



Bear Cub Scouts



Bear Den Meeting #15

Achievement 19: Shavings and Chips (complete)

Preparation and materials needed:

- Bring a U.S. flag and the den flag.
- Bring enough 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*.

Gathering:

- Collect den dues; record attendance.
- Collect newspapers for completion of the “one month” requirement for Achievement 6a.

Opening ceremony:

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

Advancement:

- Achievement 19a: Distribute plastic knives; discuss and practice the safety rules for handling a knife. See the *Bear Handbook* and *Cub Scout Leader Book* for rules.
- Achievement 19b: Show that you know how to take care of and use a pocketknife.
- Achievement 19c: Once the leader is comfortable that the boys will follow the safety rules for handling a knife, distribute the bars of soap. Have boys make a carving with a pocketknife.
- Achievement 19d: Earn the Whittling Chip card. Read, understand, and promise to abide by the Knives Are Not Toys guidelines (*Bear Handbook* page 150). Take the Pocketknife Pledge:

In return for the privilege of carrying a pocketknife to designated Cub Scout functions, I agree to the following:

1. I will treat my pocketknife with the respect due a useful tool.
2. I will always close my pocketknife and put it away when I'm not using it.
3. I will not use my pocketknife when it might injure someone near me.
4. I promise never to throw my pocketknife for any reason.

5. I will use my pocketknife in a safe manner at all times.

Closing:

- 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.)

Next Up:

- For den meeting #16, bring a U.S. flag and the den flag.
- Bring lengths of nylon rope for each boy and leader (fuse the ends in advance to prevent fraying); bring dental floss for whipping and a lighter to demonstrate fusing.
- Review the *Cub Scout Magic Book* for rope tricks.
- Become proficient in tying a square knot, bowline, sheet bend, two half hitches, and slip knot; go to www.scoutingmagazine.org and search for “knots” for more ideas and tips to help you prepare for this meeting.
- Prepare permission slips for the field trip to an ice cream shop at den meeting #17.