Tiger Den Meeting 2

Bobcat and Making My Family Special

Bobcat badge (completion). Achievement 1: Making My Family Special (1F completion, 1G). Character Connection for Responsibility.

Preparation and Materials Needed

- For Den Meeting 2, make arrangements to visit a library, historical society, museum, old farm, or historical building in your community. If transportation is an issue, be sure to consider alternatives, such as the library in a school or church that hosts your unit, or an older employee at the school or church to discuss life years ago. Another alternative is the home of an older neighbor willing to help. Be flexible in finding some place, and someone, interesting for the Scouts.
- Materials checklist (these should be in your basic den box by now):
  - Index cards printed with the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack
  - Tiger Cub Immediate Recognition Emblem beads

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.
- If applicable, collect permission slips.
- As parents arrive, verify that parents have completed the exercises in the parent's guide, *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse*.

Opening

- Conduct flag ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance.
- Recite the Cub Scout Promise (or other opening).
- Maybe add a roll call (give me a Tiger roar when I call your name), and/or uniform recognition.

Business Items

(On a Go See It field trip, you'll really need to determine when to cover these—at the beginning may not make sense—do these in a way that works for you):

- Remind the boys of appropriate behavior, including safety considerations, at the site of your visit.
- **Verify:** Ask Tiger Cubs to share with the den the chore they completed with their adult partner **(Achievement 1F).**
- Review any code of conduct for how the den should govern itself during meetings.
- Use this time to discuss participation in coming pack meetings or events, as needed.

Activities

- **Achievement 1G:** Take a Go See It to a library, historical society, museum, old farm, or historical building, or visit an older person. Discover how family life was the same and how it was different many years ago.
  - Advice to Leaders: Make it fun! Be enthusiastic, or create drama and mystery about the historic place you're visiting. Don't allow it to be just "some boring historic place."
  - You might have the Tiger Cubs dress, or have some adult partners dress, in period costumes to add to the fun of the event, or bring items from the era at the historical place that you're visiting.
  - Be sure to mix in brief games and songs (serious or silly) to change the pace of the meeting. Tiger Cubs have short attention spans, and you and they will have more fun and focus better if you mix it up.

- **Review** the Bobcat requirements (*Tiger Cub Handbook,* pages 29–34):
  - Learn and say the Cub Scout Promise.
  - Say the Law of the Pack and discuss what it means.
  - Tell what Webelos means (We'll Be Loyal Scouts).
  - Learn the Cub Scout sign and tell what it means. (Two parts of the Promise—"help other people" and "obey the Law of the Pack"—and it looks like a Wolf's ears, meaning "I'm ready to listen.")
  - Show the Cub Scout handshake and tell what it means. (Like the sign, two parts of the Promise)
  - Say the Cub Scout motto (Do Your Best).

- ***Suggestion:*** You could do a Law of the Pack puzzle (can do with the Cub Scout Promise as well):
  - Write one word of the Law of the Pack on an index card; place the cards in a paper sack.
  - Prepare a second sack of index cards. Divide the den into two teams.
  - On a signal, teams remove the cards from the sacks and put the words in the correct order.
  - The first team correctly completing the sequence of words wins.

- **Complete** the Character Connection for Responsibility **(Achievement 3D)**.
  - **Know:** Think about the job that you completed. What was the hardest part of doing the job? How well was the job done? What does it mean to be responsible?
  - **Commit:** Why is being responsible important? Are there jobs you can do by yourself? List other ways that you can be responsible.
  - **Practice:** Do **Achievement 1F:** Think of one chore you can do with your adult partner. Complete it together.

Closing

- Award (or recognize) any advancement completed at this meeting; thank hosts, guests, and helpers.
- Closing ceremony: perhaps a den leader's minute, Law of the Pack, den yell, and/or Living Circle.
- Hand out or send family information letter.

Tiger Cubs who participated in Den Meeting 1 and completed a chore with their adult partner have now earned their first white bead **(Achievement 1F)**.

Tiger Cubs who participated in Meeting 2 have earned their first black bead **(Achievement 1G)**.

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.