



Supplemental Wolf Den Meeting C

Spare Time Fun

Elective 5.

Preparation and Materials Needed

- ▶ See Supplemental Wolf Den Meeting B for the details.
- ▶ Ideally, all Cubs have completed the rough assembly of the car kits, and so no sawing or shaping will be needed, but if some need to catch up, you may need all of those materials again for this meeting.
- ▶ Materials checklist (add to your den Cub tub of U.S. and den flags, paper and pencils, other supplies):
 - Pinewood derby car kits in process for each boy.
 - Bring the rules for your derby about how your cars are to be built.
 - Saws, hammers, wood rasps, drills, weight inserts (washers, fishing weights or other), sandpaper, paint, decals, smocks. A good scale to weigh the cars is very useful.

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're on a field trip, as boys arrive, collect permission slips from parents who are not staying.

Opening

- ▶ Conduct a flag ceremony, indoor (**Achievement 2b**) or outdoor (**Achievement 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.

Business Items

- ▶ Review the upcoming pinewood derby, what you know of the participation and competition rules, and how you'll go about making the cars today. Outline all safety ground rules for your location and attendees.
- ▶ This would be a good time for each Cub to show his car in process and describe how he is going to finish the car and complete the design.
- ▶ Use this time to discuss participation in coming pack meetings or events, as needed.

Activities

- ▶ **Elective 5** ("Make or put together some kind of model boat, airplane, train, or car."): Build pinewood derby cars with each Scout.
 - Ideally, today is decoration and completion day, so there should be less need for adult partners to make the car, and more opportunity for adult partners to assist and coach the Scouts on their painting, gluing, stickers, and design elements.
 - Den leaders: Watch carefully, and be sure that adult partners don't get carried away with this project and leave out their Cub Scouts in the process. If this is a risk, you might suggest to your pack that they have an adult division so the adult partners can have a way to participate while allowing their Cubs to really do their own cars.
- ▶ Watch this meeting carefully, because you'll probably need some breaks. Be sure to mix in brief games and songs (serious or silly) to change the pace of the meeting. Cub Scouts have short attention spans, and you and they will have more fun and focus better if you mix it up.

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.

