



## CUB SCOUT BOOMERANG TEST 7 – PROMISE & LAW PROMISE & LAW BANNER

*Make a Law & Promise Banner from paddlepop sticks and string.*

### Resources

- Paddlepop Sticks
- String
- A6 pieces of paper
- Pen or Pencil
- Knotting Instruction Sheet

### Instructions

1. On a sheet of paper, roughly the width of a paddlepop stick (A6), write the lines of the Law & Promise. This is essentially a practice run, to make sure that the Cubs can write the individual lines on a single stick. Once a Cub has worked out the correct size and spacing for the text, they can write the lines of the Law & Promise onto their paddlepop sticks. The following arrangement will fit the Law & Promise onto 8 sticks:

Cub Scouts are Loyal and Obedient  
Cub Scouts Do Not Give In to Themselves

On my Honour, I Promise that  
I will Do My Best  
To do my Duty to my God and  
To the Queen of Australia  
To Help Other People and  
To Live by the Cub Scout Law

Add a blank stick between the Law and Promise when making the banner.

Note that it is best to write on the sticks before making the banner, so that, if necessary, a stick can be discarded and rewritten.

If any Cubs are unable to write, or write small enough, provide the Law and Promise printed out on paper, and have them simply cut out the individual lines (as above) and glue them on to the paddlepop sticks;

2. Fold the 130 cm length of string in half, and measure off around 10 cm from the fold;
3. Starting with the first paddlepop stick (the first line of the Law), feed the string, from the back of the stick, through the hole, up to the point measured of in 2. above, and tie a plain thumb knot, so that the knot lies at the back of the stick (see Knotting Instruction Sheet);
4. Wrap the string around the stick and feed it though the hole again, from the front, passing under the loop so made, after passing through the hole, and forming a second simple thumb knot, again, at the back of the stick;

5. Perform Steps 3. and 4. on the other end of the first stick. You should have roughly equal lengths of string hanging from each end of the tied stick;
6. Take the second stick (the second line of the Law), and perform Steps 3. and 4. on one end, using a spare stick to measure the distance between the first and second sticks;
7. Do the same on the other end of the second stick, taking care to make the spacing between the sticks the same at both ends. Do not tie the second knot (Step 4.) until the spacing is correct, and the first knot is firmly in place;
8. Following the same process, add the remaining sticks to the banner. Note that, follow the above recommendation, the third stick should be a blank stick, separating the Law and Promise;
9. When the banner is complete, trim the ends of the string at an appropriate length.

## Resource Preparation

### Paddlepop Sticks

Brand/Part Number	Size	\$Cost	Spotlight
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Drill a 5/32" hole in each end of the paddlepop sticks. Sticks can be drilled on a drill press, roughly 10 at a time, using a predrilled template. Hold the stack of sticks firmly together in a vice or similar, with the template on top. Drill a hole through one end of the sticks. Put a 5/32" screw through the hole just drilled to hold all the sticks in line and drill the second hole. This way, even if the holes are displaced slightly from the end, they will all be exactly the same distance apart.

### String

Zenith Cotton Shop Twine	75 m	\$Cost	Hardware Store
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A length ~130 cm long will provide a 20 cm loop at the top of the banner with more than 10 cm left at the end (so tying doesn't get too fiddly) after tying 9 paddlepop sticks, spaced roughly one stick width (1 cm) apart. (To determine the total length of string required for a banner, multiply the total number of sticks to be used by 6, add 10, and double).