



Wolf Cub Scouts



Have you added new members to your Wolf Cub Scout den? If any new boys join your den this year, make certain they complete the requirements to earn their Bobcat badge. Tell the parents they must complete at home Bobcat Requirement 8, using “How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide,” in the front of the *Wolf Handbook*.

Helpful Hints for Den Leaders

Your first Wolf Cub Scout den meeting will possibly be each boy’s first Cub Scouting experience without a parent or guardian present. The tone you set at the first meeting will determine, to a large extent, the success of your year. Wear your adult uniform. Be completely organized before the start of the meeting. Explain clearly to the boys the behavioral expectations. You may wish to use the “good conduct candle” approach (*Cub Scout Leader How-To Book*). Be friendly but firm with the boys.

Ask your assistant den leader or parent helper to arrive at least 15 minutes before the starting time of the meeting. He or she can help you with final preparations before the boys arrive.

A snack at den meetings is optional. Set the example with healthy, nutritious snacks. Be aware of any food allergies of den members and communicate these to parents who may be assisting with the snacks.

Distribute the family talent survey sheet prior to or at the first den meeting. Ask for it to be returned to you within a week. It will be a helpful tool for you to identify parent resources within your den. (The Family Talent Survey Sheet can be found at www.scouting.org/CubScouts/CubScoutingForms/forms or on the CD in the Resources folder on the main menu.)

You may wish to distribute a family information letter at the conclusion of each meeting. The letter tells parents what was completed at each meeting and provides information on upcoming den and pack meetings and activities. (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.)

At least two weeks before any field trip, a local tour permit should be filed with the council service center. A permission slip (informed consent agreement) should also be secured from the parent or guardian of each Cub Scout.

Encourage the boys to earn the religious emblem of their faith. Talk about earning the National Summertime Pack Award pin, the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award, the Cub Scout World Conservation Award, and Cub Scouting's Leave No Trace Awareness Award during the year. Distribute and review the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines (before any field trip to a park or playground. (The guidelines can be found at www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Resources/leavenotrace and on the CD in the Resources folder on the main menu.)

Open each den meeting by saluting the U.S. flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Then, while showing the Cub Scout sign, recite the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack. See *Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs* for detailed guidelines and ceremony examples.

NOTE: Each Wolf Cub Scout must have an opportunity to lead a den flag ceremony in order to complete requirements for the Wolf badge (Achievement 2b), as well as to individually explain what the Pledge of Allegiance means (Achievement 2a). Be sure that you keep track of the den rotation so that each boy has a turn before the blue and gold banquet.

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America
And to the republic for which it stands,
One nation under God, indivisible,
With liberty and justice for all.

Cub Scout Promise

I, *(name)*, promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack.

Law of the Pack

The Cub Scout follows Akela.
The Cub Scout helps the pack go.
The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.
The Cub Scout gives goodwill.