Hosting a Blue and Gold
Discussion Topics

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

• Celebrating the founding of Cub Scouts on February 8\(^{th}\), 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?