
BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

INTRODUCTION

The Blue and Gold banquet is the most exciting event on the Cub Scout calendar. It is the birthday celebration of Cub Scouting. Every family in the Pack can take part in its planning and execution. The banquet is held in February, as this is the anniversary month of the Boy Scouts of America. The Boy Scouts of America began in 1910 and Cub Scouting began twenty years later. The BLUE AND GOLD gets its name from the Cub Scout colors -- blue and gold.

Some Packs make the banquet a potluck dinner affair, having each family bringing a covered dish. Other Packs prefer buying the food, having it prepared by a parent's committee and pro-rating the cost among those attending the banquet. Some Packs have a formal dinner while some packs just do a cake and ice cream celebration. Every Pack is different in numbers of people and budget, so the final decisions and details will have to be decided within your Pack, with the banquet committee working closely with the Pack committee.

What is important is that you celebrate Cub Scouting!

There are three important rules to follow to make your Blue and Gold Banquet a success:

- Remember that it is the celebration of Cub Scouting
- It takes lot's of advance planning
- "Keep It Simple, Make It Fun"

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET PLANNING

The Pack committee recruits and /or appoints a banquet chairman early in the fall. The banquet chairman then recruits co-chairmen for sub committees. *Consider the following committees to help in arranging and putting on a Blue and Gold Banquet:*

- Physical Arrangement Committee
- Invitations Committee
- Program Committee
- Dinner Committee

The banquet chairman should be someone who is organized, can work well with other adults, can recruit other adults and can pay attention to details yet see the overall picture of what has to be done.

Share the responsibilities of the planning and execution and get everyone in the pack involved. Let the boys share in making the decorations and have them do the banquet entertainment.

The theme should be decided by November or December so that the Den leaders have time to plan what will be done at their January and February Den meetings. Also, the banquet committee should make it clear what decorations they will make and what they expect the dens to make. If you plan to use tablecloths, do you want the dens to make placemats? Is the banquet committee making centerpiece(s) or do you want the Den leaders to make them? All of this will have to be decided within your Pack.

Invitations should be sent to all the families in the Pack and to special guest at least one month ahead of time. In many Packs, the Cub Scouts make their family invitations and the banquet committee makes and sends invitations to special adult guests.

Souvenir programs covers may be ordered through BSA supply catalog. Homemade covers may also be used. Information in the program may include the schedule for the banquet, names of the Pack leaders and committee people, special guests, a song, a brief history of the Pack...whatever you like.

Details like reserving the building should be done early. Some banquets are held at the regular meeting place of the Pack and some are not. If possible, try to arrange the room so that dens and their families sit together. Plan for exhibit and display tables.

The food plan and cost needs to be decided a few months ahead of time, especially if a caterer, deli or restaurant are involved. Reservations have to be made early. Will the cost be taken out of the pack treasury or will each family be charged a fee? These are questions that the Pack committee must help decide.

The program committee should include the Cubmaster and Den Leader Coach, and /or the designated Master of Ceremonies. The Cubmaster and Advancement Chairman should be directly involved with presenting awards to Cub Scouts. The Committee Chairman might take this opportunity to recognize the adults who helped the pack during the past year.

Give support to your banquet committee. Make sure that they have the printed resources mentioned in the introduction to this chapter. Encourage them to get other adults involved—adults who are not already busy with leadership positions. Have fun! And remember to thank everyone who helped.

How Will the Pack Pay for the Banquet?

Some packs pay for the entire Banquet costs by budgeting it in at the beginning of the Scouting year and earning sufficient funds through popcorn sales or other fund raisers throughout the year. Other packs charge those attending (if the meal is catered). A good idea is to add \$1 per person to cover the cost of decorations and guest dinners unless your pack can afford the extra cost.

Who Makes Decorations, Invitations, and Programs?

It is always more fun for the boys to be involved in their banquet. If your pack decides for the boys to make some of the decorations, it would be a good idea to enlist and rotate extra parental help at den meetings prior to the banquet. A parent could do the programs; ask if anyone in the Pack enjoys computer work or works at a print shop. Remember to use all your families' talents and resources.

Suggested Timetable

4 months before banquet -- Select Blue & Gold Committee; Set/reserve date, time, place; Select theme

3 months before banquet -- Dens work on decorations; Plan the program; Committee meeting report

2 months before banquet -- Make guest list; Committee meeting report

1 month before banquet -- Mail invitations; Re-check facilities; Print program; Committee meeting report.

2 weeks before banquet -- Turn in award orders; complete decorations; Verify RSVP counts; Check on food preparation.

Banquet day -- Set up room; Enjoy Banquet; Clean-up facilities

BANQUET AGENDA

1. Displays
2. Opening Ceremony
3. Invocation
4. Dinner - Points to Remember
 1. Method of serving isn't important
 2. Keep the cost reasonable
 3. Serve food that's generally accepted by all families
 4. Be sure the food is served hot
 5. Simple table decorations can/should be used
 6. Get everyone served as quickly as possible
5. Welcome & Introductions
Cubmaster or Committee Chairperson should make introductions (appropriate but brief)
6. Greeting from Institutional Representative
7. Entertainment & Singing
8. Review of Year
9. Awards
 1. This is what all the scouts have been waiting for
 2. Ceremony should be impressive, well executed, and meaningful
10. Recognition of Leaders & Parents
Recognize all scout leaders and parents who have been VERY helpful
11. Announcements & Thanks
12. Closing Ceremony - Put a perfect end to a perfect evening

Important Things to Remember

- Be sure the Pack leaders, Cubs, and parents know that the Blue & Gold is Cub Scouting's birthday celebration.
- Begin planning at least three months in advance. Some preliminary plans can even be started at the Pack's annual planning meeting.
- Involve leaders and parents - share the responsibility; Scouts need to help by making invitations and decorations

THEMES & IDEAS

Snoopy: Doghouses, Peanuts' characters, stuffed dogs, dog biscuits/bowls

Circus: Tent/canopy, balloons, cotton candy, popcorn, three rings, parade, aerial wire, clowns, juggling, wagons

Monopoly: Chance cards, jail, play money, houses/hotels, properties, and pawns

Dalmatians: Dogs, leashes, fire hydrant, classic car, spots

Baseball: Positions, ball/bats, bases, diamond, stadium, scoreboard, pennants

Football: Goalposts, pom-poms, yard markers, helmets, balls

Olympics: Medals, trophies, 5-ring symbol, theme music, 3x5' flags, award stands, torch, events, countries

Music: Instruments, notes, albums, staff, music stands

Tools/Building: Tools, construction, saw horses, wheelbarrows, tape measure, hard hats, wood, metal, trucks, and toolboxes

Gardening: Tools, wheelbarrows, plants, flowers, hoses, gloves

Native American Indian Lore: Teepees, bows/arrows, artifacts, buffaloes, dream catchers, animal hides, drums, totem poles, horses, peace pipes, campfires, tomahawks

Trains: Station, models, luggage, tickets, conductor, sound effects, tracks

Patriotic: Flags, eagles, bunting, campaigns, town crier, 1776, scroll

US Presidents: Silhouettes, flags, buttons, slogans, band music, donkeys, elephants, constitution, quill pens

Country Store: Dry goods, barrels, candy jars, sacks, counter, prices, crates, lanterns, checkers

Military: Ranks, symbols, medals, uniforms, camouflage, targets

Medieval: Banners, armor, knights, castles, jousting, dragons

Pirates: Ships, treasure chests, Jolly Roger, skull/crossbones, eye patch, gold doubloons, maps, parrots, water, cannons

Kites/Balloons: Baskets, sandbags, clouds, trees, scenery, various shaped kites

School: Chalkboards, report cards, apples, rulers, dunce cap, letter charts, globes, houses, playground, bell

Bees: Hives, honey, clover, flowers, cloches, honeycomb

Highways: Road maps, cars, traffic signs, billboards, gas station, and roads made of black paper with adding machine white tape in center, Burma signs

Computers: Function keys, stylized letters, continuous paper, disks, terms, monitors, zeros and ones

Noah's Ark: Ark, animals, rainbow, dove, water, raindrops

Birdhouses: Birds, branches, nests, sound effects, twigs, birdseed, birdbaths, bird feeders

Library: Books, stands, shelves, carts, titles, magazines, card catalogue, Dewey Decimals

Western: Cattle, brands, irons, campfires, chuck wagons, rail fence, hay bales, wood wheel

Farms: Barns, tractors, implements, hay bales, silos, fences, animals, pies

Jungle: Animals, trees, bushes, ferns, sound effects, hanging vines, Tarzan

Luau: Palm trees, mats, low tables, pig roast, Mu Mus, leis, Hawaiian music, pineapples, coconuts, volcanoes, tikis, hula skirts, canoes, surfboards

Southwest: Pueblos, Native American symbols, music, desert, cactus, rocks/canyons, sunsets

Occupations: Teaching, preaching, healing, transmitting, building, flying, growing

Oriental: Origami, chopsticks, silk, characters, artifacts, videos, kimonos, hats

Fish: Tissue fish, water/waves, streamers, underwater, reefs, corals, fishnets, lures, poles/hooks, bobbers, boats

Send the Light: Lighthouses, rocks, waves, blinking lights, signal flags, Morse code

Valentine: Hearts, candy, ribbons/bows, valentines, flowers, cupids

Anytime: Create life-size cutouts of your Cubs. Roll out craft paper on floor, trace around each, cut out and have them decorate it. Try action poses for added interest.

Outer Space: Rockets, stars, planets, aliens, spacesuits, moon rocks, mission control panel

Around the World: Countries, Cub Scout promise in other languages, flags, traditional costumes, artifacts, songs

Disney: Characters from movies, videos, movie posters, pictures from color books, tiny toys from fast food restaurants.

BANQUET OPENINGS IDEAS

Story of Cub Scout Colors

Arrangement: As curtain opens, three boys dressed in American Indian costume are seated around an artificial campfire. One wears a chief's headdress; the other two are braves. Hanging on a tripod over the fire is a kettle that has a small can of dry ice and a blue and gold Cub Scout neckerchief concealed in it.

Narrator (Cub Scout or Den Chief): Many, many moons ago, the great chief Akela called a council to see what could be done to make his tribe the best of all tribes.

He told the first Indian brave to climb the mountain and tell the eagle to fly high into the sky and bring back part of the beauty of the sun. *(One brave exits)*

He told the second brave to go into the forest and tell the sparrow to fly high into the sky and bring back part of the beauty of the sky. *(Second brave exits)*

After a while, both braves returned. *(Both braves enter. One is carrying a bottle of blue water, the other a bottle of gold water. They hold up the bottles to show everyone)*

Narrator: Akela told one brave to pour some of the beauty of the sun into the council mixing pot. (The brave pours some of the gold water into the can in the pot, causing smoke)

Narrator: Then he told the other brave to pour some of the beauty of the sky into the council mixing pot. *(The brave pours some of the gold water into the can in the pot, causing smoke. Akela, the chief, raises hands toward the sky.)*

Narrator: Akela says that from this day forward, blue will stand for truth and loyalty and the sky above. Gold will stand for warm sunlight, happiness, and good cheer. *(Akela reaches into the pot and pulls out Cub Scout neckerchief)*

Narrator: And that's why the Cub Scout colors are blue and gold.

Blue and Gold Opening cont.

Narrator: We're gathered here tonight,
To honor the Blue and Gold,
And pay a tribute to Scouting,
Which is more than 100 years old.

Action for boys: Boys could hold up blue and gold cards for the first 2 lines and then turn them over for the last 2 lines where the # is printed on the back.

Now, as we look all about us,
Scouting in action we see,
Bringing fun and adventure,
As Baden-Powell meant it to be.

Action for boys: As the first 2 lines are read they place hands over eyes as if shading them and looking from left to right. As second 2 lines are read, each one can hold up something showing Cub Scout fun such as Pinewood Derby cars, sail boats, etc.

Let us all join together,
As our program we start,
By pledging allegiance to our Flag
With our hand over our heart.

Action for boys: Boys stand at attention and turn to face the Flag and lead the Pledge.

The Meaning of Blue and Gold

Eight boys line up holding large cards that are blank on one side. The first four carry blue cards and the second four have gold cards. As they speak their lines they turn over their cards spelling out BLUE and GOLD. The letters on the cards in the opposite color, such as blue on the gold cards and gold on the blue cards. Large pieces of construction paper with block letters cut out of the opposite color show up nicely.

- B Boys that are clad in blue and gold, you see,
- L Live up to their promise, good Cub Scouts to be
- U Under the sky above, striving for truth and spirituality.
- E Each Cub Scout learns a steadfast loyalty.
- G Giving good cheer as part of the law of the Pack.
- O Obeying the Law, never to be slack.
- L Living under warm sunlight, seeking joy in each day,
- D Doing and learning, in the Boy Scout way

INVOCATIONS/PRAYERS

Blessed Are the Cub Scouts

Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are taught to see beauty in all things around them.

For their world will be a place of grace and wonder.

Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are led with patience and understanding...

For they will learn the strength of endurance and gift of tolerance.

Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are provided a home where family members dwell in harmony and close communion. –

For they shall become the peacemakers of the world.

Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are taught the value and power of truth...

For they shall search for knowledge and use it with wisdom and discernment.

Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are guided by those with faith in a loving God...

For they will find Him early and will walk with Him through life.

Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are loved and know that they are loved...

For they shall sow seeds of love in the world and reap joy for themselves and others.

AMEN.

100th Psalm of Scouting

Make a joyful noise unto the world, all ye Scouters;

Serve Scouting with gladness, and join the circle of

Scouting with singing.

Know that Scouting is the way;

Its lessons have made us and we are grateful;

We are its leaders, guiding young Scouts.

Enter its programs with a cheerful spirit, and offer boys your praise.

For Scouting is good!

Its lessons endure forever, and its truths to all generations.

Akela, Make Me An Eagle

by Harlan G. Metcalf, Adapted by Merl Whitebook

Give me the strength to stand for right

When other folks have left the fight,

Give me the courage of the eagle

Who knows that if he will, he can.

Teach me to see in every face

The good, the kind, and not the base.

Make me sincere in word and deed,

Blot out from me all shame and greed,

Help me to guard my troubled soul

By constant, active, self-control.

Clean up my thoughts, my speech, my play,

And keep me pure from day to day.

O, Akela, make of me an Eagle!

IDEA FOR SKITS

The Cub Scout Trail-Skit

Props needed:

Teepee or tent, Tiger Cap, Large boxes to make store and mountain
Cardboard signs that read: Tiger Treat Center, Bobcat Store, Bear Mountain, Webelos Bridge,
Rugged Road

Setting: A simulated trail, with the teepee standing at the beginning, four signs held along the way by Cub Scouts, and the Den Chief and the end with the fifth sign. Blue and gold crepe paper streamers are wound around the signs marking the trail. Akela, attired in an "Indian" blanket and headband, is at the teepee. The prospective Cub Scout wears an old baggy shirt over his uniform as he steps up to meet Akela.

Akela: Can I help you?

Boy: I'm on my way to manhood.

Akela: Come; let's follow the blue and gold trail. It's the best way. First, we'll stop at the Tiger Treat Center. *(Boy goes in...puts Tiger cap on-comes back out)*

Boy: Boy that was a treat! I searched interesting place, discovered new things and shared with my new friends! What is next?

Akela: Yes. But Tigers just give you a little taste of what is to come. Now we need to stop at the Bobcat Store, to prepare you for a longer more challenging journey. *(Boy ducks down and removes old shirt, and removes Tiger cap. Returns)*

Boy: OK, I'm ready for the next step.

Akela: Follow the blue and gold trail. I will walk with you as your guide.

Cub Scout: *(at Wolf Tunnel)* I hope there aren't real wolves here!
(Ducks in and puts on the Cub Scout cap.)

Cub Scout: *(comes to Bear Mountain)* A mountain – WOW! Are you SURE this is the best way?

Akela: You're doing fine *(Comes to Webelos Bridge)*. I must go to help others now. You did very well!
Good luck!

Cub Scout: *(Salutes)* Thanks for your help. *(Crosses Bridge.)* This is the end of the trail. Is this manhood?

Den Chief: No, but you're getting there. Just follow the rugged road, to Boy Scouting.

CUB SCOUT SONGS

BIRTHDAY BSA

(Tune: On Top of Old Smokey)

We were all at the banquet
On Blue and Gold Day
The whole family came there
To eat and to play.
But then someone told me
We're __ years old.
I could not believe
What I had been told.
Then they brought out a cake
With candles on top.
I counted the candles
And I didn't stop.
How could a Cub Scout
Be 72?
When I get old
I won't be alive.
Then someone told me
An astonishing fact.
That the Boy Scouts of America
Is much older than that.
My den leader told me
That I shouldn't fret,
That's the age of Cub Scouting.
I'm not that old yet!

TRAIL THE WEBELOS

(Tune: On Wisconsin)

Trail the Webelos
Trail the Webelos
Climbing all the time
First the Wolf and then the Bear
Will on your pockets shine.
Keep on climbing
Blaze the trail, and we will follow
Hark the Webelos' call.
On brother, on, until we're
Boy Scouts all.

THERE ARE CUBS

(Tune: There are Smiles)

There are Cubs both fat and skinny
There are Cubs who like to fight.
There are Cubs who play out in the backyard
There are Cubs who gather stamps
And scrape iron.
There are Cubs who strive to do the right.
But the rootin, tootin Cubs of our Pack,
Are the Cubs who are best tonight.

CHEW, CHEW, CHEW, YOUR FOOD

(Tune: Row, Row, Row your Boat)

Chew, chew, chew your food
Gently through the meal.
The more you chew, the less you eat
And the better you will feel

THE BANQUET

(Tune: On Top of Old Smokey)

Our Blue and Gold Banquet,
is the best one in town.
We celebrate Scouting
While gulping food down.
Cub Scouting is a pleasure
And eating is too! So pass the fired chicken
Yea, Blue and Gold!

BLUE AND GOLD

(Tune: Are You Sleeping -- Round)

Blue and Gold,
Blue and Gold
We are true,
We are true.
Loyal are we Cub Scouts
Loyal are we Cub Scouts
To you.
To you.

BLUE AND GOLD TRADITIONS

(Tune: Jingle Bells)

While dashing all around
To prepare for Blue and Gold
The boys made napkin rings
And placemats to behold.
The nut cups, there were neat;
The nametags were just right.
O what fun it is to have
A Blue and Gold Tonight

Chorus:

Blue and Gold, Blue and Gold,
Banquet time again.
Families gather all around
Ready to pitch in.

Fried chicken and baked beans;
Potato salad too.
A piece of birthday cake;
Enough for me and you.

Chorus

Some people ate too much;
But all enjoyed the meal.
The friendship that was there
Was warm and true and real.

Chorus

Blue and Gold, Blue and Gold
Banquet time is here.
Time to sing and celebrate
Cub Scouting's 72nd year.

Chorus

JOHNNY, GO GET A SCOUT

(Tune: When Johnny Comes Marching Home)

Whenever you have sometime to spare,
Johnny, go get a Scout.
Recruiting is ev'ry boy's affair,
So Johnny, go get a Scout
For the more you muster the more they'll be
To fill the Scouting company
And we want them all,
So Johnny go get a Scout!

Recruiting is one of our fav'rite games,
Johnny, go get a Scout.
It's played with a list of likely names,
So, Johnny go get a Scout.
There are millions now in the Scouting force,
As many more who are not, of course
And we want them all,
So, Johnny, go get a Scout.

We'll make him a woodsman keen and strong,
Johnny, go get a Scout.
We'll teach him to know right from wrong, so,
Johnny, go get a Scout.
There's a lot of boys that you have in mind
They're keen to join and are just the kind,
And we want them all,
So, Johnny, go get a Scout.

FUN AWARDS

- Our eyes are on you** -- For the leader who sets the example (button eyes on a large felt U)
- Order of the spare marble** -- For the person who's lost 'em (a marble glued to a small piece of wood or to a string)
- Spark plug award** -- For the person who is the spark of a project (a spark plug mounted to a piece of wood)
- Berry good job** -- For the person who did a "Berry good Job" (a wax or plastic berry (any kind) mounted to a piece of wood)
- Heads up award** -- For the person who is heads above the rest (a plastic head mounted above a piece of wood using a piece of wire to keep the head above the wood)
- Measure up award** -- Your performance sets the standard (a ruler mounted to a piece of wood)
- Bonafide award** -- for the person who needs an award! (a dog bone mounted to a piece of wood)
- Nuts about the job award** -- for the person who had to be nuts (2 or 3 peanuts glued to a piece of wood)
- Order of the bear** -- For those that bear up under pressure (a plastic bear with a tire gauge)
- Kiss award** -- for those who deserve a kiss (a Hershey's kiss - silver foil)
- Gold Kiss award** -- for those who REALLY deserve a kiss (a Hershey's pecan kiss - gold foil)
- Lifesaver award** -- for that person who saved you (a Lifesaver on a string)
- Banana Award** -- for the person with great appeal (a wax or plastic banana mounted on a piece of wood)
- Bright Idea award** -- For those who had a bright idea (a light bulb mounted to a piece of wood)
- Helping hand award** -- For those who were willing to help (trace a hand on construction paper mounted to a piece of cardboard)
- Hat's off award** -- For someone we take our hats off to (an old hat mounted on a piece of wood)
- Right foot award** -- For those who got us off on the right foot (Trace a RIGHT foot --use caution some may not know left from right)
- A note to start on** -- For those who got us going (a musical note mounted on a piece of wood)
- Big heart award** ----- For those who always seem to have one (heart shaped craft material of any kind then decorated)
- Udderly Ridiculous award** -- Blown up latex glove
- Well Done** -- Burnt slice of toast
- Nuttiest** -- A bag of nuts
- Corniest** -- An ear or can of corn
- Expanded our knowledge** -- Elastic band or large rubber band
- Best foot forward** -- 12" ruler or a sock with the toe cut off
- Heartfelt thanks** -- Large heart cut from felt
- You banded us together** -- A bunch of rubber bands
- Fan-tastic** -- A fan (use your imagination)
- Thanks a million** -- Million \$ in play money
- Covered the topic** -- A plastic lid
- Right-on target** -- A target pasted to cardboard with "writing" on it
- Kept us in stitches** -- A needle and thread
- Marbleous job** -- A bunch of marbles
- Worked like a dog** -- A mounted dog biscuit or bone
- Tee-rific** -- A mounted golf tee or tea bag

FUN AWARDS cont.

The coveted dime and pin award -- Glue a pin to a dime

Plunged right in award -- Small sink plunger

Give out a "rais-in" pay -- a pyramid of raisins glued to a backing

Rose to the occasion -- an artificial or ribbon rose

N'ice Job -- A box of N'ice cough drops

Welcome aboard -- A 2 x 4 with the word "welcome" printed on it

Knocked yourself out award -- Mount a small hammer or mini bat

A real card -- Mount a playing card

A real cut up -- Mount a plastic knife or pair of scissors or a cookie cutter

For those with a stake in the Scouts future -- A tent stake (or if you really mean it a 2 inch thick T-Bone)

You charged us up -- A battery

You tickled our funny bone -- A feather mounted to a bone

Shining Example -- A small flashlight

The right arm award -- Cardboard arm with the hand in the Scout sign

Cheerleader award----Mount a stiff wire through a box of Cheer laundry soap and add pom-poms to the wire

Do-re-me Award----For your song leader -- mount a note or cleft

Ringy Dingy Award----Mount a plastic phone or two cans on a string This is for those who are your phone call addicts.

The band-aid Award----For those who can fix anything ----For someone who got a boo-boo

The Alka Seltzer or Fizzy Award ----- For those who add fizz to the group or meeting

The Rope Award ----- For those who always tie up the loose ends

The Crutch Award----For those who you can lean on

Key to Success-----For those who were key to making it happen

Whale Award ----- For those who did a whale of job

Football Award----A small football to the person who always is willing to tackle a job

Cone Award----Mount an ice cream cone for the person who can lick any job I've even seen one of those street cones be used

NATIVE AMERICAN PRAYERS

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O Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds and whose breath gives life to all the world, Hear me!
I am small and weak.
I need your strength and wisdom.
Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the sunset.
Make my hands respect the things you have made and my ears sharp to hear your voice
Make me wise so that I may understand the things you have taught my people.
Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.
I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy - myself.
Make me always ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes.
So when life fades, as the fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame.

SIOUX PRAYER

Grandfather Great Spirit All Over The World,
The Faces Of Living Ones Are Alike.
With Tenderness, They Have Come Up Out Of The Ground.
Look Upon Your Children That They May Face The Winds
And Walk The Good Road To The Day Of Quiet.
Grandfather Great Spirit Fill Us With The Light.
Give Us the Strength To Understand And the Eyes To See.
Teach Us To Walk The Soft Earth As Relatives....
To All That Live.

SCOUT INDIAN PRAYER

Morning Star wake us, filled with joy.
To new days of growing to man from boy
Sun, with yow power, give us light.
That we can tell wrong and do what is right.
South Wind, we ask, in your gentle way.
Blow us the willingness of obey.
North Wind, we ask, live up to thy name.
Send us the strength to always be game.
East Wind, we ask, with your breath so snappy.
Fill us with knowledge of how to be happy.
West Wind, we ask, blow all that is fair.
To us, that we may always be square.
Moon, that fills the night with red light.
Guard us well while we sleep in the night.
Akela, please guide us in every way.
We'll follow your trail in work or play

BANQUET CLOSING IDEA

Baden Powell Closing

This Closing can be done by having boy recite one line each, or one person can read the entire poem.

Baden Powell had a vision which he made come true, so that we enjoy Scouting and have fun while we do. He wasn't an American but he's famous to us; He had earned in America our admiration and trust.

May the Spirit of Scouting be with both young and old, as you never forget The Blue and Gold.
May you strive for Truth and Spirituality in the warm Sunlight under the sky above.
May you bring Good Cheer and Happiness to others and have steadfast Loyalty and love.

A Little Scout Follows Me

A careful Scouter I ought to be,
A little Scout follows me.
I do not dare to go astray,
For fear he will go the same way.

Not once can I escape his eyes,
Whatever he sees me do, he tries.
Like me he says he's going to be,
That little Scout who follows me.
He thinks that I am good and fine,
Believes in every word of mine,
The bad in me he must not see,
That little Scout who follows me.

I must remember as I go,
Through summer sun and winter snow,
I am building for the years to be,
That Scout who follows me.

DON'T FORGET TO HAVE FUN