Supplemental Tiger Den Meeting L

Feed the Birds

Elective 32.

Preparation and Materials Needed

- **Determine if any of the boys is allergic to peanuts.** If peanut allergies are a problem, substitute shortening for peanut butter. Find on the Internet instructions for pinecone bird feeders.
- Materials checklist (add to your den box of U.S. and den flags, paper and pencils, other supplies):
  - Materials for a pinecone bird feeder: one large pinecone per boy, string, jar of peanut butter, birdseed, an 8-by-8-inch cake pan, plastic knives, newspaper to cover the work table, a smock or large shirt for each boy and adult, and quart-size plastic zipper bags labeled with each boy's name to hold each completed pinecone bird feeder
  - Materials for a garland for the birds: oranges, day-old bread, heavy duty twine, yarn needle.
  - 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 32** ("Make a bird feeder and then hang it outdoors."):
  - Make one or both kinds of bird feeders described in **Elective 32;** the pinecone bird feeder and/or the garland for the birds. See the *Tiger Cub Handbook*, page 126.
  - Hang the birdfeeder(s) outdoors.

- 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.

Want More Fun in Your Activities?

Don't just walk out and hang the bird feeders: Consider fun ways to do this.

- Maybe channel your best Animal Planet sense of wonder and danger.
- Or create your own bird masks. Or go to the other team and wear cat masks out there! They can be made out of paper grocery bags, or paper plates with string/rubber bands, plus markers.



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.