



## Supplemental Bear Den Meeting G

### Nature Crafts

Elective 12a.

### Preparation and Materials Needed

- ▶ Materials checklist (add to your den Cub tub of U.S./den flags, paper/pencils, other supplies):
  - Light-sensitive paper (many nature center gift shops, and toy and hobby shops, carry this special paper, sometimes called sunprinting paper), or dark colored construction paper
  - Fallen leaves (that you'll collect on a hike)
  - A rectangle of glass or hard plastic (see diagram on page 227 of the *Bear Handbook*).

### 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

- ▶ **Elective 12a** ("Make solar prints of three kinds of leaves."):
  - Go outside for a hike and to see what kinds of interesting leaves you can bring back for the solar prints.
  - Carefully arrange your leaves on the paper (some paper comes in a kit that includes a sheet of clear Plexiglas that can be used to hold the objects steady and flat on your paper).
  - Expose the paper to sunlight for five minutes (longer if you use regular construction paper).
  - Remove the objects and put the paper in water to "fix" the image (your print is now permanent).
  - The objects you placed on the paper will show up white; the background will be a rich, dark blue.

### Want More Fun Activities?

While you're waiting for the images to set or the prints to dry, 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.

