



Bear Den Meeting 5

Ways We Worship, Law Enforcement Is a Big Job, and Sawdust and Nails
Achievement 1. Achievement 7. Achievement 20. Character Connection for Faith.

Preparation and Materials Needed

- ▶ For Meeting 5, bring wood to build a toolbox (**Achievement 20b**) (plans on page 154 of *Bear Handbook*).
 - ▶ **Note:** You may want to do this in advance. **Note:** If woodworking like that is out of your comfort zone (and you cannot get a hardware store to help), you might swap **Achievement 20:** Sawdust and Nails, and instead do **Achievement 19:** Shavings and Chips (Supplemental Den Meeting B) or **Achievement 22:** Tying It All Up (Supplemental Den Meeting C).
 - ▶ Bring hand saws, hammers, nails, C-clamp, screwdriver, wood screws, safety glasses, and markers; maybe also hand drill, wood plane, pliers, crescent wrench, bench vise, coping saw, drill bit.
 - ▶ Working with tools requires greater supervision, so you should ask for additional parents who are handy with tools.
 - ▶ Bring equipment for the game you choose (**Achievement 15a:** backyard golf, badminton, croquet, sidewalk shuffleboard, kickball, softball, tetherball, horseshoes, volleyball).
- ▶ Power tools are not appropriate for use by Cub Scouts. (See Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting activities at www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety/Resources/AgeAppropriateGuidelines.)

Before the Meeting

- ▶ Make final preparations with assistance from any assistant den leader or other parent helper, den chief, and/or denner. Organize the space (seating, flags, advancement charts, activity materials, handouts, etc.). If you're snacking, organize space for that and the cleanup.

Gathering

- ▶ Have a gathering activity (games, puzzles, other) that will keep Scouts interested and busy, and that others may join as they arrive. If the den desires, serve a healthy snack during this time.
- ▶ Collect dues, record attendance and any advancement completed at home (a good job for an assistant den leader).
- ▶ Assign parents to meeting roles and hand out a meeting plan to each.

Opening

- ▶ Flag ceremony (indoor or outdoor; rotate roles to complete **Achievement 3f**) with Pledge of Allegiance; the Cub Scout Promise or a patriotic song (of other opening).
- ▶ Consider a roll call, uniform inspection, or den yell.

Business Items

- ▶ Use this time to discuss participation in coming pack meetings or events, as needed.
- ▶ **Verify:** Check boys' handbooks to verify completion of **Achievements 1a–b** and **7c–e**.

Activities

- ▶ If the den leader and parents choose to do so, they can discuss **Achievement 1a:** Complete the Character Connection for Faith. (Den leaders may defer and have this be a family discussion.)
 - **Know:** Name some people in history who have shown great faith. Discuss with an adult how faith has been important at a particular point in his or her life.
 - **Commit:** Discuss with an adult how having faith and hope will help you in your life, and also discuss some ways that you can strengthen your faith.
 - **Practice:** Practice your faith as you are taught in your home, church, synagogue, mosque, or religious fellowship.



- ▶ **Achievement 1b** (“Make a list of things you can do this week to practice your religion as you are taught in your home, church, synagogue, mosque, or other religious community. Check them off your list as you complete them.”)
- ▶ **Achievement 20a** (“Show how to use and take care of four of these tools. (Hammer, hand saw, hand drill, C-clamp, wood plane, pliers, crescent wrench, screwdriver, bench vise, coping saw, drill bit)”)
 - **Suggestion:** For the tool box, bring at least a hammer, hand saw, C-clamp, and screwdriver.
 - These will all be used for the tool box.
 - Bring as many tools as you can safely demonstrate, as that will be most interesting for the Scouts.
- ▶ **Achievement 20b** (“Build your own tool box.”) (Plans on page 154 of *Bear Handbook*):
 - Have each boy begin building his own toolbox.
 - Have each boy write his name on the bottom of his toolbox.
 - **Note:** If you have access to the tools and woodworking space for both this meeting and next, don’t sweat the progress and timing, this is intended to be a two-meeting project.
 - If you have time and projects (and permission from the owner of the space), do 20c (“Use at least two tools listed in (a) to fix something”).
 - For example, using a screwdriver to tighten door plates, or a hammer to set nails that have popped up from a wooden deck.
 - If you meet in a facility with a maintenance staff, they might be willing to help and supervise!
- ▶ **Achievement 20c** (“Use at least two tools listed in requirement a to fix something.”)

Closing

- ▶ Award (or recognize) any advancement completed at this meeting; thank hosts, guests, and helpers.
- ▶ Closing ceremony: Retire the colors (fold and return the flag), or have a den leader’s minute with a Living Circle, or the Law of the Pack and den yell (or other ceremony).
- ▶ Hand out or send family information letter.

▶ **Home Assignment:** If not done (or planned for the next meeting), boys should complete **Achievement 20c** (“Use at least two tools listed in requirement (a) to fix something.”)

After the Meeting

- ▶ If you’ve changed the sequence of den meetings, double-check to make sure you will still advance your boys appropriately and check with the Cubmaster to make sure you stay coordinated with the pack.
- ▶ Refreshments: If appropriate
- ▶ Cleanup: Recruit enough help to do a good job. Scouts always leave an area as clean, or cleaner, than they found it.