



Bear Cub Scouts



Bear Den Meeting #12

Achievement 17: Information, Please (completed at home); Elective 23: Maps; Map and Compass belt loop

Preparation and materials needed:

- Bring a U.S. flag and the den flag.
- Bring a United States map showing time zones, a state map, and a local map.
- Bring a compass, paper, and pencils.

Gathering:

- Snack, collect den dues, record attendance.
- Check boys' handbooks for completion of Achievements 17a and 17d.

Opening ceremony:

- Conduct flag ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance.
- Recite the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack.

Advancement:

- Elective 23: Maps, requirements 23a–e:
 - (a) Look up your state on a U.S. map. What other states touch its borders?
 - (b) Find your city or town on a map of your state. How far do you live from the state capital?
 - (c) In which time zone do you live? How many time zones are there in the U.S.?
 - (d) Make a map showing the route from your home to your school or den meeting place.
 - (e) Mark a map showing the way to a place you would like to visit that is at least 50 miles from your home.
- Map and Compass belt loop requirements:
 1. Show how to orient a map. Find three landmarks on the map.
 2. Explain how a compass works.
 3. Draw a map of your neighborhood. Label the streets and plot the route you take to get to a place that you often visit.

Closing:

- Retire the colors.

- Hand out family information letter. Remind families to save newspapers and aluminum cans. The cans will be collected at den meeting #14 and brought to a recycling center. (A sample family information letter can be found at www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Resources and on the CD in the Resources folder on the main menu.)
- Clean up.

Next Up:

- For den meeting #13, bring a U.S. flag and the den flag.
- For Achievement 5b, purchase a birdhouse kit (BSA Supply Nos. 7201, 17185, or 17083) for each boy, and bring enough hammers, safety glasses, low-temperature hot-glue guns, and glue sticks. Working with tools requires greater supervision, so you should ask for additional parents who are handy with tools.
- See www.bsafieldbook.org/fieldbook.jsp?s=ENV for wildlife links.
- Be able to explain what a wildlife conservation officer does.
- Research information about one animal that has become extinct in the last 100 years. Get a list of animals on the endangered species list.
- Prepare permission slips for a trip to a recycling facility at den meeting #14.

Boys who have attended all den meetings and completed all required home assignments have now earned a fourth red Progress Toward Ranks bead to be placed on their Cub Scout immediate recognition emblem (for completing Achievements 4, 13, and 15). The Bear badge will be presented at the pack's blue and gold banquet.

Boys attending all den meetings and completing home assignments may also now qualify for a Gold Arrow Point. The 10 electives would have been selected from these 14 possibilities: the three extra requirements in Achievement 3, one extra requirement in Achievement 8, three extra requirements in Achievement 14, Achievement 17a-e, and two requirements in Elective 23.

Boys attending den meeting #12 and completing the requirements should be presented the Map and Compass belt loop at the next pack meeting.