

Jungle Safari

Watch Out for Critters

Simon Kenton Council

As the skit opens, Old Safari Guide leads two hunters into the jungle. The three walk in place, pretending to walk through jungle vegetation.

1st Hunter: Are there wild animals here?

Safari Guide: Yep. Bobcats. They're bad.

2nd Hunter: Is there anything else?

Safari Guide: There's Wolves. Mean critters.

1st Hunter: Is that all?

Safari Guide: You wouldn't ask that question if you had come to rehearsal. There are Bears. And they are the worst critters that I know of.

(Suddenly, three Cub Scouts appear with brown paper sacks over their heads, with animal faces drawn on them.)

1st Cub: I'm a Bobcat

2nd Cub: And I'm a Wolf.

3rd Cub: And I'm a Bear. Who are you?

Hunters: (together) We're chickens! (and they run away.)

Magic Mud

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Setting – 7 Scouts

Scene – Sign in center of stage is marked "Mud Puddle." Scouts enter and gather around sign.

Cub #1: Look here's a mud puddle in the middle of our safari trail. I wonder what may have passed by this little stretch of mud and grass or what nature may be hiding there, within this spot of a few feet square? Let's gather around and take a look and like the pages in a book, we'll study it with open eyes. Can mud like this hold any surprises?

Cub #2: Here is a freshly patterned animal track, maybe there's a wild animal near.

Cub #3: I see a line of busy ants, carrying tidbits of food upon their backs.

Cub #4: Look, I found a feather that's red, green and black. Maybe a toucan passed this way.

Cub #5: Sprinkled here are signs of sprouting seeds from the lofty trees and sprawling weeds.

Cub #6: A pebble smoothed by nature's action slow, formed a million years ago.

Cub #7: In a puddle spot not yet dried out, a water beetle swims about.

Cub #2: And here an eager plant is set – maybe it's a banana tree.

Cub #3: A wiggly worm comes up to twitch, how do we tell which end is which?

Cub #4: The mud itself with food stores vast, from life that flew in ages past.

Cub #5: It's not all nurture mud reveals. Here's a candy wrapper and two toy wheels.

Cub #6: There's something moving – what's that now? I'll pick it up, a Bee, YOW!

Cub #7: Quick, here's some mud upon the spot, to take away the soreness hot.

Cub #1: In mud there's stone and living things, healing power for bitter stings. Through it flows the earth's life blood; our mud is really Magic Mud!

Skits

The Lost Pet

Heart of America Council

(This skit can also be played by one person by wearing two different hats and crouching as a boy and looking downward as a man.)

Boy: (Enter crying, dragging a dog leash) Waaaaaah! Waaaaaah!

Man: Little boy, what's the matter?

Boy: My pet ran away! Waaaaaah!

Man: Don't cry, little boy. I'll help you find it. What color is your pet?

Boy: Yellow, with black stripes. Waaaaaah!

Man: Don't cry, little man, I'll have your pet back in no time.

(Search about the stage, muttering to self) Yellow with black stripes...hmmm...

Boy: I want my pet! Waaaaaah!

Man: Maybe he wandered down the street. You just wait here while I go look for him.

(Exit, quickly put on a ragged coat, muss up hair. Enter, running, shouting) Why didn't you say it was a TIGER? (Exit, running.)

The African King's Thrones

Heart of America Council

Have the boys act it out without speaking as the narrator tells the story.

The king of a tiny country lived in a grass hut. He sat on his throne all day. His people liked him very much. One day the people brought their wonderful king a new throne. The king liked it and put the old throne in the grass hut's attic.

The people were so pleased he liked their gift that they started giving him a new throne every year. With each new throne, the king put the old one in the attic. But trouble soon came to the king. One night the attic collapsed under all the weight, squashing him and teaching his people an important moral: "People who live in grass houses shouldn't stow thrones."

Cub Scout Safari

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Set-up: 5 Scouts and Cubmaster driving a cardboard jeep with safari hats on

CC: We're so glad you could join us on our safari tonight. Our fearless leader (CM's name) will be driving our jeep. But as with any trip there are a few instructions you must hear. (2 boys jump out of the jeep and start chasing each other)

1ST passenger still in jeep: "Johnny Lion, what are you doing?"

One of the boys running: "I'm chasing a hunter around a tree."

2 ND passenger still in jeep: "How many times have I told you not to play with your food." (All go back to jeep)

Next Cub Scout gets out of jeep and says:

"Bobby had a kitten, Tommy had a pup, Johnny had a crocodile, That ate the others up."

(CM climbs out of jeep and looks at CC): "What has fifty legs, big blue eyes on stems, and a red body with green stripes?"

CC: "I don't know. What?"

CM: "I don't know either, but it's crawling up your shirt right now."