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# RUNNING A DEN MEETING

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# THREE BASIC PARTS

- Before the meeting – plan, prepare, practice
- During the meeting – 6 logical parts for success
- After the meeting – feedback, snack (?), record attendance






# BEFORE THE MEETING

Plan and prepare

- Paper plan
  - Den meeting plan.docx

**Cub Scout Den Meeting Program**

**Den #** \_\_\_\_  **Pack** \_\_\_\_

Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Location: \_\_\_\_\_

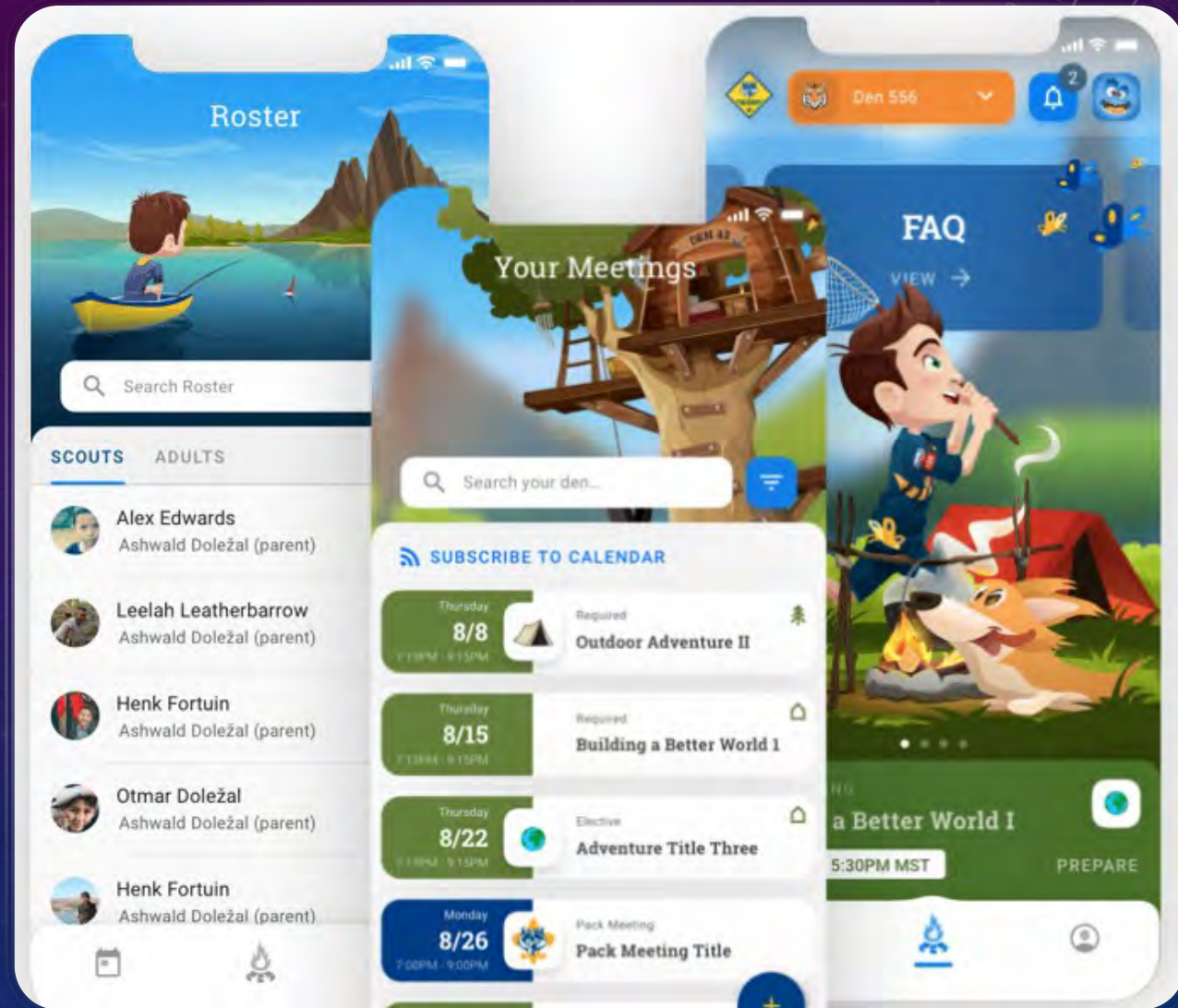
Adults and guests, too:


	Description:	Supplies needed:	Adventure #:
Gathering			
Opening:	Pledge Allegiance to the Flag, Scout Oath Scout law	Flag, Oath & law poster	
Business/ Talk time			
Activities			
Reminders			
Closing:			
Cleanup	Please help put away chairs, clean up any spills, check men's and ladies' bathrooms for cleanliness & lights off.		

# BEFORE THE MEETING

## Plan and prepare

- Paper plan
  - Den meeting plan.docx
- Using the app
  - <https://www.scouting.org/landing/den-leader-experience/>





# PLANNING



Review the  
handbook for  
requirements



How can I make this  
FUN?



Make craft or  
practice activity  
ahead of meeting



Check lyrics of a song



Telling a story?  
Practice!

# PART 1: GATHERING THE NUTS...

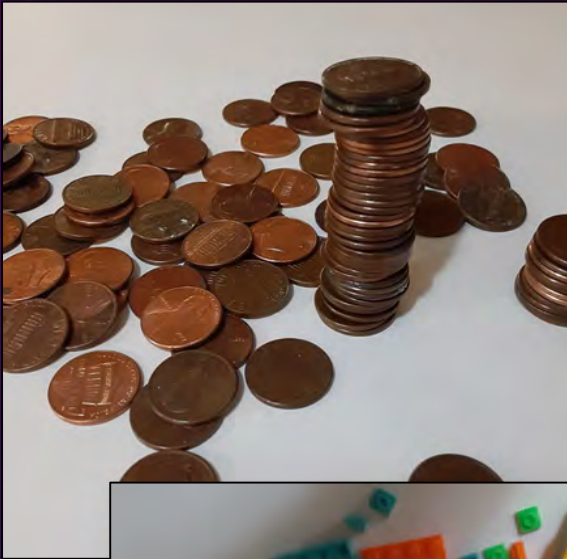
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Self  
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Easy to join  
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## PART 2: OPENING CEREMONY



PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE



SCOUT OATH




SCOUT LAW



## PART 3: TALK TIME

- Explain what we're doing this meeting
- Keep it brief
- Give assignments for the pack meeting
- Encourage parents to participate





## PART 4: ACTIVITIES (THE FUN STUFF!)



Doing is  
more  
fun than  
hearing

Making is more  
fun than  
writing

Doing is more  
fun than  
reading



# THE FUN STUFF!

- Plan for more than one activity
  - Making things
  - Learning/singing a song
  - Making up a skit
  - Playing a game
  - Active time
- Have a back up activity if something “bombs”

# THE FUN STUFF!

- How can we make something FUN?
  - Learning the Outdoor Code?
    - Have them sing it to a tune they make up!
  - Learning the Scout Law?
    - Play catch with a bean bag
  - Learning to dress for the weather (for an outing or hike)?
    - Act it out in charades!
  - Learning to tie a knot?
    - Provide licorice “rope” and eat the knot if it is tied right!
  - Your ideas?



# THE FUN STUFF!

- Crafts or other “make it” activities
- Make one ahead of time (or have your son/daughter make it)
- Have enough kits/supplies for everyone
  - Possible “surprise” guests or siblings... need extra?
- Have enough tools
- Have enough help/supervision
- If it needs to dry...?





## PART 5: REMINDERS

- Finishing activity at home
- Assignments for home
- What to bring for next meeting
- Outing? Where/when to meet.
  - Map



# PART 6: CLOSING

- Pass out awards (if appropriate)
- Circle up
- Pass the scout handshake around the circle
- Closing thoughts from scouts (I'm thankful for...)
- Sing taps
- Say a closing prayer
- Tell an inspiring (short) story (find on Cubmaster Minutes)



# AFTER THE MEETING



RECORD ATTENDANCE



RECORD/REPORT ADDITIONAL  
PEOPLE FOR CONTACT TRACING



UPDATE SCOUTBOOK OR  
OTHER SOFTWARE



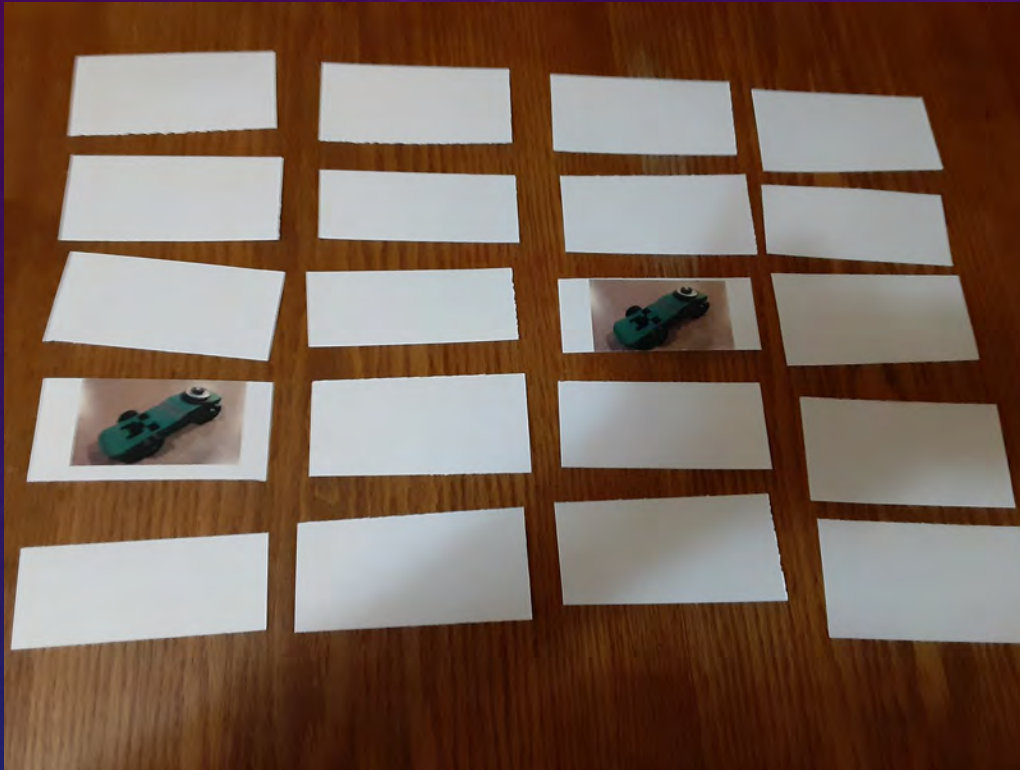
AND NOW... FUN  
IDEAS FOR  
GATHERING  
ACTIVITIES!



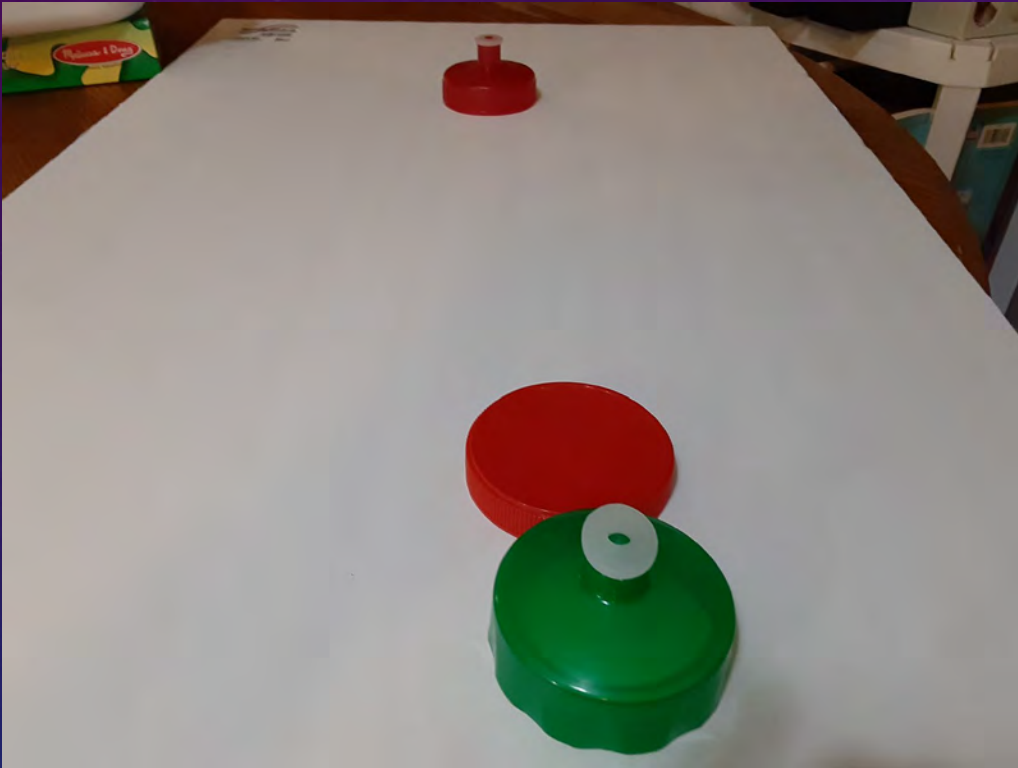




# DOWNLOAD THE MATCHING GAME

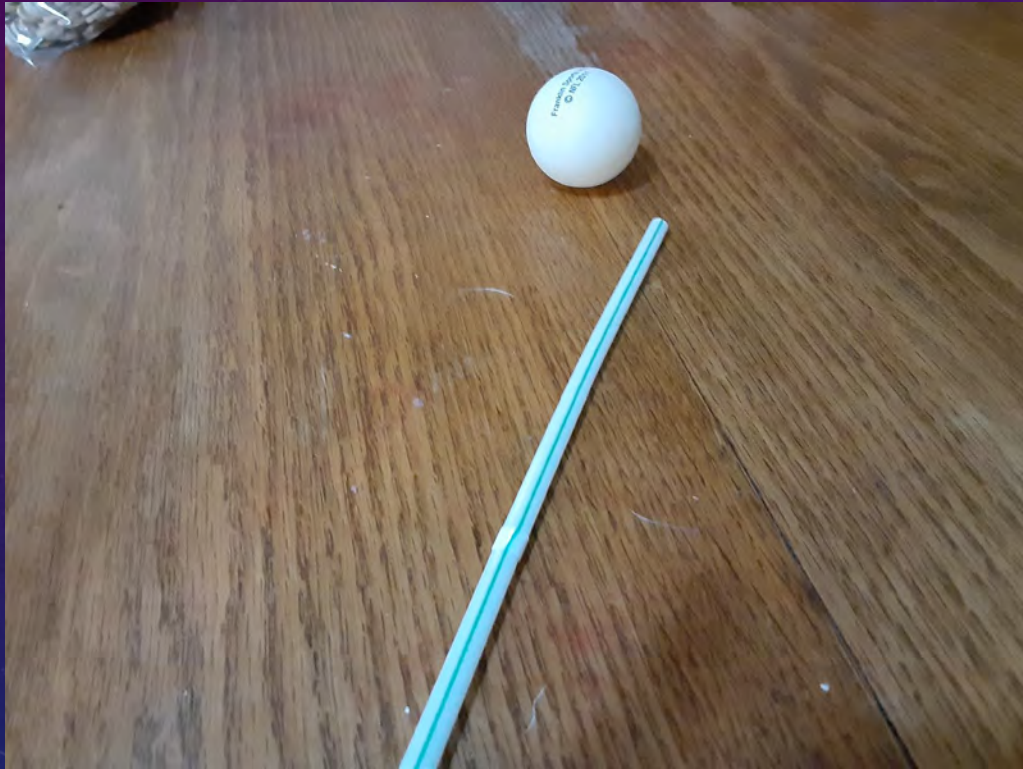


# AIR HOCKEY (DRINK LIDS AND PEANUT BUTTER JAR LID)

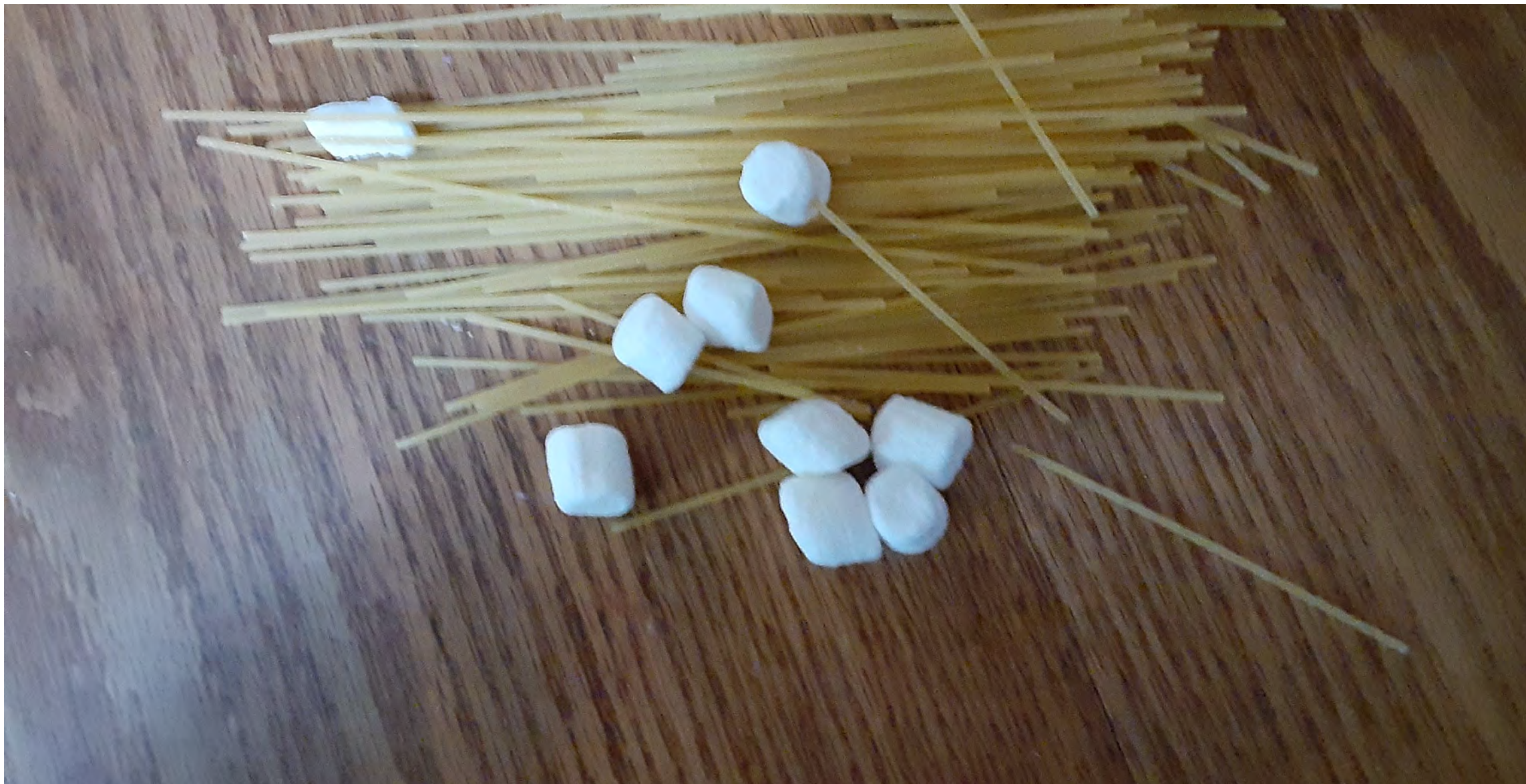




WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE PANDEMIC FOR THIS ONE...











kind  
obedient  
and morally straight

and to show  
Courteous

mentally awake  
other people at all times

Courteous

awake







