



Bear Cub Scouts



Bear Den Meeting #4

Achievement 7: Law Enforcement Is a Big Job (partial)

Preparation and materials needed:

- 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*.

Gathering:

- Collect permission slips as boys arrive.
- Snack, collect den dues, record attendance.
- Introduce police officer to the den.
- While the boys are having their snack, check handbooks for completion of Achievement 14g.

Opening ceremony:

- Using the U.S. flag at the police station, recite the Pledge of Allegiance. If you are unable to complete Achievements 3h and 3i at an earlier den meeting, the police station probably has an outdoor flagpole.
- Recite the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack.

Advancement:

- Achievement 7b: Visit your local police station or sheriff's office. Have a law enforcement officer discuss crime prevention.
- Achievement 7d: Have an officer discuss the importance of knowing who adult family members consider trusted neighbors.
- Achievement 7e: Have an officer discuss the numbers to call in an emergency. Generally this will be 911. If there is no 911 service, discuss what numbers to call. Discuss when you should and when you should not call 911.

- Achievement 7f: Have an officer discuss what the boys can do to help law enforcement. A key point is to not put yourself in danger. Simply gather information and then tell an adult or call the police.
- Achievement 7a: Practice taking fingerprints, which is one way police gather evidence.

Closing:

- Thank the police officer(s).
- 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.)
 - Ask parents to complete Achievement 7c at home with boys (check to see if you have strong locks on all windows and doors).
 - Do Achievement 7d at home (make a list of trusted neighbors who can help in an emergency).
 - Do Achievement 7e at home (post emergency phone numbers by the phone).

Next Up:

- For den meeting #5, bring a U.S. flag and the den flag.
- Bring paper and pencils.
- Bring wood to complete the toolbox for Achievement 20b (*Bear Handbook* page 154), saws, hammers, nails, safety glasses, and markers; and bring equipment for the game you choose (*Bear Handbook* page 127).
- Working with tools requires greater supervision, so you should ask for additional parents who are handy with tools.
- *Note:* Power tools are not appropriate for use by Cub Scouts. (See the *Cub Scout Leader How-To Book* and Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting activities at www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety/Resources/AgeAppropriateGuidelines).