack 244 of Greensboro, North Carolina. "He swam from under the dock. He gave us a fancy trident."

Aquaman was not the only superhero to visit the Cub Scout overnight camp in North Carolina. Captain America, Spider-Man, Black Panther and Captain Marvel all showed up to help Cub Scouts with adventures and have fun.

A Super Camp

Many Cub Scout camps have themes. One summer, Cherokee's was "Heroes, Assemble!" Stations were set up — one for swimming, one for archery, and some for adventures and games. At many of the stations, superheroes rewarded Cub Scouts with "superpowers."

"Archery was pretty fun because I got to practice on my aim," Matt says. "I got 'speed' from the Flash at the archery range."

Cub Scouts showed off their "superpowers" at game stations. They tossed flying discs shaped like Captain America's shield, put on oversized Hulk hands to smash paper cups, shot Silly String at the web-shooting station and threw Thor's hammer at targets.

"It was like I was the God of Thunder," says Carter Flack, 7, a Wolf Scout from Pack 36 of Mebane, N.C.

What an Adventure

Camp was not only about games. Working on adventures also means learning life skills, like what to do when a toilet is overflowing. There is no bathroom superhero, so the camp invented one: Dr. Flush, who gave Webelos Scouts the power to "flush away" bad guys.



With the "Hulk Smash" game, players have a time limit to crush as many cups as they can.

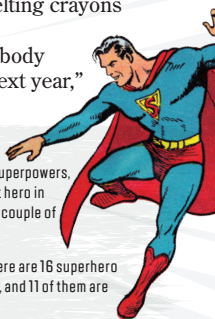
Cub Scouts also learned about fishing, first aid and more. Arrow of Light Scouts did their best at playing Spider-Man on the climbing wall.

The Cub Scouts made crafts at camp too. They built balloon-powered hovercrafts and made "Infinity Stones" by melting crayons into molds.

Camp had it all, and everybody loved it. "I'm excited about next year," Matt says. ✦

SUPER FACTS

- Superman, the first comic superhero with superpowers, first appeared in 1938. But he wasn't the first hero in print. The Phantom and the Clock came out a couple of years before the Man of Steel.
- A lot of people love Marvel characters! There are 16 superhero movies that have earned more than \$1 billion, and 11 of them are Marvel films.
- Here are some museums all about superheroes: the Comic-Con Museum in San Diego, California; the Hall of Heroes Superhero Museum in Elkhart, Indiana; and the Toy and Action Figure Museum in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.



A Cub Scout throws Thor's hammer, trying to knock over as many stacked blocks as possible.

the Ultimate Finish

When it comes to painting your Pinewood Derby car, you have lots of options. Here's one way to make that block of wood look as smooth as steel. *By Robert Schleicher*

Sandpaper and paint can turn a block of wood into a sleek Pinewood Derby racer. The trick is using the right materials and allowing plenty of time.

For this project you'll need help from a trusted adult, along with:

- Coarse, medium and fine-grit sandpaper
- Liquid sanding sealer (sold at hobby shops)
- Enamel paint
- Decals or self-stick numbers (sold at stationery stores or hobby shops)
- Clear gloss paint
- Floor wax paste

Don't wait until the last minute! For best results, you'll need to start at least a week or two before the race.

Begin by wrapping sandpaper around a block of wood 1 inch by 3

inches. Without a block of wood for support, sandpaper can leave dips and gullies in the pinewood body.

Round the corners of the pinewood with coarse sandpaper. Change to medium-grit paper for smoothing rough edges. Finish with fine sandpaper to remove any sanding marks.

Hide the Grain

Just painting the pinewood won't hide the wood's grain. Apply two coats of liquid sanding sealer. Let the sealer dry overnight before sanding it lightly with fine-grit paper.

If the grain still shows, apply two more coats of sealer. Let it dry overnight and sand again. Repeat the process until the grain disappears.

Choose a color for your racer. Then apply two to three coats of enamel paint to the pinewood body. Spraying the model with paint from an aerosol can is easier than using a brush.

If you use a brush, dip only the lower third of the brush into the paint. Use single, smooth strokes instead of dabbing the paint on the model. Blend the strokes so they can't be seen.

Pick a Number

Place a race number on the car. Seal and protect it by spraying the entire model with clear gloss paint. Some clear paints might make the numbers curl. To make sure yours works, test it on a decal or number stuck to scrap plastic before spraying your racer.

Let the clear paint dry for at least a week. Then cover the model with floor wax paste and polish to a high gloss. The wax will protect the car and help give your racer the look of shining steel. ✦



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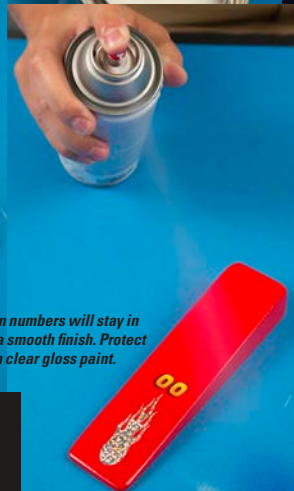
1. Wrap sandpaper around a block of wood for support. The block will help prevent lumps and bumps.



2. Hide the wood's grain with at least two coats of sanding sealer. Let the sealer dry overnight.



3. Apply paint with long, smooth strokes for a seamless finish. Dabbing paint causes splotches.



4. Stick-on numbers will stay in place on a smooth finish. Protect them with clear gloss paint.

Just Do Your Best

This project requires help from an adult and lots of time and patience.

Of course, you can always just paint your car with one layer of paint from your local hobby store. It takes only a few minutes, and it still looks great.

The important thing is to have fun and do your best.



5. Apply floor wax and polish.

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**They
Saved Their
Dad From
A Fire!**

CaDance Church, 15, her brother LyRic, 14, and their dad were loading their all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) onto a trailer after a day of riding in Fayette Spring, Utah, when they heard their dad yell.

I'M ON FIRE!



Mr. Church's jacket had traces of gasoline from a spill earlier that day, and a spark from an ATV engine ignited it.



Acting quickly, CaDance and LyRic pushed their dad to the ground and began scooping snow and sand onto the fire until it was out.



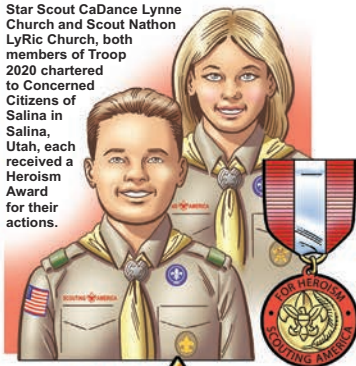
The pair saw that their dad had suffered severe burns and needed immediate medical attention.



CaDance called their mom, who met them in the emergency room of a nearby hospital. Mr. Church sustained second- and third-degree burns, but CaDance and LyRic's fast actions saved their dad's life.



Star Scout CaDance Lynne Church and Scout Nathan LyRic Church, both members of Troop 2020 chartered to Concerned Citizens of Salina in Salina, Utah, each received a Heroism Award for their actions.



"Scouts In Action" subjects come from the National Court of Honor. If you know of an act of heroism that should be recognized, contact your local council office for a lifesaving or meritorious award application. Note: Consult approved safety guidelines, as actions depicted here may not precisely follow standard procedures.

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Isaac: What's a sea monster's favorite snack?
Jacob: Tell me.
Isaac: Ships and dip.

— Isaac S., Irvine, California



OSCAR: What's a car's least favorite type of ice cream?

SAMMY: What?

OSCAR: Rocky road.

Oscar S., Beaverton, Oregon

Mariano: Which country's capital has the fastest-growing population?
Haley: Tell me.

Mariano: Ireland. Every day it's Dublin!

Mariano A., Lincoln, Nebraska

TEACHER: Johnny, please use the word "winsome" in a sentence.

JOHNNY: You winsome and you lose some.

John D., Johnstown, Pennsylvania

TOM: What set the campfire's heart ablaze?

JOSH: I don't know. What?

TOM: It found its perfect match.

Tom H., Chicago, Illinois



CARMEN: Where do cats go swimming?

YARA: Where?

CARMEN: The kitty pool.

Carmen, Chicago, Illinois

Ashley: Why was the Scout doing figure eights?

Sarah: Tell me.

Ashley: Because he needed to do a Good Turn daily.

Ashley L., Greensboro, North Carolina

WILLIAM: What's blue and doesn't weigh much?

EMMA: What?

WILLIAM: Light blue.

William R., Katy, Texas

MARGARET: Which planet does an astronaut sleep on?

RAYA: I'm stumped.

MARGARET: Neptune.

Margaret T., Paxton, Massachusetts



Ajay: Why did the hockey player bring rope to the game?

Jax: I don't know.

Ajay: To tie the score.

Ajay J., Fremont, California

A MAN TAKES HIS SICK CHIHUAHUA TO THE VET. A Labrador retriever comes in, sniffs the dog and leaves. Then a cat enters, stares at it for a while and leaves. The vet returns and hands over a \$250 bill.

The man says, "\$250? I was here only 20 minutes!"

"That's right," says the vet. "\$100 for the lab test and \$150 for the cat scan."

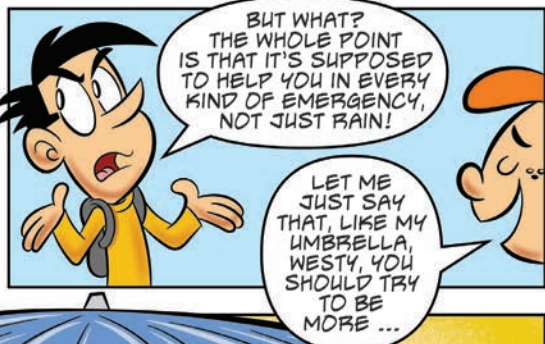
Remy W., Colorado Springs, Colorado



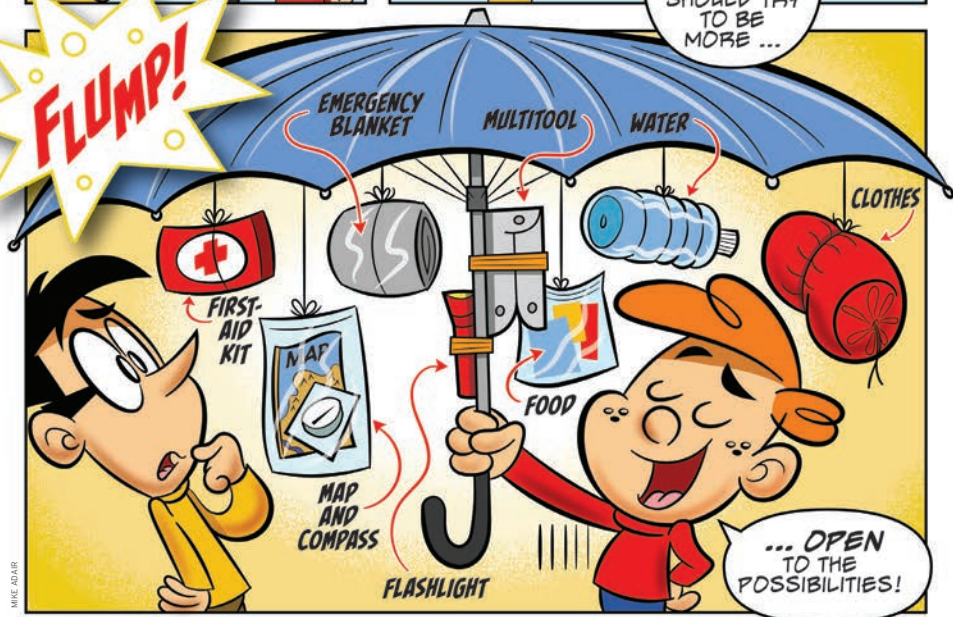
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