



# Wolf Cub Scouts



## Wolf Den Meeting #10

*Elective 13: Birds; Achievement 10: Family Fun; Achievement 11: Duty to God*

### Preparation and materials needed:

- Bring a U.S. flag and the den flag.
- Bring a bird-watching chart (below) for each boy, and a book about birds with lots of drawings (ask your public librarian for assistance in identifying a suitable book for second-graders).
- **Determine if any of the boys is allergic to peanuts.** If peanut allergies are a problem, make a bird feeder as shown in the *Wolf Handbook*, page 176, or make one from a recyclable plastic milk jug or 2-liter soda bottle. If no one is allergic to peanuts, bring materials for a pinecone bird feeder (one large pinecone per boy, string, jar of peanut butter, birdseed, an 8-by-8-inch cake pan, plastic knives, newspaper to cover the work table, a smock for each boy and adult, and quart-size plastic zipper bags labeled with the name of each boy to hold each completed pinecone bird feeder). Find on the Internet instructions for pinecone bird feeders.
- Make up or purchase a birdhouse kit for each boy.
- Have some books about birds available for loan to boys who have not completed Elective 13c.

### Gathering:

- Snack, collect den dues, record attendance.
- Check handbooks for completion of Achievements 10 and 11 (home assignments).
- While snacking, have boys share information that they learned from reading a book about birds (Elective 13c).

### Opening ceremony:

- Conduct flag ceremony. Remember to move through a rotation of the boys so each boy has a turn at every role in the flag ceremony (Achievement 2b). If he has not yet had the opportunity, have the Cub Scout leading the ceremony tell what the Pledge of Allegiance means (Achievement 2a).

### Advancement:

- Elective 13a: Distribute a bird-watching chart (below) to each boy (modify the chart as needed to include local birds), to be completed and returned at the next meeting.

- Elective 13c (home assignment): Read a book about birds. A family member should sign off in the boy's handbook when the requirement is completed.
- Elective 13d: Show the bird pictures on page 174 of the *Wolf Handbook* and ask the boys which of those they have seen. Ask boys to name at least two more species they have seen.
- Elective 13e: Make pinecone bird feeders. Have each person put on a smock. Cover the work table with newspaper. Each boy receives a pinecone and a dull knife. Place two or three bowls of peanut butter on the table. Using the dull knife, each boy spreads peanut butter all over the pinecone. Put birdseed into an 8-by-8-inch pan and roll each peanut butter-coated pinecone in the birdseed. Place each completed bird feeder into a labeled plastic zipper bag. Wash hands. Remove smocks. Remind the boys to hang the bird feeders from a tree or bush when they get home.
- Elective 13f: Ask the boys to assemble the birdhouse at home and put it out in their yard or neighborhood and record which birds use it. Ask family members to sign their handbook after they observe which birds use it.

#### Closing:

- Retire the colors.
- Hand out family information letter, asking family members to help put out the birdhouse and observe which birds use it (Elective 13f). (A sample family information letter can be found at [www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Resources](http://www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Resources) and on the CD in the Resources folder on the main menu.)

#### Next Up:

- For den meeting #11, bring a U.S. flag and the den flag.
- Remind boys to bring their *Wolf Handbook*.

**Boys who have attended all den meetings and completed required home assignments will now qualify for a third yellow Progress Toward Ranks bead to be placed on their Cub Scout immediate recognition emblem (for completing Achievements 5, 8, and 10).**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Elective 13a: Bird-Sighting Chart**

| Type of Bird | Location | Number of Sightings |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|
| Cardinal     |          |                     |
| Robin        |          |                     |
| Sparrow      |          |                     |
| Goose        |          |                     |

Please bring your completed sheet to the next meeting on \_\_\_\_\_.

| Type of Bird | Location | Number of Sightings |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|
| Duck         |          |                     |
| Goldfinch    |          |                     |
| Blue Jay     |          |                     |
| Seagull      |          |                     |

Remember to "do your best" to correctly record your information.

| Type of Bird | Location | Number of Sightings |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|
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