



Theme: **Winter Wonderland**

Issue: **Holidays 2021**

This month we bring to you a **Winter Wonderland**. We hope you and your scouts enjoy the holiday crafts, games, ceremonies, songs, etc.

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[https://insanescouter.org/blog/1008/Whats New With InsaneScouter 2021.html](https://insanescouter.org/blog/1008/Whats-New-With-InsaneScouter-2021.html)

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**Happy holidays from the InsaneScouter family to yours!**

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## Online Holiday Bingo

<https://museumhack.com/virtual-christmas-party/>

Online Holiday Bingo is a fun and familiar game you can play at your virtual holiday party. You can play a focused version of the game by allowing teammates to interact on chat and in breakout rooms, or you can play as a group throughout the party.



## ONLINE HOLIDAY BINGO

Singing Christmas Carol	Has yet to finish Xmas shopping	Christmas is favorite holiday	Snoops for presents	Loves holiday movies
Celebrating Xmas in a warm place	Has taken a sleighride	Won a snowball fight	Has New Year's Eve plans	Built a gingerbread house
Celebrates Kwanzaa	Will celebrate more than one Xmas		Skis or snowboards	Already sick of Xmas carols
Making a New Year's resolution	Once knocked over an Xmas tree	Has dressed up like Santa	Celebrates Hanukkah	Put pets on Xmas photo
Baked cookies	Has celebrated Xmas in a foreign country	Counts "Die Hard" as an Xmas movie	Likes eggnog	Traveling for Christmas



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## Virtual Holiday Scavenger Hunt

<https://museumhack.com/virtual-christmas-party/>

Virtual scavenger hunts are fun and active ways to spend time on a Zoom call. The activity takes about 15 minutes, and will increase engagement and excitement. The best items to hunt for also have story or “show and tell” opportunities, like favorite gifts and Christmas candy.



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## Christmas party games

<https://www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk/programme.php?action=view&id=33583>

Fill The Stocking race: divide everyone of the family into teams. Give each team a Christmas stocking and a spoon. They have to take it in turns to run to the dish of sweets, carry one back on the spoon, and put it in the stocking. The first team to fill their stockings or, alternatively, set a time limit and the team with the most sweets in their stocking wins. What's in the Stocking? Fill a stocking with a variety of small objects. Girls take turns to feel and see how many they can guess.

## Field Trips

### PleasantRidge

<https://www.pleasantridge.com/pleasant-ridge-educational-school-tours.htm>

Join us for a field trip that actually ventures out into the field! Gather up your class, scout group, or retirement home and take a day trip out to the farm!

### Audubon Society

<http://www.aswp.org/pages/field-trips-to-our-reserves>

Bring your class to one of our reserves! Most programs can accommodate up to 75 students at a time; you may also add on a Birds of Prey presentation to accommodate up to 150 students. Shorter field experiences can be combined with a Birds of Prey presentation to extend the day. All field experiences feature low student-to-leader ratios of less than 15 students per leader or even lower for younger grades.

## Christmas at the ANC Field Days

<https://www.alabamawildlife.org/christmas-at-the-anc-field-days/>

Christmas is just around the corner, and Santa is coming to the Alabama Nature Center! Enjoy a sleigh ride, create a holiday craft, go on a nature hike, participate in storytime, and take a photo with Santa after telling him about your holiday wishes!

This year's program will be based on “The Mitten” by Jan Brett.



### Merry Christmas Matching Game

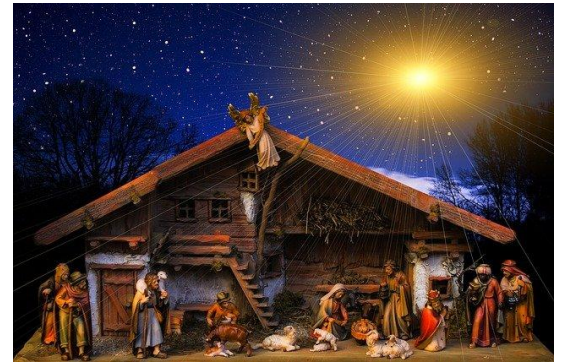
[https://insanescouter.org/p/5122/43/Merry\\_Christmas\\_Matching\\_Game.html](https://insanescouter.org/p/5122/43/Merry_Christmas_Matching_Game.html)

There are many traditions and customs in different countries celebrating Christmas and other holidays. Here is a fun matching game. Mix up the countries and the way to say "Merry Christmas" in different languages.

### The Christmas Card Game

[https://insanescouter.org/p/2946/43/The\\_Christmas\\_Card\\_Game.html](https://insanescouter.org/p/2946/43/The_Christmas_Card_Game.html)

Take a set of old Christmas cards (about three times as many cards as there are players) and cut each card into two pieces, making two sets of half-cards so that each half-card in one set has its counterpart in the other. Some of the cards should be cut so that the halves are easy to spot as belonging to each other (e.g., by cutting vertically down the middle of a colored picture of a vase of flowers), and others should be made difficult to spot (e.g., by cutting along the horizon of a seascape).



### A Christmas Telegram

[https://insanescouter.org/p/2947/43/A\\_Christmas\\_Telegram.html](https://insanescouter.org/p/2947/43/A_Christmas_Telegram.html)

Have everyone write down the word Christmas leaving a space after each letter. Then allow ten minutes for all players to compose a telegram, the first word beginning with C, the next with H, the third with R, and so on. The first word should be the name of the person to whom the telegram is sent, the last word the name of the sender. The players then read out their own attempts, in turn, the winner being the one who has composed the most original.



## Winter Holiday Crafts

[https://insanescouter.org/p/1630/55/Winter\\_Holiday\\_Crafts.html](https://insanescouter.org/p/1630/55/Winter_Holiday_Crafts.html)

**GUMDROP TREES:** You will need a 6-8" tall styrofoam tree, a couple of bags of red and green gumdrops, some u-shaped hairpins, toothpicks, and a miniature string of beads. Cut toothpicks in half. Insert a toothpick into the larger (bottom) side of the gumdrops...

## Custom Coasters

[https://insanescouter.org/p/4237/41/Custom\\_Coasters.html?utm\\_source=footer\\_links](https://insanescouter.org/p/4237/41/Custom_Coasters.html?utm_source=footer_links)



Personalize your drink coasters with this excellent themed craft. Your kids can customize them for special occasions like New Year, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, and more.

## CANDY CANES

[https://insanescouter.org/p/1630/55/Winter\\_Holiday\\_Crafts.html](https://insanescouter.org/p/1630/55/Winter_Holiday_Crafts.html)

Cut red or white pipe cleaners in half. Alternately "string" red and white tri-beads (three-cornered beads with knobs on each corner and a hole in the center). Be sure the fold over the pipe cleaner at each end to be sure to catch and keep the beads on. Gently turn one end to form a candy cane shape. Hang on trees or use in place of a ribbon on a package duplicate checker

# Skits / Stories

## A Christmas Story

[https://insanescouter.org/p/5322/142/A\\_Christmas\\_Story.html](https://insanescouter.org/p/5322/142/A_Christmas_Story.html)

Learn about InsaneScouter - A Christmas Story (Audience participation) at InsaneScouter.org!  
Characters HOUSE Hands overhead in inverted V...  
SHED Hands in front of the chest in inverted V...  
SLED Hands together as in praying, waving from left to right...  
REINDEER One hand, palm forward, at each side of the head, thumbs touching...



### Customs Of Countries

[https://insanescouter.org/p/384/45/Customs\\_Of\\_Countries.html](https://insanescouter.org/p/384/45/Customs_Of_Countries.html)

The legends about St. Nicholas have spread to many countries. He takes many forms and his day is December 6, which is the anniversary of his death in 342 A.D. Many miracles and stories are told about him such as the ransoming of three kidnapped girls, the arrival of grain ships during a famine, protecting the poor and the sailors at sea...

### A Visit From Saint Nicholas

[https://insanescouter.org/p/3423/42/A\\_Visit\\_From\\_Saint\\_Nicholas.html](https://insanescouter.org/p/3423/42/A_Visit_From_Saint_Nicholas.html)

Provide sets of four cards. On each card, write one of the first four lines of the famous Christmas poem:

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse...

## Songs

### Christmas Song

[https://insanescouter.org/p/4065/141/Christmas\\_Song.html](https://insanescouter.org/p/4065/141/Christmas_Song.html)

Tune: Rudolph  
Here's to the Cubs in our den.  
As they follow, help and give.  
All of the boys in our den...



### We Wish You a Merry Christmas

[https://insanescouter.org/p/4094/0/We\\_Wish\\_You\\_a\\_Merry\\_Christmas.html](https://insanescouter.org/p/4094/0/We_Wish_You_a_Merry_Christmas.html)

We Wish You a Merry Christmas,  
We Wish You a Merry Christmas,  
We Wish You a Merry Christmas,  
And a Happy New Year...

### Hanukkah Fun

[https://insanescouter.org/p/4104/0/Hanukkah\\_Fun.html](https://insanescouter.org/p/4104/0/Hanukkah_Fun.html)

Tune: Mary Had A Little Lamb

Hanukkah is here at last,  
Here at last here at last.  
Hanukkah is here at last.



# Ceremonies

## Christmas Opening Ceremony

[https://insanescouter.org/p/354/157/Christmas\\_Opening\\_Ceremony.html](https://insanescouter.org/p/354/157/Christmas_Opening_Ceremony.html)



Nine people hold large cards spelling out "C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S" with the script on the back.

C is for Caring - the Caring for others during the Holidays and all year 'round.

H is for Helping - helping others is part of the Cub Scout Promise.

R is for Remember - Remembering people who have helped us in the past.

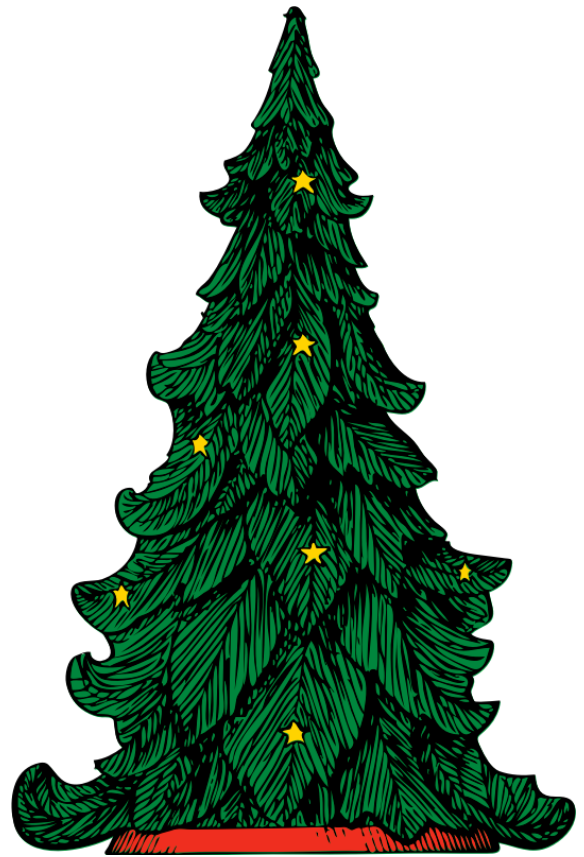
I is for Imagine - Imagine a world of people helping other people.

## Opening Ceremony I

[https://insanescouter.org/p/4077/45/Opening\\_Ceremony\\_I.html](https://insanescouter.org/p/4077/45/Opening_Ceremony_I.html)

Props: Box wrapped with holiday paper and tied with a bow. In the box are a menorah, small Christmas tree, invitation, Kwanzaa candelabra, Instant Recognition patch and beads, small wrapped gift, small felt stocking, and card saying "Do Your Best."

Cubmaster: (Opens box and looks inside.) December is one of the most exciting months of the year, and certainly one of the busiest. This month we have: Christmas (Takes out tree.); Hanukkah (Removes menorah.); Kwanzaa (Removes candle holder.), and Holiday parties (Takes out invitation.).



## Carols, Cookies, And The Christ Child

[https://insanescouter.org/p/348/45/Carols Cookies And The Christ Child.html?rid=%7Buser\\_id%7D&r=nl\\_042313](https://insanescouter.org/p/348/45/Carols Cookies And The Christ Child.html?rid=%7Buser_id%7D&r=nl_042313)

EQUIPMENT: This ceremony can be done with lettered cards, candles or objects. Each Cub responsible for reciting the meaning of one letter in the word "Christmas".

C - Carols, Cookies and the Christ Child.

H - Hurrying, Holly and Happiness.

## Skills

### This may be the Scouty-est Christmas tree we've ever seen

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/12/20/scout-fills-christmas-tree-patches/>

Charles Boone, an Eagle Scout from Dormont, Pa., showed off the Scouting-themed Christmas tree he's rocking around this year.

Instead of traditional ornaments, Charles embellished his tree with patches earned during his years in Scouting. Instead of a star or angel tree-topper, Charles crowned the tree with his staff hat from the 2017 National Jamboree. And instead of a fancy tree skirt, Charles used Scout neckerchiefs and his Order of the Arrow sash...

### Your Scouts can help spread holiday cheer and raise money, either in person or online through Mickman Brothers

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2021/08/09/your-scouts-can-help-spread-holiday-cheer-and-raise-money-either-in-person-or-online-through-mickman-brothers/>



For more than four decades, Mickman Brothers, a family-owned business based in Minnesota, has offered a holiday fundraiser for schools, church youth groups and Scouts. It has become a popular way for Scouts to finance their adventures as it has become a highly anticipated tradition in the communities where Scouts have started selling.

## Story Time — Brian reads “The Lone Scout’s Christmas”

<https://christmaspast.media/story-time-brian-reads-the-lone-scouts-christmas/>

In today’s episode, Brian reads the 1917 short story titled ‘The Lone Scout’s Christmas,’ by Cyrus Townsend Brady. It’s the story of a grieving boy facing a Christmas in an unfamiliar place when he finds himself stranded in the snow. But he uses his scouting skills to bring everything to a satisfyingly Christmassy conclusion.

## InsaneScouter Moment

### The North Star

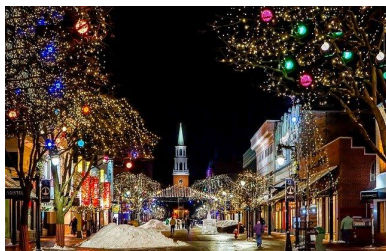
[https://insanescouter.org/p/3198/0/The\\_North\\_Star.html](https://insanescouter.org/p/3198/0/The_North_Star.html)

Scouts, we’ve been learning how to find Polaris, the North Star because we know it will help us find our way in the wilderness. For centuries man has known that the North Star is fixed in the heavens, and it has been used as a navigational aid by sailors ever since the first adventurers sailed away from the sight of land.

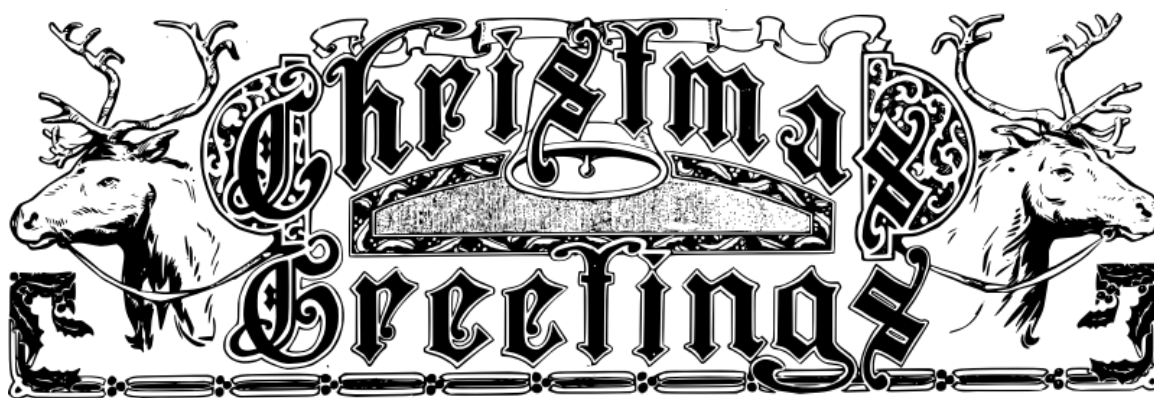
The North Star is still used that way by mariners and space explorers. So in learning how to find it, we are joining a very long line of adventurers.

### Holiday Spirit

[https://insanescouter.org/p/3162/0/Holiday\\_Spirit.html](https://insanescouter.org/p/3162/0/Holiday_Spirit.html)



Christmas and Hanukkah are, for the most people, the most joyful holidays of the year. The holiday parties, the exchange of gifts, and the brilliant lights of the Christmas trees make a guy glad to be alive at this season. Sometimes we forget that these holidays are really religious festivals. It's well to remember that the real holiday spirit is cast by the Star of Bethlehem and the Hanukkah candles, reminding us of the miracles in times past.



## The Legend Of The Christmas Scout

[https://insanescouter.org/p/1000/0/The\\_Legend\\_Of\\_The\\_Christmas\\_Scout.html](https://insanescouter.org/p/1000/0/The_Legend_Of_The_Christmas_Scout.html)

SETTING: Have a leader in the front of the room. Turn off all lights possible. The leader reads the Legend with the aid of a small flashlight.

NARRATOR: This is the legend of the Christmas Scout. It was told to me by a small boy whose faith in the story was absolute. He showed me a toy airplane and said emphatically that it came from the Christmas Scout.

A Boy Scout was returning on Christmas Eve from a party of his relatives where he had received all of his gifts. He had a sled full of presents, just the things he had been hoping for; and although it was cold, he was warm because he was wearing the new plaid jacket for which he had been hinting. It was his favorite gift.

## HOLIDAY NECKERCHIEF

I am so excited about the Holidays! Christmas is my favorite holiday. This year's Christmas will be much different than the years before. We got used to Christmas caroling, but kids are not allowed to go out due to the pandemic. Kids would love to receive toys, but safety is the best gift.

As we get older, we define our own Christmas. Helping and serving other people and God will always be one of the reasons why we celebrate Christmas.

A scout's neckerchief has a lot of purposes. It can be a bandage for yourself or someone else, like a rope to tie something. It also serves as a reminder to glorify God and country, help others, and obey Scout Law. Quite useful for everyday survival.

A holiday neckerchief is an invisible guide for us. We do our duty not just when it is in season, but we do it because we want to. Let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas and a scout. Blessings will come to us if we give them to others.

*"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like, unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." - Matthew 22:37-39*

**Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!**

**Please have your cubs color in the tree below, and send us photos of their artistic creativity. I love seeing what they create.**

