



Bear Cub Scouts



Bear Den Meeting #14

Achievement 6: Take Care of Your Planet (completion)

Preparation and materials needed:

- Bring a U.S. flag and the den flag.
- Bring unfinished birdhouses, hammers, safety glasses, paint, and smocks.
- Families bring the aluminum cans they have been saving for recycling.
- Make arrangements for a field trip to a recycling facility.
- Submit a Local Tour Permit Application to your council service center two weeks before the field trip. (The Local Tour Permit Application can be found at www.scouting.org/CubScouts/CubScoutingForms/forms and on the CD in the Resources folder on the main menu.)

Gathering:

- Collect permission slips as boys arrive.
- Snack, collect den dues, record attendance.
- Check handbooks for completion of Achievements 6c and 6f.
- Collect recyclable items for Achievement 6a.

Opening ceremony:

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

Advancement:

- Achievement 6a: Save five pounds of glass or aluminum, or one month of daily newspapers. Turn them in at a recycling center or use your community's recycling service. To continue the den meeting, go to a park or other safe place.
- Achievement 6c: Have each boy report on what he learned about your trash-hauling company and what happens to your trash after it is hauled away.
- Achievement 6d: Discuss all the ways water is used at home.
- Achievement 6e: Discuss the kinds of energy available and how they are used.
- Achievement 6f: Have each boy report on what he found out about his family's use of electricity.

Closing:

- Retire the colors.
- Hand out family information letter. (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.)
 - Achievements 6e and 6f: Each boy should lead a family discussion about the kinds of energy his family uses (including electricity) and how to conserve energy.
 - Achievement 6d: With an adult, check for dripping faucets and repair or correct those problems.
 - Achievement 6a: Ask families to bring to the next den meeting the newspapers they have been saving for recycling. This will complete the “one month of daily newspapers” requirement for Achievement 6a.
- Clean up.

Next Up:

- For den meeting #15, bring a U.S. flag and the den flag.
- Bring soap bars and plastic knives, newspapers to collect shavings, real pocketknives, sharpening stone and oil, paper towels, first aid kit, and soft wood to practice whittling.
- Review knife safety information in the *Bear Handbook* and *Cub Scout Leader Book*.

Boys may now qualify for a Silver Arrow Point, to be awarded at the next pack meeting. This would include Achievements 5b, 5c, and 5e; Achievements 6c, 6d, 6e, and 6f; and three requirements for Elective 23.