



Old Baldy Council PACK 730 SCOUT NEWS



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Music Magic

Cub Scouts will get their vocal cords humming and their instruments strumming in a musical extravaganza! Learn to sing a variety of styles like pop, country, or barbershop. Work on the Academics belt loop or pin in Music. Learn the history of a particular song or songs or learn about the various musical instruments. Why not use odds and ends to make your own instruments and accompany the choir!

Origins of Music

Music may satisfy many needs for humans today, but where did it all begin?



Perhaps it all began with the dancing, drumming and chanting at religious ceremonies. Such rituals seem to stretch back towards the beginning of human consciousness. But, in the end, there is no way we can ever know for certain.

Music has a long and complex history. It may predate language (and certainly predates the written word) and is found in every known culture, past and present, varying wildly between times and places.

A culture's music is influenced by all other aspects of that culture, including social and economic organization, climate, and access to technology. The emotions and ideas that music expresses, the situations that music is played and listened to in, and the attitudes toward music players and composers all vary between regions and periods.

The development of music among humans occurred against the backdrop of natural sounds. It was, in all probability, influenced by birdsong and the sounds other animals use to communicate.

Whatever its origins, music is one of the most important ways we have of giving expression to - and creating - emotion. Love, of course, and our wonder at the natural world, all these feelings can be expressed through music.

The Eagle & Native Americans

Most all Native American Indian Peoples attach special significance to the Eagle and its feathers. Images of eagles and their feathers are used on many tribal logos as symbols of the Native American Indian. To be given an Eagle feather is the highest honor that can be awarded within indigenous cultures.

Both Bald and Golden Eagles (and their feathers) are highly revered and considered sacred within American Indian traditions, culture and religion. They are honored with great care and shown the deepest respect. They represent honesty, truth, majesty, strength, courage, wisdom, power and freedom. As they roam the sky, they are believed to have a special connection to God.

According to traditional American Indian beliefs, the Creator made all the birds of the sky when the World was new. Of all the birds, the Creator chose the Eagle to be the leader... the Master of the Sky.

When one receives an Eagle feather, that person is being acknowledged with gratitude, love and ultimate respect. The keeper of an Eagle feather makes a little home where the feather will be kept safely and protected. It should be hung up within one's home, not placed in drawers or cupboards.

Eagle feathers were awarded to Indian Braves, warriors and Chieftains for extreme acts of valor and bravery. These feathers were difficult to come by, and were earned one at a time. Many dancers use Eagle feathers as part of their dance regalia. The Creek and Cherokee have an Eagle Dance.

Regardless of where or how an Indian Brave accumulated Eagle feathers, he was not allowed, according to Tribal Law, to wear them until he won them by a brave deed. He had to appear before the Tribal Council and tell or reenact his exploit. Witnesses were examined and, if in the eyes of the council, the deed was thought worthy, the Indian Brave was then allowed to wear the feathers in his hair or Indian Headdress or Indian War Bonnet.



The American Indian holds the Eagle in the highest regard, and has a true "heart and soul desire" to keep it flying healthy and free for many generations to come.



*Next Pack Meeting
Cubs In The Future*

How will Cub Scouts celebrate the blue and gold banquet in the year 2106? What vehicle will take them? Will the stars be their guides? Make models of these new forms of transportation, a home or school of the future. Create designs for future Cub Scout uniforms and awards. Build an exhibit of model campsites on a distant planet.

*Welcome to Our Pack!
Scouts Who Joined Our Pack*

Joseph Ford – Golden Eagles
Charles Ford – Tiger



What's Going On?

All of the dens have been getting back into the "swing" of things after the holidays. Everyone is working hard on preparing for the upcoming Blue and Gold banquet along with continuing their progress towards rank.

Welcome Our New Leader!

Karl Ford has graciously taken the position of Tiger leader. He has been not only a Den Leader but a Cubmaster in the past and brings much enthusiasm and expertise to our pack! Welcome to Pack 730.

Pack Calendar

Jan 25 Committee Meeting
7:30 PM It's a Grind

Feb 4 BALOO
8:30AM – 4:30PM 301Scout House,
Grove & 4th, Ontario

Feb 5 Scout Sunday

Feb 13 Pack Meeting
7:30 PM Mt. Calvary

Feb 15 Committee Meeting
7:30 PM It's a Grind

Feb 26 Blue & Gold Banquet
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM Mt. Calvary

Mar 3-5 Webeloree
Firestone Scout Reservation Camp

Mar 12 Raingutter Regatta
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM Mt. Calvary

Cubmaster Final Thought

TRADITIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN PRAYER

Oh Great Spirit,
Whose voice I hear in the wind,
Whose breath gives life to the world,
Hear me!
I come to you as one of your many children.
I am small and weak.
I need your strength and wisdom.
May I walk in beauty.
Make my eyes behold the red and purple sunset.
Make my hands respect the things that you have made,
And my ears sharp to hear your voice.

Make me wise so that I may know the things
That you have taught your children--
The lessons that you have hidden in every leaf and rock.
Make me strong, not to be superior to my brothers,
But to be able to fight my greatest enemy: myself.
Make me ever ready to come to you with straight eyes, So
that when life fades as the faded sunset
My spirit will come to you without shame.

