Tiger Den Meeting 14

Go See It: Pet Care and Learn About Animals

Elective 43. Elective 31.

Preparation and Materials Needed

- For this meeting, make arrangements for a Go See It to visit a veterinarian or animal groomer. Alternatives include visiting a pet store, nature preserve, animal shelter, science teacher (with animals), or farmer (with animals).
  - Be sure your host knows how long you need to have someone make the presentation, and that you've confirmed what can or should be covered that would be interesting and fun for Tiger Cubs.
  - Alternative (if transportation is an issue): have someone come to you. Some parents may qualify! If you're in a school, some science teachers may have animals as well.
- Materials checklist (add to your den box of U.S. and den flags, paper and pencils, other supplies):
  - 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 43** ("Take a field trip to a veterinarian's or animal groomer's office.")

- **Elective 31** ("Learn about an animal.")
  - Easy to do if you're at a veterinarian's or animal groomer's office, or visiting a pet store, zoo, nature preserve, animal shelter, science teacher (with animals) or farmer (with animals).
  - Questions that can be asked about any animal include the following from the *Tiger Cub Handbook:* How big is the animal? Where does it live? What kind of food does it eat? How long does it usually live? What sounds does it make? Is it endangered?
  - You, your guest or host, and other adult partners and Tiger Cubs will have other questions.

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.
- Ask adult partners to have boys prepare a healthy snack for themselves and bring it to the next meeting.



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.