



Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch

Gumdale Scout Group



Program Theme – Mexico Night

Duty Six:

Flag:

Prayer:

| Time | Activity | Equipment | Leader |
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| 5.30 | Parade - Grand Howl - Flag break | Australian Flag | |
| 5.35 | Game – Mexican Hat Relay Game | Mexican Hats | |
| 5.45 | Discussion – Mexican Flag and Culture | Mexican Flag | |
| 6.00 | Base 1 – Coil Pots Base 2 – Gods Eye Base 3 – Japan Project Base 4 – Mexican Food Sugar Skulls Taco [During base: One leader to take new cubs through one part of linking book Chris discuss promise and law with new cub] | Clay, Wooden Pots, Clay Tools Yarn in several colours, 2 craft sticks per cub, Glue, Scissors Fish Project from last week Biscuits, Icing, sweets for decorations Taco Shells, Jalapenos, Taco Sauce, Mince, Tomato, Lettuce, Cheese, plastic plates | |
| Extra | Game – Mexican Hat Dance | Mexican Hat, Mexican Music | |
| 6.55 | Parade - Flag Down - Prayer | | |

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| Clay Pots | Boomerang 13 – Handcraft | Bronze | Make an item from one of the following materials: Clay |
| Clay Pots | Boomerang 13 – Handcraft | Silver | Make something using a craft method which is new to you. Show the tools you used and explain how to care for them |
| Clay Pots | Boomerang 13 – Handcraft | Gold | Design a practical item and produce it using any craft method. Show the design work and finished item together |

Game – Mexican Hat Relay Game

Equipment: Mexican Hat

Method:

Divide pack into two teams standing in lines facing each other with Mexican Hats in the middle.

Cubs must race down to the hat, dance around it 3 times then race back to tag the next cub. The first team to have all cubs complete their lap is the winner.



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Discussion – Mexican Flag and Culture

Green: Hope – The Independence Movement

White: Purity – The purity of the catholic faith

Red: Union - The Spaniards that joined in the quest for Independence. The blood of the National Heroes

Shield: The emblem shield symbolizes the Aztec heritage. According to a beautiful legend, the gods had advised the **Aztecs** that the place where they should establish their city was to be identified when they saw an eagle, perched on a prickly pear tree, devouring a serpent. They saw this mythical eagle on a marshy lake that is now the **zócalo** or main plaza in Mexico City

Where: In North America below United States of America

Religion: Roman Catholics

Sport: Bull Fighting, Boxing, Soccer, Hosted Olympics in 1968

Language: Spanish

Hello Hola

Please Por Favor

Thank You Gracias

Good Bye Adios

DAY OF THE DEAD

The ritual is celebrated in Mexico and certain parts of the United States

Day of the Dead (*Día de los Muertos*), celebrated between October 31st and November 2nd, is a celebration in which Mexicans remember and honor their deceased loved ones. Though it may sound gloomy or morbid, it's not. It's a festive and colorful holiday. Mexicans visit cemeteries, decorate the graves and spend time there - in the presence of their deceased friends and family members. They also make [elaborately decorated altars](#) (sometimes called *ofrendas*) in their homes to welcome the spirits.

People wear wooden skull masks called calacas and dance in honor of their deceased relatives. The wooden skulls are also placed on altars that are dedicated to the dead. Sugar skulls, made with the names of the dead person on the forehead, are eaten by a relative or friend





Activity – Coil Pots

Equipment: Clay, Wooden Pots, Clay Tools

Method:

The Mexican people use lots of clay pots. Some villages have only a communal well and water is carried and stored in pots. Others are used for cooking, eating and storing dried foods.

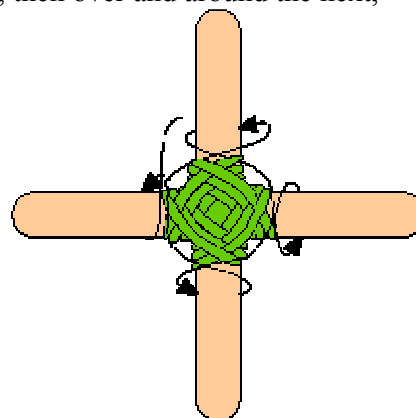
Activity – Gods Eye (A craft from the Huichol tribe of Mexico)

Equipment: Yarn in several colours, 2 craft sticks per cub, Glue, Scissors

Method:



1. Glue the two craft sticks together in a cross.
2. Take one color of yarn and wrap it over and around one stick, then over and around the next, over and around the next, and so on. Keep doing that until the color is used up.
3. Tie a different color string onto the old one with a tight knot.
4. Repeat steps 2 + 3 until complete.
5. Take a piece of string for a hanger, cut it, and tie or glue it to your God's Eye. Hang it up in your room to enjoy.



Activity – Tacos

Equipment: Taco Shells, Taco Sauce, Mince, Tomato, Lettuce, Cheese

Game – Mexican Hat Dance

Equipment: Mexican Music

Method:

Have the children make a giant circle while holding hands. Explain that when you begin the music they should all begin to walk sideways. When the name of a child is called that child leaves the circle, walks to the middle of the circle and dances around the hat until another child's name is called. They may then rejoin the circle and the dance continues.



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