Supplemental Tiger Den Meeting P

Sew a Button and Song Time

Elective 18. Elective 6.

Preparation and Materials Needed

- If you are not a craftsperson, this is a great opportunity to enlist an adult partner who can lead crafts.
- Materials checklist (add to your den box of U.S. and den flags, paper and pencils, other supplies):
  - An assortment of large buttons with two or four holes
  - Fabric scraps
  - A needle with a large eye for each boy
  - Thread
  - Words to the songs you're going to sing (if not in the *Tiger Cub Handbook*)
  - 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 18** ("Sew a button onto fabric."):
  - Cut a piece of thread about 20 inches long and thread the end into the needle.
  - Double the thread and make a knot in the end.
  - Put the button on the cloth where you want it, and hold it there with one hand.
  - With the other, bring the needle up through one of the holes of the button from the wrong side and pull gently until the thread is all the way through the cloth.
  - Then push the needle through another hole back to the wrong side of the fabric.
  - Keep working the thread up and down through the holes until the button is secure.
  - End with the needle on the wrong side of the fabric. Make a knot by taking several small stitches in the same spot.
  - Cut off the extra thread.

Want More Fun Activities?

To have a use for the button sewing, you could sew the buttons onto socks to make sock puppets (along with other markers and materials to decorate the sock puppets), and then have sock puppet theater.

- Be sure to mix in games to change the pace of the meeting, because Tiger Cubs have short attention spans, and you and they will have more fun and focus better if you mix it up.



- **Elective 6** ("Along with your adult partner, teach a song to your family or to your den and sing it together."):
  - Sing the songs "I've Got That Tiger Cub Spirit" and/or "If You're a Tiger and You Know It."
  - Feel free to substitute or add appropriate songs that you and the Scouts want to sing.

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.