



Supplemental Bear Den Meeting F

Jot It Down

Achievement 18.

Preparation and Materials Needed

- ▶ Materials checklist (add to your den Cub tub of U.S./den flags, paper/pencils, other supplies):
 - Several sheets of paper and a pencil for each boy, two fold-over note cards for each boy
 - Washable colored markers

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 pack events, as needed.

Activities

- ▶ **Achievement 18a:** Make a list of the things you want to do today. Check them off when you've done them:
 - Have each Scout share his list with the den.
- ▶ **Achievement 18d:** Write an invitation to someone:
 - You might look at your upcoming meeting schedule, and perhaps there is a special guest you want to invite, or a field trip that you want to invite yourself to attend.
 - The Scouts can write the invitations for it.
- ▶ **Achievement 18e:** Write a thank-you note:
 - Thank-you notes to those who have been special guests or hosted field trips are in order!
- ▶ **Achievement 18g:** Write about the activities of your den:
 - These could be included in the den scrapbook.
- ▶ **Achievement 18h:** Complete the Character Connection for Honesty:
 - **Know:** Tell what made it difficult to be clear and accurate as you wrote details and kept records, and tell what could tempt you to write something that was not exactly true. Define honesty.
 - **Commit:** Tell why it is important to be honest and trustworthy with yourself and with others. Imagine you had reported something inaccurately and tell how you could set the record straight. Give reasons that honest reporting will earn the trust of others.
 - **Practice:** While doing the requirement for this achievement, be honest when you are writing about real events.



Want More Fun Activities?

At break points in the Jot It Down activity, do some more of **Achievement 15b** ("Play two organized games with your den."), which could also be **Achievement 15c** for someone ("Select a game that your den has never played. Explain the rules. Tell them how to play it, and then play it with them.")

- ▶ Examples of games that can be played (including some unusual games) are found throughout this guide, and more are found in the *Cub Scout Leader's How-To Book*.
- ▶ Or play your den's favorite game.

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.

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.