

Proposal - Baloo's Amazing Urban Jungle Quest

Summary

This is a proposal for an exciting new Cub activity this summer (?). This is an adventure that takes Cubs around Canberra on an adventure quest. Cubs scour the city by foot, and various other means of transport looking for clues and surprises – put the clues together, collect information in a travel log book, and solve the secret to the quest.

Proposal

The Cubs will go on a quest. The quest involves small groups of Cubs with leaders travelling to various locations around Canberra, by foot in a small area of downtown, and by ACTION bus. Other means of transport are possible. Expected stops will be well known and little known tourist sites and locations of historical interest. There will be skill and surprise challenges at different locations, and the Cubs will earn clues. Put the clues together and get back to base to discover the secret of the quest!

This idea for this quest came out of the success of similar contests at the last two Ottawa region Cub camps – both were big hits. In our case, the quest starts at a location with easy access and lots of free parking. Everyone meets there and the intention is for the Cubs to go out in small groups with leaders. Each group will be provided with instructions, hints, and day passes for the bus. It will start about 9am and should take no more than 3 – 3½ hours to complete.

The quest instructions will lead Cubs on an amazing search from location to location. At some locations there will be Scouters with activities and challenges to complete. At other stops there will be questionnaires to complete. All the challenges and solutions give clues to the final solution. Rendezvous back at the start – the heart of the urban jungle.

If designed correctly, Cubs can have a lot of fun, learn cool stuff, try various modes of transport, and do all the requirements for a Local History badge.

The Log Book

Each Cub is given a log book to use during the adventure. Cubs should record times, transport taken, duration and types of events, results, clues, etc. At the end the complete record in the log book should contain all the information to complete the Local History Badge, as well as having enough clues to guess the answer to the quest.

Uniform

This is a uniform event. Besides being great advertising for a vibrant, fun, and relevant youth organization the uniform will be necessary as identification for entry to some activities.

Lunch

Cubs should provide their own lunch, water, and a day pack to carry them in. There may also be other items that need to be carried...

Need to Organize

- find activities, routes, etc.
- organize museum(s) for visits and set up work sheet - pre-paid admission for uniforms
- three historical sites - worksheets
- bus passes, schedules, and agreement in principle from ACTION
- challenge activities - equipment, locations, staffing them
- need a library to host the research portion (Old Parliament House?)
- additional modes of transport would be good - can we get boat(s) to ferry Cubs across a lake? bicycles to borrow? Skateboards/scooters? Horses? Cars/trucks? 4WD?
- the Quest - what are the clues, what is the answer?
- groups of four-six Cubs with a leader plus helper accompanying? Equalizes different pack sizes, easier to organize activities for known group sizes.
- need log books, kit lists

Local History Badge

One of the ideas of the Urban Jungle Quest is to enable the Cubs to earn their Local History Badge. These are the requirements as they pertain to the Quest, and a brief idea of how the Cubs will meet each requirement.

1. List ten milestones in Scouting, starting with the beginning of the movement.
As challenges are completed, milestone cards are handed out. These can be read and saved in the log book. Challenges include:
 - test of Cub skills - knot tying, compass reading, etc.
 - mental challenges - how do we...?
 - physical challenges - skip rope, catch a ball, hold breath the longest, etc.
 - observation challenges - can you find the...?
 - drawing skills - sketching from nature

Some sample milestones are attached to this document.

2. Visit a local museum and complete a worksheet.
Choose a local museum and have pre-prepared worksheets to complete. Cubs answer a series of questions based on the information available in the museum.

Clues could also be hidden in the museum (with the agreement of the museum, of course.)
3. Visit historical landmarks and list information as to their origin.
Cubs visit three historical sites and find answers for a pre-prepared worksheet.

As in the museum clues could also be hidden.
4. Visit a public library and research the history of a major historical event.
Stop in a library, and using preselected books answer questions on a major event.

Volunteers

This is a volunteer-heavy event. Besides appropriate chaperones for each group, Each stop will require at least one adult to run/supervise/monitor the activity at that stop.

Volunteers will also be the best source of activities – we can use our connections in the community to identify activities (a fire engine ride?), to gain us admission to sites, and to ensure the entire event is well-publicized.

Is this the kind of activity that Rovers and Venturers might want to assist with?

What's Next?

Finding a group of adults prepared to brainstorm. We need to flesh out this simple concept with details – activities, clues, etc.

Choosing a time for the event and getting a time line in place.

Contacting local organizations to arrange visits, modes of transport, etc.

Maximizing the PR value of having Cubs wandering the city (taking advantage of the key, perhaps?)

We need someone (a Cub?) to design the activity badge.

Lots of other stuff....

What Can I Do?

Contact me – there is a section on the main page of the web site (www.geocities.com/scouter_bill) where I can be contacted.

I'll plan on the first brain storming session late in September, and will get the initial volunteers together at that time to start fleshing out the program. Come with ideas, contacts, and a sense of adventure!

Milestones of World Scouting

#	Year	Event
1	1857	- February 22, Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell born in Paddington, London England.
2	1907	- Baden-Powell's experimental camp, Brownsea Island, England, August 1-9.
3	1908	- "Scouting for Boys" published. Boy Scouts office opened in London.
4	1916	- Cub section started. "Wolf Cub's Handbook" published.
5	1920	- Baden-Powell acclaimed Chief Scout of the World. - First world census: 1,019,205 members in 31 countries. - Venture Scouts started (Rovers). - 1st World Jamboree, Olympia, London, England. 8,000 Scouts from 34 countries represented at the roll call. The location was a huge glass-roofed building covering six acres. The concrete floor had to be covered with earth for competitions. Some non-Scout participants: an alligator from Florida, a baby crocodile from Jamaica, a lioness cub from Rhodesia, monkeys from South Africa, a baby elephant, a camel. Baden-Powell acclaimed the Chief Scout of the World. He said, "If it be your will, let us go forth from here fully determined that we will develop, among ourselves and our boys, a comradeship through the worldwide spirit of the Scout brotherhood, so that we may help to develop peace and happiness in the world and goodwill among men."
7	1929	- Baden-Powell given peerage; takes title Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell. - 3rd World Jamboree, Birkenhead, England. 50,000 participants. - 5th World Scout Conference, Birkenhead, England. 33 national Scout organizations represented.
7	1941	- Death of Baden-Powell, January 8.
8	1950	- World membership reached 5 million in 50 countries.
9	1959	- 17th World Scout Conference, New Delhi, India. 35 national Scout organizations represented. - 10th World Jamboree, Mt. Makiling, Philippines. 12,203 participants from 44 countries present. Theme: "Building Tomorrow Today". Half a million visitors in one day. "The Bamboo Jamboree", a nipa palm and Bamboo City. The meeting of Occident and Orient; a revelation to both. The Filipino smile was unforgettable. In view of weather conditions at previous Jamborees, French Scouts, well prepared for all contingencies, marched past giving a splash of colour in yellow raincoats. A World Jamboree is not really the arena for shows or campfires. The real Jamboree takes place in the hearts of Scouts from many lands.
10	1971	- 23rd World Scout Conference, Tokyo, Japan. 71 national Scout organizations represented. - World Organization membership passes 100 member countries. - 13th World Jamboree, Asagiri Heights, Japan. 23,758 participants from 87 countries. Theme: "For Understanding". Many varied activities in camp made colourful by oriental decor set against the background of Mount Fuji. Perfect weather at the start and finish, but Jamboree No. 13 is remembered for the typhoon in the middle. Owing to the severe flooding of some sub-camps, 16,000 Scouts had to be evacuated for 48 hours. Excellent emergency plans by the Japanese Scouts and unforgettable hospitality by temporary hosts.
11	1982-3	- Year of the Scout - 75th Anniversary of Scouting.

- 12 1988 - Emphasis on Scouting with the handicapped. Several seminars took place all over the world for the promotion of health and handicapped.
 - 16th World Jamboree, New South Wales, Australia. 13,434 participants from 84 countries present. Theme: "Bringing the World Together". First World Jamboree held in the Southern Hemisphere. First official event of the Australian Bicentennial celebrations. Highlights: Challenge Valley obstacle course, the most gruelling and the most popular activity at the Jamboree; the Great Aussie Surf Carnival, for which all Scouts were shuttled in over 50 buses to Thirroul Beach.

- 13 1990-1 - World Scout Environment Year.
 - 8th World Moot, near Melbourne, Australia. 1,000 young adult Scouts from 36 countries. A feature of the Moot was the World Youth Forum .

- 14 1997 - 90th Anniversary of Scouting.
 - 1st official Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI).

- 15 2002 - WOSM member countries: 154
 - 20th World Scout Jamboree, Sattahip, Thailand. 24,000 participants from 147 countries and territories attended the sea-side event, living together under the theme Share our World, Share our Cultures. A very busy programme of activities offered lots of fun, opportunities to develop new skills, make new friends, and to help people in nearby communities. A large Global Development Village (GDV) run by 50 organizations provided the forum to learn about issues around the world. UNESCO Director General, Koichiro Matsuura, inaugurated the GDV. Other highlights included the Crossroads of Cultures, Face the Waves, Our Heritage, Exploring Nature, City of Science, Community Action Day, and Tournaments. A record number of 12 religions conducted services during this holiday period, and nearly 80 percent of the participants attended the Inter-religious service on the 1st of January.

- 16 2007 - 21st World Jamboree, United Kingdom.
 - 100th anniversary of Scouting

Need to add Australia- and ACT-specific milestones