Supplemental Tiger Den Meeting E

Get the Word Out
Elective 20.

Preparation and Materials Needed

- Consider what ideas you might want to salt the meeting with if the Tiger Cubs don't quickly come up with a good "public service announcement" skit about Cub Scouting.
  - You might search the Internet for ideas about similar skits, because many leaders have posted ideas or would be willing to provide suggestions.
- Materials checklist (add to your den box of U.S. and den flags, paper and pencils, other supplies):
  - Paper and pencils for each Tiger Cub to write his part for the script for the Tiger Cub public service announcement skit.
  - Tiger Track Beads for Tiger Cub Immediate Recognition Emblem
  - (Optional) If you or the adult partners want to add some creativity to this, you might bring some materials that could be costumes or supplies for backdrops or items used in the skits.

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 20** ("With your den, make up a PSA (public service announcement) skit to tell people about Tiger Cubs."):
  - Ask the Tiger Cubs what a public service announcement is, and, as needed, explain what it is.
  - Have them create a public service announcement-type skit to tell people about Tiger Cubs.
  - In the skit, tell why you like Tiger Cubs and why others should join, too. You might reenact some of the fun activities your den has participated in to show the audience why Tiger Cubs is fun.
  - This skit can be presented at a pack meeting or at a recruitment event for new Tiger Cubs.

- Allow the Tiger Cubs to practice the skit to see what elements work and are interesting.
  - Let as many Tiger Cubs as have ideas show them so all ideas can be considered and the best pieces used in the PSA skit.

- Especially if and when the Tiger Cubs hit "writer's block," 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.



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.