

**Harford District
2015 Cub Scout Day Camp
June 27 - July 1
Cubstruction**

Car Wash



Station Volunteer's Guide

Thank you for being a station volunteer! The stations are the heart of camp and truly provide our scouts with an opportunity to try out a new skill (or build on one they know) while having a great time. Our volunteers' knowledge and enthusiasm is what makes our camp great!

To make running the station easier, please take some time to read through the station guide. **While, what is being covered at the station needs to remain as outlined so that the scouts earn the correct achievements, how it is covered is only one of many methods.** If you find a better way to accomplish the requirements or if the method we have outlined doesn't seem to be working...please feel free to change it! This is only a guide...do what works best for you and the scouts coming to your station.

One other thing to keep in mind - some stations will be visited by all ranks. That means you may have 6 year olds through 11 year olds and may have to simplify or intensify the methods to meet the skills and knowledge of all the scouts.

Thanks again - we are glad to have you as part of Harford Day Camp!

Station Procedures

- The first station begins at 10:15 on Monday and 9:15 other days...so you have some time! We've tried to only schedule 2 dens at a time (max. 24 boys) but, there may be times when you have 3. Consult your station schedule so you will know who to expect and when.
- Greet dens as they arrive. Many will have a den cheer, ask to hear it!
- Once all the dens arrive or the start time has come, begin going through the procedures for the station. **It is very important that you start and end on time!** Each time slot lasts 45 minutes. If a den arrives 10 minutes late, they **CANNOT** stay 10 minutes past the end of the station...that would make you and them late for the next station. If a den doesn't get finished, suggest they come back during a break or take the remaining activity with them to work on at the den.
- **Execute the station with energy and enthusiasm!** Let the scouts do as much for themselves as possible. It doesn't need to be perfect, they just need to Do Their Best!
- Don't forget the beads. Each scout earns a bead at every station for participating. Beads can be given to the den leader for distribution.
- Once the den is finished, begin resetting for the next group.
- Close the station at the end of the day by packing/organizing the supplies and cleaning and disposing of all trash. Let the Program Director responsible for the station (either Tiger/Wolf/Bear or Webelos) know if supplies are running short!

Station Overview

Discussion and hands-on activities will complete this station. The hands on activities will be completed with the boys in dens.

Set-up:

If there isn't already, you will need to have a car to wash! Use one of the volunteers cars if possible. You may need to "dirty" it between groups or get another car to use every so often.

Open Car Wash bins and:

- 1) Set out the car washing supplies and rags to check the oil near the car
- 2) Set out the tools and name cards in an open area for the relay race.

Station Objectives:

Handyman Requirements for this station:

1. With adult supervision, wash a car.
2. With adult supervision, show how to check the oil level and tire pressure of a car.
3. Label hand tools or lawn and garden tools

Introduction:

Have all the boys sit in front of you. Explain that the station is divided into 2 sections. One den will wash the car and do some maintenance checks while the other group learns about hand tools. We will then switch tasks. Instruct one den to go over the tool area where a leader is waiting and have the other den stay with you for the car washing.

Area 1: Washing a Car

READ ALOUD: In just a few years you'll be old enough to drive a car. Now is the time to start learning how to take care of one. Use an automatic shut off nozzle on the hose so you don't waste water while you are washing a car. Use products specifically designed for washing your car. Use a sponge or clean cloth or scrubber. Check the car owner's manual for any instructions for caring for the finish. Close the car windows so that wash water doesn't drip inside. Start washing the top of the car and work down so that suds and dirty water won't streak parts that you have already washed. Do a small area—about 3 feet square at a time. Then rinse by spraying. You can let the car drip dry, but wiping the car with a dry clean cloth prevents water spots.

Tell the boys where to start on the car and let them take turns with the sponges and hose.

Checking Oil

READ ALOUD: Oil allows the parts of the car's engine to move easily and helps keep the car's engine from overheating. It is important to have enough oil in the engine at all times.

Open up the hood and have the scouts gather around.

READ ALOUD: You can check the oil by using a metal rod called a dipstick. While the engine is cool, pull out the oil dipstick and wipe it clean with a rag. Then put it back, all the way in. Pull it out again and look at the markings.

If the oil is below the add line, then the car needs oil. Put the dipstick back in. Tell the owner that the car needs oil.

Tire Pressure

(The scouts will actually check bike tire pressure at another station . At this station, you will just demonstrate the proper way to check a car.)

READ ALOUD: You need a tire gauge to check tire pressure. When the tires are cool, take the cap off the tire's valve stem. Push the tire gauge hard against the valve. The gauge's scale will show the tire's pressure. The recommended pressure is usually shown on a sticker usually attached to the edge of the car door. You can also check the find the recommended pressure in the owner's manual. Check all tire's including the spare. If any of the tires need more air, tell the owner.

Now demonstrate this to the scouts.

Area 2: Tool Identification

First, lay out all of the tools and their labels. Next, show the boys each tool and describe possible uses. After you have gone through all tools, have the boys help you move the tools to the opposite end of the station. Split the tools into two even groups. Divide the boys into two groups. Give the boys each a card and have a relay race with each boy running one at a time to the tools at the other end. They will place their label near the correct tool and return to their line and sit down. The first team to label all of their tools correctly, wins.

Break-Down

1. Wind up hoses and place all other supplies in the station box
2. Place tools and labels in the station box.
3. Dispose of the rags properly and any other trash.