

<b>Theme: Round the World - China</b>	<b>Meeting Type: Hall</b>
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<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Equipment Required:</b>
4.30	Opening parade, Joey Scout Motto		Flags
4.35	Enrol Lachlan		Badges, scarf
4.40	Dragon Tag		
4.45	Chopstick relay		
4.55	Chinese Zodiac Game		
5.05	Chinese drums		Paper plates, string, beads, tape, staplers, sticks, textas to decorate
5.15	Chinese whispers		
5.25	Closing parade, Bindi, Hop for Cubs		Flags, Bindi, passports, seats for climbing out

<b>LEADERS AVAILABLE:</b>	
<b>HELPERS:</b>	
<b>BINDI:</b>	
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</b>	
<b>COMMENTS:</b>	

### **Games/Craft Information:**

#### **Dragon Tag**

Two Joey Scouts hold hands (the dragon) and chase after the others. Once tagged you join the dragon. Game continues until all are caught.

#### **Game: Chopstick Relay**

Divide the Joeys into four teams and get them to line up at one end of the hall. At the other end place some marshmallows in a bowl. Give the first Joey Scout in each team some chopsticks. They must run to collect a marshmallow using the chopsticks and walk back to their team without dropping the marshmallow, and place it in the team bowl. If they drop the marshmallow they run back to their team and hand chopsticks to the next Joey. The team that collects the most marshmallows wins. Don't forget to eat the marshmallows at the end of the game (the un-dropped ones of course). If they master this, try with smarties!

#### **Game: Chinese Zodiac Signs**

Before playing the game read out the story of **the Legend of the Chinese Zodiac Signs**.

According to Chinese legend, the twelve animals quarrelled one day as to who was to head the cycle of years. The gods were asked to decide and they held a contest: whoever was to reach the opposite bank of the river would be first, and the rest of the animals would receive their years according to their finish.

All the twelve animals gathered at the riverbank and jumped in. Unknown to the ox, the rat had jumped upon his back. As the ox was about to jump ashore, the rat jumped off the ox's back, and won the race. The pig, which was very lazy, ended up last. That is why the rat is the first year of the animal cycle, the ox second, and the pig last.

The Chinese Zodiac is ordered as follows:

- Rat
- Ox (Cow)
- Tiger
- Rabbit (Cat)
- Dragon
- Snake
- Horse
- Ram (Goat, Sheep)
- Monkey
- Rooster (Chicken)
- Dog
- Pig (Boar)

All the Joey Scouts sit in a circle and are given the name of a Chinese Zodiac Sign. (Make sure there are more than two of each). One Joey Scout is put in the middle of the circle. When a sign is called, all with that name run and change places with another of the same. The middle Joey Scout tries to gain his/her place.

### **Chinese drums**

**Equipment:** two wooden beads per JS, two paper plates (same size), string – approx 2.5x diameter of plates, sticks, sticky tape, staplers (optional), textas (optional)

**Method:** Tie one bead to each end of the string. Tape the string across the middle of one of the plates (on the side you would eat off) – ensure that there is tape near the edge of the plate. Tape on the stick (same side), perpendicular to the string. Place the other plate on top – so that the bottom of each plate is facing out. Tape or staple plates together. Decorate the outside.

When spun between your hands, the beads will hit the outside of the plates and make a sound

### **Chinese whispers**

JS sit in a circle. A message is whispered to one JS who has to pass it around the circle – and see what the message is at the other end. If they get it easily – try an alternate message in the opposite direction at the same time.

Possible messages “The giant panda bear only eats bamboo, and has to eat all day”. “The Great Wall of China goes for miles and miles”. “The 2008 olympics were held in Beijing, the capital of China”