Tiger Den Meeting 9

How Do You Celebrate? and Making Decorations

Elective 1. Elective 2.

Preparation and Materials Needed

- Bring balloons, dowels or sticks, metal cans, brightly colored paper, small stones or sand, crayons, markers, adhesive foam shapes or stickers, unfrosted cupcakes, frosting, plastic knives, and sprinkles or other cupcake decoration items to the next meeting.

Before the Meeting

- Make final preparations with assistance from any assistant den leader or host team (Tiger Cub and adult partner) or other parent helper or den chief. Organize the space (seating, flags, advancement charts, activity materials, handouts, etc.). If you're snacking, organize space for that and the cleanup.

Gathering

- Have a gathering activity (games, puzzles, coloring, puppets) that will keep Tiger Cubs interested and busy, and that others may join as they arrive. If the den desires, serve a healthy snack during this time.
- Collect dues, record attendance and any advancement completed at home (a good job for an assistant den leader). Assign parents to meeting roles and hand out a meeting plan to each.
- Have boys sign a note or card as a formal thank-you to any recent Go See It sites or guests.

Opening

- Conduct flag ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance.
- Recite the Cub Scout Promise (or other opening); perhaps add a roll call and/or uniform recognition.

Business Items

- If a Scout has brought his family scrapbook back, allow him to show it to the rest of the den.
- Use this time to discuss participation in coming pack meetings or events, as needed.

Activities

- **Elective 1** ("Think of a time when your family celebrated something, and tell the den about it and how it made your feel.")
  - Have each boy tell the den about a time his family celebrated something.
  - Discuss why Cub Scouts celebrate a blue and gold banquet each year.

- **Elective 2** ("Make a decoration with your family or your den. Display it or give it to someone as a gift.") Make decorations for your pack's blue and gold banquet (*Tiger Cub Handbook,* page 81).
  - Inflate five balloons and attach them to balloon sticks or tape them to dowels.
  - Cover an empty can with paper and fasten.
  - Have the boys decorate the cans with crayons, markers, and stickers or adhesive foam shapes.
  - Insert the balloon sticks into the cans.
  - Place small stones or sand into the cans so the "balloon bouquets" do not tip over
  - Arrange the finished decorations on the party table.

Want More Fun Activities?

For another (edible) decoration:

- Place frosting on several plates with plastic knives.
- Give each Tiger Cub a cupcake on a plate, and have him frost and decorate it as desired.
- Before enjoying this party treat, ask each Tiger Cub to tell the group what he likes best about being a Tiger Cub.
- Sing a birthday song to Scouting, then enjoy the cupcakes.

Depending on the level of interest and enthusiasm you see from the Scouts, you might need to add a game or other fun activity to this meeting.

Closing

- Award any advancement completed at this meeting.
- Closing ceremony: perhaps a den leader's minute, Law of the Pack, den yell, and/or Living Circle.
- Remind boys and adult partners the next meeting is a Go See It (unless the sequence is changed).
- Hand out or send family information letter.

After the Meeting

- If you've changed the sequence of den meetings, double-check to make sure you will still advance your boys appropriately and check with the Cubmaster to make sure you stay coordinated with the pack.
- Refreshments: If appropriate
- Cleanup: Recruit enough help to do a good job. Scouts always leave an area as clean, or cleaner, than they found it.