Supplemental Tiger Den Meeting G

Picnic Fun, Snack Time, Safety in the Sun, and Fun Outdoors

Elective 22. Elective 25. Elective 29. Elective 35.

Preparation and Materials Needed

- Well in advance, select a date, time, and location for your picnic and inform the den. If needed because of weather, you can picnic indoors.
- With the families of the boys in the den, decide who will bring what food and picnic supplies.
  - Determine what sort of games your den would like to play at the picnic. Take ideas from families and/or assign families to bring their favorite games to play.
- Materials checklist (add to your den box of U.S. and den flags, paper and pencils, other supplies):
  - Food and picnic supplies (to the extent not delegated to other families).
  - For "ants on a log": celery, peanut butter (check allergies) or cream cheese, and raisins.
  - For "patriotic surprise": blueberries, sliced strawberries (or any other red berry), cottage cheese (or any other white food, such as coconut flakes), plus a rectangular tray or platter.
  - If you will be outdoors, bring sunblock and a first aid kit.
  - Tiger Track beads for Tiger Cub Immediate Recognition Emblem
- ***Note:*** If your picnic gets rained out and you take it indoors, you can repeat this den meeting with different snacks and games.

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

- Remind the boys of appropriate behavior, including safety considerations, at your picnic.
- 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 22** ("With your family or with your den, have a picnic—indoors or outdoors."):
  - At the picnic, play games your den likes.
  - You might have families take turns leading their favorite games.

- **Elective 25** ("Make a snack and share it with your family or den."):
  - Wash your hands with soap and warm water.
  - For ants on a log, take stalks of celery and add peanut butter (check allergies) or cream cheese. Raisins are the "ants" on top of the celery logs.
  - For patriotic surprise, arrange the red, white, and blue foods on the rectangular tray or platter to form an American flag.

- **Elective 29** ("Safety in the sun"):
  - Talk with your adult partner about when you should use sunscreen. Find out whether you have any in your home and where it is kept.



- With your adult partner, look at a container of sunscreen and find out whether it still protects you when you are wet. Also find out how long you are protected before you have to put on more.
- Look for the expiration date and make sure the sunscreen is not too old.

- **Elective 35** ("Play a game outdoors with your family or den."):
  - More games! ***Note:*** Be sure that adult partners and families get into the action too, so that all have fun!

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.