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Cubmaster Minute: The Flashlight

- Consider the flashlight. Think how useful it is as we find our way along the trail at night or prepare to sleep in our tents.
- Consider the batteries in our flashlight. Batteries power light but they may eventually need a recharge or replacement.
- If we have only one flashlight for a group, only the person holding the light determines what we will see or where to proceed.
 - If we have many flashlights, we see more and have many possibilities and choices.
 - Next time you are on a campout, outside at night, notice that if everyone holds his light high at the same time, the light fills an area larger than if everyone holds their light low. The group benefits from the light held high.
- What do you think would happen if we put a flashlight inside a paper bag and turned it on? We would clearly see what is inside the bag but not see things outside the bag. The bag blocks the light. Sometimes we want to just see inside the bag. Other times, what's important is outside the bag.
- The flashlight is like us, like people. We are most useful and helpful to others when we are outside the bag and in groups.
- The batteries are like our beliefs and our ideas. Sometimes they support others and sometimes, they need recharging or replacing in order for the light to remain useful.
- The bag represents some of the choices we make about sharing ourselves with others.
- How will you hold your light? How long will your batteries last? What would people see in the bags you bring along?
- Consider the great power of your flashlight.

I hope you had fun with our HMNS demonstrations tonight. I encourage you to be curious and take advantage of STEM NOVA programming that is in addition to our regular Rank advancements. I challenge you to try new things and enjoy all the wonderful opportunities that scouting has to offer. May the father of scouting be with us all until we gather again.

Yours in Scouting,

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