



Wolf Cub Scouts



Wolf Den Meeting #1

Achievement 2: Your Flag (partial); Elective 9b: Make a gift (partial); Elective 12e: Make a stencil pattern

Preparation and materials needed:

- Bring a U.S. flag; have index cards with the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack printed on one side and the Pledge of Allegiance on the other side (make enough for all people attending the meeting).
- Bring an undecorated den flag (can be part of a sheet of fabric), flag stands, squares of yellow-gold felt (one per boy), ballpoint pens, youth scissors, camera, and film.
- Have snack and napkins set at each boy's place before the boys' arrival.

Gathering:

- Snack, collect den dues, and record attendance.
- At this first meeting, develop a den code of conduct. Have each boy tell the den what one rule for good behavior during a den meeting should be. With a little prompting from the den leader, all the rules can be covered. Try to focus on what you want the behavior to be rather describing a negative action. For example: *Only one person speaks at a time. Stay in the meeting room, unless you have permission from the den leader to go elsewhere. Use good, appropriate, and positive manners. Walk in the building unless we are doing an activity requiring otherwise. Leave our meeting room cleaner than we found it.*

Opening ceremony:

- Conduct an outdoor flag ceremony (Achievement 2f).
 - Choose the first boy alphabetically to carry the U.S. flag; he may also serve as your denner if you use the denner system. The second boy will be next meeting's U.S. flag bearer and will carry the den flag today. (The den flag is not yet decorated.) The third and fourth boys are the color guards.
 - The remaining boys in the den and all adults present form a reviewing line that the color guard passes on the way to the flag stands.
 - The den leader can call the flag ceremony at the first few meetings until the boys learn how to do so.
- After the flags are posted, have all recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Provide index cards printed with the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack for each person present. After the Pledge, all may read the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack

in unison from the index cards. Provide the cards for the first few meetings until the boys can recite the Pledge of Allegiance, the Cub Scout Promise, and the Law of the Pack with confidence.

- Collect the index cards.

Advancement:

- Review the Bobcat requirements: Cub Scout Promise; Law of the Pack; Cub Scout motto, sign, handshake, salute; meaning of *Webelos*.
Suggestion: Start with Bobcat Relay Race. Den divides into two teams, lining up for relay race on one end of room or field, with leaders and/or parent helpers on the other end, to test on the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, Cub Scout motto, sign, handshake, salute, and meaning of *Webelos*. The first boy on each team walks to the leader, answers the Bobcat-related question, then returns to tag the next Cub Scout. If the Cub Scout can't answer, he can go back and get help, then return and answer the question.
- Achievement 2f: Participate in an outdoor flag ceremony.
- Elective 9b: Photograph each boy separately (head and shoulders) in his uniform. This will be used for Elective 9b in den meeting #5.
- Elective 12e: Make a stencil pattern. Trace each boy's hand on cardstock (or heavy paper) and make a stencil. Then trace the pattern on a square of yellow-gold felt. Have each boy cut out his handprint and put his name on the back of it. This will be used for your den flag. At their Arrow of Light Award ceremony, when the boys are in fifth grade, the handprints will be removed from the den flag and each boy will present his print to his parents.

Closing:

- Closing ceremony—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.)
- Clean up.

Following den meeting #1, the den leader prints each boy's name on his felt handprint, using fabric paint. When the paint is dry, the leader may sew the handprints onto the den flag or may choose to have the boys do the sewing at den meeting #2.

Next Up:

- For den meeting #2, you will need a baseball or softball (and optional baseball gloves) for the boys to play catch, and a narrow board, 4 to 6 feet long. If you're doing Achievement 1j, you will need a basketball.
- Bring a U.S. flag and the den flag; have the Cub Scout Promise and Pledge of Allegiance printed on index cards.
- You may wish to make a small poster with the den code of conduct.