

For All Leaders – June 2016

July Theme: Scout Salute

Point of the Scout Law: Loyal

DISCUSSION TOPIC: Den Ceremonies

Do you remember the best ceremony you ever saw? The worst? What was the difference between the two experiences? When you can answer these questions, you will be ready to put what you know into practice and make a difference in the experiences of Cub Scouts as they receive their badges or cross over into Boy Scouting. The boys will remember their awards and how they were recognized for earning them, and families will value these occasions as memorable highlights on the Scouting Trail.

What kinds of ceremonies are used at den meetings?

- An opening ceremony signals the beginning of the den meeting
- The presentation of immediate recognition in fun and easy ceremonies acknowledges the progression toward rank advancement
- Denner installations recognizes boy leaders and the importance of this position in the Cub Scout and Webelos den
- Special recognition ceremonies mark special achievements reached both in and out of Scouting
- A closing ceremony brings a quiet, inspirational end to the den meeting

For more information and ideas on ceremonies – *Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs, No. 33212*

Tiger Breakout – June 2016

Tiger Elective Adventure: Earning Your Stripes

1. Bring in and share with your den five items that are the color orange.
2. Demonstrate loyalty over the next week at school or in your community. Share at your next den meeting how you were loyal to others.
3. With your adult partner, decide on one new task you can do to help your family, and do it.
4. Talk with your den and adult partner about polite language. Learn how to shake hands properly and introduce yourself.
5. Play a game with your den. Then discuss how your den played politely.
6. With your adult partner and den, work on a service project for your pack's meeting place or chartered organization.



Wolf Breakout – June 2016

Wolf Elective Adventures: Spirit of the Water

1. Demonstrate how the water in your community can become polluted.
2. Explain one way that you can help conserve water in your home.
3. Explain to your den leader why swimming is good exercise.
4. Explain the safety rules that you need to follow before participating in swimming or boating.
5. Show how to do a reaching rescue.
6. Visit a local pool or public swimming area with your family or Wolf den. With qualified supervision, jump into water that is at least chest-high, and swim 25 feet or more.



Bear Breakout – June 2016

Bear Elective Adventure: Forensics



1. Talk with your family and den about forensics and how it is used to help solve crimes.
2. Analyze your fingerprints.
3. Learn about chromatography and how it is used in solving crimes. Do an investigation using different types of black, felt-tip markers. Share your results with your den.
4. Do an analysis of four different substances: salt, sugar, baking soda, and cornstarch.
5. Make a shoe imprint.
6. Visit the sheriff's office or police station in your town. Find out how officers collect evidence.
7. Learn about the different jobs available in forensic science. Choose two, and find out what is required to work those jobs. Share what you learned with your den.
8. Learn how animals are used to gather important evidence. Talk about your findings with your den.

Webelos and Arrow of Light Breakout – June 2016

Webelos Elective Adventure: Project Family

Do 1 through 5, then choose two of 6 through 8:



1. Interview a grandparent, another family elder, or a family friend about what life was like when he or she was growing up. Share his or her story with another family member.
2. Talk with members of your family about your family name, history, traditions, and culture. Create a family tree of three generations, or make a poster or Web page that shows the origins of your ancestors. Or choose a special celebration or holiday that your family participates in, and create either a poster, picture, or photo slideshow of it. Share this project with your den.
3. Show your understanding of your duty to family by creating a chart listing the jobs that you and other family members have at home. Choose three of the jobs you are responsible for, and chart them for two weeks.
4. Select ONE of the jobs below that belongs to another family member, and help that person complete it:
 - a. Create a grocery shopping list for the week.
 - b. Complete the laundry for your family one time.
 - c. Help prepare meals for your family for one day.
5. Create a list of community service or conservation projects that you and your family can do together, and present it to your family. Select one project, plan it, and complete it with your family.
6. With the help of an adult, inspect your home and its surroundings. Make a list of hazards or security problems you find. Correct one problem you found, and tell what you did.
7. Hold a family meeting to plan an exciting family activity. The activity could include:
 - a. A family reunion
 - b. A family night
 - c. A family outing
8. Have your family event. Afterward, tell your parent or guardian what you liked best about the event.

Cubmaster Breakout – June 2016

DISCUSSION TOPIC: Building Pack Spirit

Resources: *Cub Scout Leader How-To Book*, No. 33832 (review the chapter on special awards, outdoor activities, and special pack activities, and sections on games, puzzles, songs, skits, stories, and tricks and magic); *Cub Scout Songbook*, No. 33222; *Group Meeting Sparklers*, No. 33122; *Cub Scout Magic*, No. 33210; and *Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs*, No. 33212.

Anyone can hold a pack meeting, give out the awards and advancement, and send the Cub Scouts home. Boring! It's the pizzazz that keeps them coming back. The songs, skits, stories, run-ons, and cheers bring on the laughter, the sparkle in their eyes, and the excitement. Boys who are recognized for achievement in special ceremonies will remember it for years to come.

Lead a discussion on what "pack spirit" is and the importance of building it within the unit. Bring the above resources to the meeting with special emphasis on the *Cub Scout Leader How-To Book*. Share the many ideas that are found in this valuable resource. Discuss ways to add sparkle and pizzazz to a pack meeting that will excite the boys and adults. Ask for ideas of how they can incorporate some of the ideas discussed into pack meetings.

Include some topics such as:

- Audience participation skits
- Costumes for skits and ceremonies
- Cub Scout den flags
- Den doodles displayed at pack meetings
- Field trips
- Good communication with families
- Meaningful ceremonies
- Overnight experiences (resident and day camp)
- Pack scrapbook
- Parties – skating, sledding, hikes
- Run-ons, cheers, applause
- Service projects for dens and packs
- Songs, skits, games
- Storytelling
- Uniform inspection

Using the *Cub Scout Songbook*, review different types of songs and how to integrate them into a pack meeting. Mention that songs often help to lift spirits and start the fun or keep it going. Suggest that printed song sheets are helpful so everyone can follow along and join in. Likewise, with the *Group Meeting Sparklers*, refer to various ideas for skits and run-ons, etc., that can be easily used when planning for pack meetings. Discuss the merits of attending summer camp and district day camps for outdoor fun and adventure. Have contact information and registration deadline materials available.

Run-ons are a terrific way to add some pizzazz to a pack meeting. For best results, arrange them ahead of time, possibly at the pack committee planning meeting without the Cubmaster—or whoever is running the pack meeting—knowing about it. That way the run-on will look more spontaneous, and the Cubmaster will enjoy being part of an agreeable joke.

Other practical suggestions: Gather up all the cheers and applauses you can find, print them on card stock, cut each one out of the card stock page, and drop the whole bunch into an empty Cheer detergent box. This becomes your “Cheer Box” for pack meetings. After skits or songs at each pack meeting, have a Cub Scout come to the front, take a cheer out of the Cheer Box, and lead it. Encourage the den leaders to practice and bring their Cub Scouts’ den yells to pack meetings. These ideas build den spirit and morale, and they give all the boys a chance to participate at pack meetings and to let off steam in an organized fashion.

ACTIVITY

Challenge the Cubmasters to incorporate two new ideas into their next pack meetings that will increase the pack spirit within their units. Discuss those ideas and show copies of resources available for help. Encourage the leaders to continue adding pizzazz to their meetings and then observe the increased pack spirit during the next few months.

Pack Committee Breakout – June 2016

DISCUSSION TOPIC: Pack Leadership Team

The adult leadership will influence the life of every boy and family in your pack. Since the leaders play a vital role in the success of the pack, the chartered organization, working through the pack committee, has a prominent role in their selection.

The pack leadership team includes the Cubmaster and assistant Cubmaster; pack committee chair and members of the committee; chartered organization representative; den leaders and assistant den leaders; and den chiefs. The importance of the team approach to leadership in the den and pack is vital. No one person can do the job successfully alone.

Recruiting, training, and planning are a combined effort of the leadership team. Communication, training, involvement, and planning are necessary for leaders to work together in the team. At least monthly, the pack leaders need to meet and plan the program.

Sometimes, within the leadership team, problems may occur as members try to communicate and manage the program of the pack. Discuss what can be done to help unify the team if problems do occur. These tips may help:

- Remember that the boys are the most important part of the program.
- Care about the people involved and seek their best interests.
- Identify the problem and make sure you have the facts.
- Face the problem; don't ignore it in hopes it will go away.
- Recognize the real source of the problem.
- Be willing to listen to all sides and viewpoints.
- Be tolerant and forgiving—seek to strengthen rather than weaken relationships.
- Decide what can be done to solve the problem and act on the decision.
- Learn from the problem and see how that knowledge can help your program.

Cub Scout leaders take a positive stand in support of the boys and their families. They take an active role in helping to strengthen those families by providing a fun-filled, worthwhile program that teaches values. The pack leadership's role in supporting each other and working together is crucial for all members to be successful.

ACTIVITY

Ask the pack leaders to evaluate the leadership team for their packs. Discuss any changes in leadership needing to be made. Are all positions filled for fall? Help them develop a plan to secure their leadership needs using the resources available. Brainstorm ways to have an effective pack committee work on unit events and basic program planning. List practical ways to be a support to the leadership team.

RESOURCES

Selecting Cub Scout Leadership,
www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/510-500.pdf

So You're a New Cubmaster,
www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/510-237.pdf

So You're a New Den Leader
www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/510-239.pdf

So You're a New Tiger Den Leader,
www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/510-233.pdf

So You're a New Webelos Den Leader,
www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/510-247.pdf

So You're a New Pack Committee Member,
www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/510-240.pdf

Scout Leader Uniform Inspection Sheet,
www.scouting.org/filestore/cubscouts/pdf/34048.pdf

Individual rank handbooks and den leader guides