



# Wolf Cub Scouts



## Wolf Den Meeting #9

*Achievement 5: Tools for Fixing and Building*

### **Preparation and materials needed:**

- Review the use of age-appropriate tools for Cub Scouts in the *Cub Scout Leader How-To Book* and Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting activities ([www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety/Resources/AgeAppropriateGuidelines](http://www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety/Resources/AgeAppropriateGuidelines)); power tools are not appropriate for use by Cub Scouts.
- Bring a U.S. flag and the den flag.
- Make arrangements for a field trip to your local hardware store or lumberyard.
  - Discuss the requirements for Achievement 5 with the store manager and ask for help from the staff on the day of your visit.
  - Determine if the store will permit the boys to build bookends at the store, and if there is adequate space to conduct such activity safely. If the store manager grants permission, bring wood for bookends (or suitable wood project) and enough hammers, saws, nails, and safety glasses for each boy. If you are unable to build the bookends at the store, then locate a suitable nearby location (e.g., a park) where the activity can be safely conducted.
- Submit a Local Tour Permit Application to your council service center two weeks before this field trip. (The Local Tour Permit Application can be found at [www.scouting.org/CubScouts/CubScoutingForms/forms](http://www.scouting.org/CubScouts/CubScoutingForms/forms) and on the CD in the Resources folder on the main menu.)

### **Gathering:**

- Collect permission slips as boys arrive.
- Collect den dues and record attendance.

### **Opening ceremony:**

- With the store's employees, conduct the 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). Have the Cub Scout leading the ceremony tell what the Pledge of Allegiance means (Achievement 2a).

### **Advancement:**

- Achievements 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, and 5e: Use tools and make a project during the field trip to the local hardware store. Arrange for a store employee to work with the boys to complete these requirements. For Achievement 5e, each boy will make a set of bookends (or a suitable alternative wood project).

#### Closing:

- Clean up.
- Thank the hardware store employees.
- Hand out family information letter. Ask parents to help Cub Scouts complete Achievement 10: Family Fun, and Achievement 11: Duty to God, at home. They have likely completed most or all of these requirements already. Also ask families to find a book about birds for their Cub Scout to read before the next den meeting (Elective 13c). (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 #10, bring a U.S. flag and the den flag.
- Bring a bird-watching chart (see Wolf Den Meeting #10) 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 no one is allergic to peanuts, then prepare 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). Research on the Internet instructions for pinecone bird feeders; instructions are readily available online.
- If peanut allergies are a problem, then 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.
- Make up or purchase a birdhouse kit for each boy.
- Gather some books about birds for loan to boys who do not complete Elective 13c at home.