



Supplemental Bear Den Meeting K

Farm Animals

Elective 16.

Preparation and Materials Needed

- ▶ Determine if you've got a parent who has an interest in this topic to come in as a guest leader for this.
- ▶ Arrange to visit a livestock exhibit at a county or state fair, or a farm or nature center with farm animals.
 - Be sure your host knows how long you need to have someone make a presentation, and that you've confirmed what can or should be covered that would be interesting and fun for the Scouts.
- ▶ Review materials on farm animals from **Elective 16**, and conduct further research as needed.
- ▶ Materials checklist (add to your den Cub tub of U.S./den flags, paper/pencils, other supplies):
 - Books or other materials about farm animals.

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.
- ▶ If you've brought books or pictures or materials, also make these available for Scouts to review if they like.

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

- ▶ Remind the boys of appropriate behavior, including safety considerations, at the site of your visit.
- ▶ Use this time to discuss participation in coming pack meetings or pack events, as needed.

Activities

- ▶ **Elective 16d:** With your family or den, visit a livestock exhibit at a county or state fair.
- ▶ **Elective 16c** ("Read a book about farm animals and tell your den about it."), and **16b** ("Name and describe six kinds of farm animals and tell their common uses."):
 - Allow time for any Scout who has done this to talk about what he learned.
 - Solicit ideas from the Scouts as you go to each exhibit or animals, so that they can teach each other and demonstrate what they know.

Want More Fun Activities?

Depending on where you are conducting the meeting, and how interesting the displays, you might do some more games, perhaps **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.")

- ▶ 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.

