



Bear Cub Scouts



Bear Den Meeting #2

Achievement 3: What Makes America Special? (complete); Achievement 8: The Past Is Exciting and Important (completion)

Preparation and materials needed:

- Make arrangements to take a field trip to a local historical place of interest (for example, a local historic house, building, museum, historical plaque, monument, cemetery, or something old).
- Submit a Local Tour Permit Application to your council service center two weeks before your 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.)
- Invite someone who was a Cub Scout a long time ago to accompany your den. Ask the historical place of interest if they have a tour guide/host who was a Cub Scout. If not, see if a dad or grandfather was a Cub Scout. Ask that person to be prepared to tell the boys what Cub Scouting was like then. If that person is comfortable doing so, have the person complete Achievement 8g, the Character Connection for Respect, with the boys. Provide the Know, Commit, Practice discussion points in advance.
- Research when your state was admitted to the Union; its state bird, tree, and flower; and the symbolic elements of the state flag. Bring a U.S. flag, den flag, and state flag.
- Prepare permission slips for the field trip to a bicycle shop at den meeting #3.

Gathering:

- Collect permission slips as boys arrive.
- Introduce guest.
- Snack, collect den dues, record attendance.
- Collect completed family history chart from each boy (Achievement 8d) and add it to the den scrapbook (Achievement 8c).
- While eating snacks, have each boy (starting with the denner) tell what makes America special to him (Achievement 3a).

Opening ceremony:

- Conduct flag ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance. If you have access to an outdoor flagpole, complete Achievement 3h (learn how to raise and lower a U.S. flag properly for an outdoor ceremony) and Achievement 3i (participate in an outdoor

- flag ceremony). If you are unable to complete Achievements 3h and 3i at this den meeting, make arrangements at a future den meeting.
- Recite the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack.

Advancement:

- Achievement 3d: Meet at or travel to a place of historical interest.
- Achievement 3j: Complete the Character Connection for Citizenship.
 - **Know.** Tell ways some people in the past have served our country. Tell about some people who serve our country today. (Don't forget about "ordinary" people who serve our country.)
 - **Commit.** Tell something that might happen to you and your family if other people were not responsible citizens. Tell one thing you will do to be a good citizen.
 - **Practice.** Tell three things you did in one week that show you are a good citizen.
- Achievement 3b: Have each boy tell about two famous Americans and what they did or are doing to improve our way of life.
- Achievement 8b: Have your guest, who was a Cub Scout long ago, talk to the boys about what Cub Scouting was like back then.
- Achievement 3e: Discuss when your state was admitted to the Union, and its state bird, tree, and flower. Show and discuss the symbols in your state's flag. *Assignment:* Have each boy share this information with an adult family member, who should then sign the boy's handbook.

Closing:

- Hand out family information letter, including information on Achievement 3e. (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.)
- Hand out permission slips for the field trip to a bicycle shop at den meeting #3.

Next Up:

- For den meeting #3, make arrangements for a field trip to a bicycle shop. Give the shop manager a copy of Achievements 14a, 14c, 14d, and 14e so the requirements can be completed during the field trip. Ask the manager to also include information on the importance of wearing approved bike helmets. Also see [chapter 20 in the BSA Fieldbook Web site](#) for various cycling links, and see bicycle safety guidelines in the *Cub Scout Leader Book* and *Guide to Safe Scouting*.
- Submit a Local Tour Permit Application to your council service center two weeks before the event. (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.)
- Communicate with parents to make sure all boys have access to a bike and a proper helmet. Give the parents of non-riders advance notice so the boys have time to learn

how to ride a bicycle. Each boy participating in the bike ride must wear an approved bike helmet.

- Arrange transportation to the bicycle shop or meet there. Determine where a safe place would be to complete the one-mile bike ride.
- Bring index cards printed with the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack for use by any new boys and adults.
- Prepare permission slips for a field trip to the police station at den meeting #4.