

Computers - what's on the 'net

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Many of you asked for a basic road map to scout resources on the 'net. In compiling this short overview, I am focusing on resources that focus on giving you direct support as an adult leader ... don't forget that there are thousands of website that can also help with specific ideas ... just type "pinewood derby" into a search engine and you'll see what I mean.

I've organized these items to start with things that are "close to home," working out from that point ... so here goes:

- Each other ... you can use the email list I've sent around to ask a general question to see what other people in our District have done. As always, don't overlook the sources of information that are closest to you!
- **www.TompkinsCortlandScouts.org** - our District website. This site tells you what we are doing in Tompkins and Cortland Counties. For example: you have a question about whether cubs are being included in the district winter campout ... this is the site to check.
- **www.bpcouncil.org** - our Council website. Lots of different kinds of information here, including:
 - Cubs in our area: <http://www.bpcouncil.org/page.php?41#Cubs>
 - Cub Camping and summer camps: <http://www.bpcouncil.org/page.php?43>
 - a link to Guide to Safe Scouting - the ultimate answer to "can we do that in Cub Scouts" at <http://www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety/GSS/toc.aspx>
- **ussp.cubmaster.org** - a professional site run by the National Council
Ok ... a good magician shouldn't share his tricks ... but I'm no magician. This site is the source for Baloo's Bugle ... and they have 20 some-odd years worth of issues. You'll also find tons of detail about all kinds of Cub ranks, advancement and other earnable badges, an leader email list and more ...
- **www.scoutingmagazine.org** and **www.boyslife.org**
These two sites allow you to get computerized versions of the magazines you get each month ... or to see the magazines before your subscription starts!
- **<http://www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Leaders/CubScoutHelps.aspx>**
You can get the famous "Program Helps" guides here for free. These guides give you step by step instructions on running meetings ... right down to interesting crafts!
- **www.cubroundtable.com** - this is a volunteer-site maintained by the Littles, a couple from the American Elm Council in Ohio. Their short Roundtable Newsletter is a more accessible piece we regularly use as a hand-out at our Roundtable.