

Hosting a Blue and Gold



Discussion Topics

- What is a Blue and Gold Banquet?
- Volunteers and B&G Committee
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- Activities and Entertainment
- Food
- Awards and Crossover
- Resources



What is a **Blue** and **Gold** banquet?

- Celebrating the founding of Cub Scouts on February 8th, 1910. It is a birthday party!!
- Brings families together for an evening of fun!
- It can be used to recognize the scouts achievements as well as to thank your leaders.
- It can just be a pack meeting with songs, skits and awards.
- It can be a banquet with food, entertainment and activities.
- A chance to reflect on your pack's activities over the past year with a video or slideshow.

Volunteers or B&G Committee

- Appoint a chair for running the B&G
- Consider forming a committee for the B&G
- Recruit volunteers and assign jobs
 - Food/Kitchen
 - Decorations
 - Awards
 - Desserts
 - Entertainment/Activities
- Cubmaster or Committee Chair as Emcee
- Include den leaders and other parents



Planning

- Pick your date
- Schedule a venue
- Schedule time for setup, start and **ending**
- Pick a theme
- Decide what activities and/or entertainment
- Determine who is doing what
- Awards, crossover or other scouting activity
- Determine Budget
 - Pack provided, fee or donations



Themes

- Western
- Middle Ages / Knights
- SciFi / Star Wars
- Magic / Harry Potter
- Camping / Scouts
- Carnival / Circus
- Google & Pinterest
- Scout Appropriate



Activities and Entertainment

- Magician
- Balloon Animals
- Carnival Games
- Speaker (ex. famous former pack member)
- Special Guest (ex. knight or 501st)
- Demonstration (ex. western guns or medieval swords)
- Keep it fun for the scouts!



Food

- Main Course, “the meats”
- Potluck
- Keep it simple as an option
 - Hot dogs, chips, popcorn, etc.
- Cake and Desserts
- Beverages
- Themed plates, utensils, cups, etc.



Awards and Crossover

- Rank advancement
- Other pack awards
- Avoid the award bags
- Adult awards, appreciation and recognition
- Crossover
 - Schedule Order of the Arrow
 - Allow plenty of time or consider a separate event
- Troop Court of Honor



Resources

- Pinterest
- Google
- District Roundtable
- Vince's Arrows for Crossover
- Pontiac Chapter Order of the Arrow or pontiac@nishakittan.org



Questions?