

AUGUST 30

INVENTION OF THE VACUUM CLEANER IN 1901!

SUCK AND BLOW!

Warning- if you have asthmatics in your Mob, check that this program is suitable for them.

Today we are doing things that involve moving air, both mechanical and electrical.

You will need to bring several vacuum cleaners (with new bags) to the meeting and be prepared for lots of noise!

ACTIVITIES

1. Make concertina fans from A4 (or larger) paper. Staple or tape the handle.

2. Feather on a Plate: one feather and a paper plate per Joey Scout.

Try walking like a waiter and see if you can keep the feather on the plate.

Now tilt the plate as you walk so that the air pressure keeps the feather in place. How much faster can you walk now?

3. Try keeping a balloon or feathers aloft using a vacuum cleaner on BLOW. Even funnier if you draw faces on the balloons first.

4. Powder Pictures

With chalk, draw one square 1m x 1m on the floor, per team. 1 vacuum cleaner per team.

Put a fine dusting of white powder in the squares (flour, talcum etc)

Joey Scouts use the small tools in the vacuum, on lowest suction level, to make pictures in the powder. Mistake? Just add some more powder over the oops.

Have a conducted tour of all the artworks, then clean them all up!

5. Final Clean Up

Divide Joey Scouts into teams with 1 vacuum cleaner per team. Allocate areas of the hall including the dens and kitchen etc and let them vacuum the floors! Keep the mood light, this is not slavery! Make a big sign to put on the door or main noticeboard to let everyone else know that Joey Scouts have Cared and Shared by cleaning the hall.

GAMES

Slalom Courses

1. Mini version: use the paper fans or blow through straws to guide ping pong balls around a mini slalom course.

2. Maxi version: set out a course using boxes or chairs. You need 1 vacuum cleaner per team and maybe extension cords. Use the vacuum on BLOW to guide basketballs around the course.

CRAFT

Make a "Helping Hands Cheque Book" with 4 vouchers- 2 to 'Tidy and Vacuum My Bedroom', and 2 to 'Vacuum the Car'. Present the vouchers to families at end of the program, and check in two weeks that they have been redeemed! Useful for Care and Share activities around the home.

SONG to the tune of the Christmas carol "Deck the Halls"

Clean the hall with (name of Leader)'s vacuum, fa la la la la, la la la la

We prefer a nice and clean room, fa la la la la, la la la la

*We can vacuum/ *we have vacuumed all the dirt up, fa la la la la, la la la la

* Soon the hall will be/ * Now the hall has been all cleaned up, fa la la la la, la la la la.

(*Use appropriate words, depending whether you sing before or after the final clean up)