Supplemental Tiger Den Meeting M

Family Mobile

Elective 5.

Preparation and Materials Needed

- If you are not a craftsperson, this is a great opportunity to enlist an adult partner who can lead crafts.
- You might ask Tiger Cubs and adult partner to bring in copies of photos that could be added to the mobiles.
- Materials checklist (add to your den box of U.S. and den flags, paper and pencils, other supplies):
  - Lightweight wire coat hangers (two per boy)
  - Clay
  - Scraps of cloth
  - Rocks
  - Construction paper
  - Thread or string
  - Colored markers
  - Tiger Track beads for Tiger Cub Immediate Recognition Emblem

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.

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 5** ("Make a family mobile."):
  - You may make a mobile with a base of rocks covered with clay, as described in the *Tiger Cub Handbook* under **Elective 5,** or a hanging mobile, using two wire coat hangers for each boy.
  - Have the boys draw pictures of the things that remind them of their family members, or make small models of them out of paper, cloth, or clay.
  - Hang each piece from the wire mobile, using thread or string.

- Have each Tiger Cub show his family mobile to the den, and explain why the items on the mobile remind them of family members.

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.



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.