



## Wolf Den Meeting 6

**Know Your Home and Community, Make a Gift, and Sing-Along**

Achievement 4. Elective 9b. Elective 11a.

### Preparation and Materials Needed

- ▶ Materials checklist (add to your den Cub tub of U.S./den flags, paper/pencils, other supplies):
  - Bring the photographs of the boys that were taken at the first den meeting.
  - Picture frames to be decorated
  - Paint and brushes or other materials to decorate the frames
  - Smocks (or old shirts large enough to fit over the boys) to protect the uniforms from paint
  - Index cards (for important phone numbers)
  - Prepare permission slips for a field trip to a fire station or other important place for Meeting 6.

### 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

- ▶ Conduct a flag ceremony, indoor (Achievement 2b) or outdoor (2f). Options include:
  - Gather in a line, circle, or square: Pledge of Allegiance; have the Scout leading the ceremony tell what the Pledge means (Achievement 2a); Cub Scout Promise or Law of the Pack; lead patriotic song.
  - Rotate leadership of flag ceremonies so each boy has a turn at every role (Achievement 2b).

### Business Items

- ▶ **Verify: Achievement 9b–9d** based on boys' handbooks.
- ▶ Use this time to discuss participation in coming pack meetings or events, as needed.

### Activities

- ▶ You might want to do two or more of these as stations, and rotate pairs of kids through them. Boys and their families will have worked on these at home, but this is a chance for the boys to practice.
- ▶ **Achievement 4a** ("Make a list of phone numbers you need in case of an emergency. Put a copy of this list by each phone or in a central place in your home. Update it often.") Check for:
  - Police
  - Sheriff
  - Fire department
  - Doctor
  - Ambulance service
  - Adult family member(s) at work
  - Relatives
  - Neighbors
  - Others
  - Consider having them keep some numbers (family home, work, cell numbers) on a card they keep with them if they have not memorized those numbers. Use the index cards you brought.
- ▶ **Achievement 4b** ("Tell what to do if someone comes to the door and wants to come in."):
  - Using another adult leader, have each Scout *practice* that.
  - But do not replicate a horror movie. Just be normal and encourage normal response.



- ▶ **Achievement 4c** (“Tell what to do if someone calls on the phone.”):
  - Similarly, have each Scout *practice* that on a real phone (have another leader call in—if you have a speakerphone feature, use it!). If needed, use a fake or disconnected old phone.
  - You can practice leaving messages (and if you’re using a real phone, listen to them and praise the good messages).
  - Teach them appropriate phrases to use when someone is not at home, in the bathroom, or taking a shower, like “I’m sorry, they are not available at this minute. Can I take a message?”
- ▶ **Achievement 4d** (“When you and your family leave home, remember to . . . (Turn off lights, close/lock windows, turn off water, take care of pets, have the key, lock all doors).”):
  - Wherever you’re meeting, have each Scout *practice* that, too.
  - Have them explain what happens if you don’t do one of these. Do they know how to lock windows? How to lock doors? Try it in your den meeting place.
  - Repeat this as the “last thing you do” at the end of the closing today and each meeting.

### Want More Fun Activities?

This meeting may need a dose of Feats of Skill or games for active fun!

- ▶ Be ready, if you sense it is dragging, to pull out a quick game or quick set of “Feats of Skill.”
  - ▶ Other Suggestions: Pick a game or relay from another portion of this guide, like Crows and Cranes, or Balloon Battle Royale, or Dizzy Izzy, or any game they like.
- ▶ **Elective 9b–c** (“Make a gift or toy like one of these and give it to someone.”) More than one gift may be made for elective credit:
    - Have each boy (wearing a smock) decorate a picture frame and insert the photo of himself that was taken at the first den meeting of the year. Save these for Den Meeting 7.
  - ▶ **Elective 11a** (“Learn and sing the first and last verses of ‘America.’”)

### 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:** Ask parents to help their sons complete **Achievement 4e:** Family Assignment: With their families, make a list of household jobs that the Scouts will do for one month.

### 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.



**Achievement 4e: Talk with your family members. Agree on the household jobs you will be responsible for. Make a list of your jobs and mark off when you have finished them. Do this for one month.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark your chart each time you do these things.

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