



Wolf Cub Scouts



Wolf Den Meeting #11

Achievement 12: Making Choices

Preparation and materials needed:

- Bring a U.S. flag and the den flag.
- Boys will need their handbooks.

Gathering:

- Collect den dues; record attendance.
- Collect bird-watching charts from the previous meeting (Elective 13a).

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:

- Achievement 12a: Complete the Character Connection for Courage.
 - **Know.** Discuss with your family what “courage” is. Review the requirements and discuss how you might need courage in each one to do what is right.
 - **Commit.** Give some examples of when it is hard to do the right thing. Discuss with your family times that it might take courage to be honest and kind. Tell about a time in your life when you needed to be brave and courageous to do the right thing.
 - **Practice.** Practice learning about courage while doing the requirements for “Making Choices.” With family members, act out the choices you would make for some of the requirements.
- Discuss the following scenarios and have the boys act out the choices they would make for each. Cover as many of the following as time permits, allowing each boy to complete at least one. Make a home assignment for each Cub Scout to discuss four of these scenarios at home.
 - Achievement 12b: There is an older boy who hangs around Jason’s school. He tries to give drugs to the children. What would you do if you were Jason?

- Achievement 12c: Lee is home alone. The phone rings. When Lee answers, a stranger asks if Lee's mother is home. She is not. Lee is alone. What would you do if you were Lee?
- Achievement 12d: Justin is new to your school. He has braces on his legs and walks with a limp. Some of the kids at school tease him. They want you to tease him, too. What would you do?
- Achievement 12e: Juan is on a walk with his little sister. A car stops and a man asks them to come over to the car. What would you do if you were Juan?
- Achievement 12f: Matthew's grandmother gives him money to buy an ice cream cone. On the way to the store, a bigger boy asks for money and threatens to hit Matthew if he does not give him some money. If you were Matthew, what would you do?
- Achievement 12g: Chris and his little brother are home alone in the afternoon. A woman knocks on the door and says she wants to read the meter. She is not wearing a uniform. What would you do if you were Chris?
- Achievement 12h: Sam is home alone. He looks out the window and sees a man trying to break into a neighbor's back door. What would you do if you were Sam?
- Achievement 12i: Mr. Palmer is blind. He has a guide dog. One day as he is crossing the street, some kids whistle and call to the dog. They want you and your friends to call the dog, too. What would you do?
- Achievement 12j: Some kids who go to Bob's school want him to steal candy and gum from a store, which they can share later. Bob knows this is wrong, but he wants to be popular with these kids. What would you do if you were Bob?
- Achievement 12k: Paul and his little sister are playing outdoors. A very friendly, elderly woman stops and watches the children for a while. Paul doesn't know the woman. She starts to talk to them and offers to take Paul's little sister on a walk around the block. What would you do?

Closing:

- Boys form a circle and recite the Cub Scout Promise.
- Hand out family information letter. Ask family members to complete at home four requirements from Achievements 12b–k; the boy's handbook should be signed upon completion. (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.)

Next Up:

- For den meeting #12, bring a U.S. flag and the den flag.
- Bring a book about American Indian lore with lots of drawings (ask your public librarian for assistance in identifying a suitable book for second-graders).
- Bring brown paper sacks, scissors for each boy, and markers. Each boy will cut a vest, fringe it, and decorate it with markers.

- Bring copies of the lyrics to “She’ll Be Coming ‘Round the Mountain” (*Cub Scout Songbook*) for each boy.
- Prepare permission slips for the field trip at den meeting #13, if you are going somewhere other than your usual meeting place.