



Bear Cub Scouts



Bear Den Meeting #3

Achievement 14: Ride Right (complete)

Preparation and materials needed:

- Make arrangements with a bicycle shop to bring your boys for a field trip. 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](#) or various cycling links, and see bicycle safety guidelines in the *Cub Scout Leader Book* and *Guide to Safe Scouting*.

Suggestion: If there is no local bicycle shop, then cover the Ride Right requirements as a pre-mile-ride activity. This den meeting with the one-mile bike ride may take two hours to complete.

- 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.

Gathering:

- Collect permission slips for this event as boys arrive.
- As boys arrive, remind them of appropriate behavior at the bike shop.
- Collect den dues; record attendance.
- Check handbooks for completion of Achievement 3e (home assignment).

Opening:

- Conduct flag ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance.

- Recite the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack.

Advancement:

At the bicycle shop or as a pre-ride activity, do the following:

- Achievement 14a: Discuss the rules for bike safety (*Bear Handbook* page 119). Review proper hand signals to be used in traffic. If your town requires a bicycle license, be sure all boys get one.
- Achievement 14c: Identify the parts of a bike that should be checked often and how to maintain the bike in good shape.
- Achievement 14d: Learn how to change a tire on a bicycle.
- Achievement 14e: Discuss how to protect your bike from theft by using a bicycle lock.
- Achievement 14b: After the bicycle shop tour or after discussing bike safety, maintenance, and protection, use safety cones to set up a weaving course at least 60 feet long. Have all boys practice weaving around the cones, doing sharp left and right turns, a U-turn, and an emergency stop.
- Achievement 14f: Ride a bike for one mile without rest. Be sure to obey all traffic rules.
- *Assignment:* Have boys complete Achievement 14g (a family bike hike) with their families.

Closing:

- After the one-mile bike ride, have a snack.
- Hand out family information letter. Include information on Achievement 14g. (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 a field trip to the police station at den meeting #4.

Next Up:

- For den meeting #4, make arrangements for a field trip to your local police station. Alternatively, ask a police officer, sheriff, or other law enforcement personnel to come to your den meeting. Ask if fingerprints can be taken during the visit. If law enforcement cannot take fingerprints, then bring a nontoxic inkpad and paper for fingerprinting.
- 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.)
- Remind the boys to bring their *Bear Handbook*.

Boys who have attended all den meetings and completed all home assignments have now earned their first red Progress Toward Ranks bead for the Bear badge (for completing Achievements 3, 8, and 14).