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WELCOME TO TIGER CUBS!

Tiger Cubs, BSA, was developed in 1982 to meet the needs and desires of a 7-year-old boy and his family. Over the years, parts of the program's structure have evolved with our changing society, but the basic elements have remained the same. Tiger Cubs is a simple, fun program for first-grade boys and their families.

Tiger Cubs introduces boys and their adult partners to the excitement of Cub Scouting as they live the Tiger Cub motto together: *Search, Discover, Share*. Tiger Cubs is designed to build stronger families through involvement in a simple, low-cost program that is flexible and fun for boys and adults. A shared leadership component, where a den leader works with boy-adult partner teams, gives everyone input into the planning and carrying out of activities.

Who Can Join Tiger Cubs?

Tiger Cubs is for boys who are in the first grade (or are 7 years old) and their adult partners. The basic element of Tiger

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Cubs is the Tiger Cub-adult partner team. The adult may be a parent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, or even a neighbor. The requirements are that the adult partner be 18 years of age or older, care about the boy, and be strongly committed to his well-being. The boy and his adult partner join Tiger Cubs together. They do all the family, den, and Go See It activities together. The adult partner is responsible for seeing that the boy is successful with his advancement in Tiger Cubs.

TIGER CUB DENS

Each Tiger Cub and his adult partner are considered a *team*, and five to nine Tiger Cub teams form a Tiger Cub *den*. Tiger Cubs runs on a *shared leadership* model. A Tiger Cub den leader works with a different boy-adult partner team each month to plan the den meetings, the Go See It, and the den's part in the pack meeting.

The Tiger Cub den should be actively involved in the pack meeting. The den leader should coordinate with the Cubmaster to determine what part the Tiger Cub den will play in the pack meeting. The den may prepare a simple song or skit, and

boys should be awarded their advancement recognition at pack meetings.

Packs that have more than one Tiger Cub den should not combine Tiger Cub den meetings; each den should hold its own den meetings. The pack is not limited in the number of Tiger Cub dens it may have, and it should plan to have enough Tiger Cub dens to allow every eligible boy to be a Tiger Cub.

The pack provides Tiger Cubs with a continuing Cub Scouting experience through the pack meetings and helps boys transition to Wolf dens in June.

TIGER CUB DEN LEADERSHIP

Active, enthusiastic families, and a knowledgeable, well-trained den leader are the most important factors influencing the success of a Tiger Cub den.

- The Tiger Cub *den leader* gives leadership to planning and carrying out a year-round program of activities for the Tiger Cub den. Although it is ideal for the den leader to be an individual with experience in Cub Scouting, the pack may select a new parent or guardian in the Tiger Cub den. The pack is responsible for seeing that the den leader is trained for the position and is given ongoing support by the other leaders.
- The *adult partner* is a parent or other adult who co-registers with a boy as part of a Tiger Cub team. Each boy-adult partner team assumes the responsibility of hosting one or more months of den meetings with the den leader. The host team and the den leader plan the meeting program and the location.

The Tiger Cub den leader manages the den using the concept of *shared leadership*. Each Tiger Cub-adult partner team assumes the responsibility of hosting one or more months of meetings. (The number of months will depend on the size of the den and whether they begin the program in the spring or the fall). Along with the Tiger Cub den leader, the host team plans the den meeting program and selects the location of the den meetings and the Go See It outings.

Shared leadership is a key element of Tiger Cubs because direct adult involvement is important for boys of this age. Through this sharing of leadership, each boy and adult partner is given an opportunity to lead without the pressure of a continuing leadership commitment. Shared leadership also brings a wealth of knowledge and variety to the program as each host team has something different to bring to the program. The Tiger Cub den leader provides experience and continuity throughout the program year.

PLANNING THE TIGER CUB DEN MEETING

The Tiger Cub den leader and the host adult partner should plan the den meetings and the Go See It; however, they are not expected to find and develop all of the ideas and materials needed to run their den meetings. The pack leadership team will have already planned pack meetings through the annual pack program planning conference and will have determined what support the dens will provide for those meetings. A den leader can get help from the Cubmaster and pack committee members to develop the den meeting programs. All of these can help the den leader and host adult partner plan good den meetings.

Den leaders and adult partners can incorporate their own and their boys' ideas of what the boys will enjoy doing. A well-planned den meeting will keep the interest of the boys, and the boys will want to attend.

Who Attends Tiger Cub Den Meetings?

Tiger Cubs is a program for both boys and adults to spend time together doing fun things with other Tiger Cub teams. Tiger Cubs and their adult partners should attend four meetings each month to experience the fun of Scouting:

- Twice a month they will meet at the host family's home or place of choice for a den meeting.
- Once a month they will go on an outing, called a Go See It.
- Once a month they will attend the Cub Scout pack meeting.

Who Is Responsible?

As Tiger Cubs is based on shared leadership, each month a different adult partner will be working with the Tiger Cub den leader to plan the two den meetings and the Go See It for that month. They will also organize the participation of the boys in the monthly pack meeting. The den meetings will be based on the theme of the month or on one of the required achievements (covered in the *Tiger Cub Handbook*). The Tiger Cub den leader and the host adult partner should plan the den meetings and the Go See It, but they are not expected to find and develop all of the ideas and materials needed to run the den meetings. It is important that all the adult partners participate in planning and conducting at least one monthly meeting cycle. At this age boys need this kind of adult involvement.

Tiger Cub Den Resources

Several resources are available to help the Tiger Cub den leader and host adult partner plan the den meetings and Go See It.

- **Cub Scout leader roundtable**, a combined planning meeting for the packs in your district, provides program ideas,

policy guidelines, and information on events in your district and council. Check with the pack leadership for the time and place of district roundtable.

- **Cub Scout Program Helps** (No. 34304), provides den meeting outlines based on the monthly themes. The activities planned for Tiger Cubs and their adult partners are designed to be age-appropriate for first-grade boys.
- **Cub Scout Leader How-To Book** (No. 33832A), is filled with ideas for games, crafts, skits, songs, and more. Choose activities that are age-appropriate for Tiger Cubs and can be adapted to include adult partners.
- **“Where to Go” booklets** have been compiled by many local councils and districts for dens to use in planning outings in the community or to a place of interest. These booklets may provide information on activities available at different locations, fees, and a contact person. Check to see whether your council has developed one for your area.
- **Other BSA literature and helps** are available for you to use in your planning. Check your pack library or council service center for appropriate materials on songs, ceremonies, the Academics and Sports program, the BSA Family program, and outdoor opportunities that your den could use or be a part of.

Tiger Cub Den Meeting Location

The location of den meetings will vary depending on the resources of the host adult partner. The meetings should be held in a predetermined place so that all den members will know where they will meet that month. An ideal meeting place is the home of the host team, if there is enough room for everybody. Meetings can be held in a basement, garage, backyard, park, town square, or apartment building. Some dens meet at the chartered organization’s meeting place or at a local school.

Besides meeting twice a month at a set location, once a month the den will do a Go See It and visit a place of interest associated with the monthly theme or one of the advancement requirements.

Tiger Cub Den Meeting Date and Time

Tiger Cub den meetings are held each week at a time that is convenient for adult partners and is appropriate for Tiger Cub-age boys. Each month the boys and adult partners will attend two den meetings, one Go See It, and a pack meeting. Meetings should last no longer than one hour. It’s better to have a short meeting and keep it moving than to have a longer one that can bore boys. Boys need to have fun so that they then look forward to the next meeting.

Tiger Cub Den Records and Charts

Several record forms and charts are needed for the den meeting. (See Chapter 10, “Den and Pack Management,” for more information.)

- **Tiger Cub Den Meeting Program** (see page 34-13). This form helps the den leader and host adult partner plan a den meeting. They should fill in the details for each portion of the den meeting, including the plans and equipment needed.
- **Tiger Cub Den Advancement Report** (see page 34-22). Tiger den leaders use this form to report advancement of the boys in the den so that recognition items can be obtained and presented at the pack meeting.
- **Tiger Cub Den Advancement Chart (No. 34715)**. This wall chart is used to record Tiger Cub advancement and serves as an incentive for the boys in the den.
- **Tiger Cub Den Record** (see page 34-16). This two-sided form is used by the Tiger Cub den leader to keep weekly track of advancement, attendance, and dues. The den leader can record the date each boy joined the den and the date he transitions to a Wolf Cub Scout den. Phone numbers and addresses as well as other information is requested on this form. It also provides a place for the den leader to keep track of the shared leadership schedule for the boy-adult partner teams.
- **Individual Tiger Cub Record** (see page 34-25). The den leader keeps this record for each boy in the den. Space is provided for a record of attendance and dues, personal and family data, and a detailed advancement record. Whenever a boy transitions to the next rank of Cub Scouting, the record should go with him and be given to his new den leader.
- **Monthly Den Dues Envelope** (No. 34209). Den leaders use this envelope to collect dues, which is optional in Tiger Cubs.

Tiger Cub Den Tools and Equipment

Each boy-adult partner team should have a copy of the *Tiger Cub Handbook*. It includes the advancement requirements and electives that the boys and adults can complete together. Program elements are also explained, as well as how meetings can help boys advance.

The den should have a Tiger Cub den flag and a U.S. flag, which are sometimes furnished by the pack, along with flag stands or holders. Other ceremony equipment that could accumulate over time could include candles, ceremony boards, and a den doodle (see page 18-5), which is a good incentive for advancement.

Dens will also need some items for crafts and games. Since the den meeting place may be different each month, it can be

a good idea to have a “travel box” that goes to each den site. It could include things such as crayons, paint, paintbrushes, glue, scissors, paper, rulers, pencils, wood pieces, cord or string, spools, plastic bottle caps, jar lids, aluminum foil, leather scraps, beads, craft feathers, and fabric. Den families could donate or loan these. As planning is done, other items and tools may be needed for a particular project.

EIGHT PARTS OF A TIGER CUB DEN MEETING

A good working plan for Tiger Cub den meetings emphasizes the Tiger Cub motto: Search, Discover, Share. *Cub Scout Program Helps* uses this pattern, which divides the meeting into eight parts. Each part has a purpose, and none of the parts should be omitted. It is suggested that you follow this pattern, as it will make planning and running den meetings easier.

Parts of a Tiger Cub Den Meeting

1. Before the Meeting
2. Gathering
3. Opening
4. Share
5. Discover
6. Search
7. Closing
8. After the Meeting

1. **Before the Meeting.** The purpose of this part of the meeting is to give the den leader and host adult partner time to make preparations, gather supplies, set out the U.S. flag and den flag, and take care of any last-minute details before the boys and their adult partners arrive.
2. The **Gathering** is an activity or game that keeps the boys interested and busy while everybody else arrives. Having activities for when Tiger Cubs arrive will help avoid some of the behavior problems that can happen when boys don't have enough to do. The gathering time also gives the den leader time to take attendance, collect dues, and keep track of the achievements each boy has completed while the host adult partner is with the boys.
3. The **Opening** is the official start of the den meeting. Whereas the gathering time is an informal time, the opening is an organized activity that signals the beginning of the meeting. Here are some ideas:

- Most den meetings begin with a flag ceremony. At this time, the boys can practice saying the Tiger Cub motto and the Cub Scout Promise. (See Chapter 2, “Cub Scouting: Purposes, Methods, and Ideals.”)
- A brief prayer may be included, but always be sensitive to the diverse religious beliefs that may be represented in the den.
- The opening may also include boisterous action, such as a song, yell, or applause.
- A roll call isn't necessary, but boys like to hear their names being said. If the meeting relates to a monthly theme, such as jungle animals, each boy could respond with the name of a jungle animal.

4. The **Share** part of the den meeting gives each boy an opportunity to share something that he has done since the last meeting. This activity gives boys time to share family experiences.
5. For the **Discover** time, the den leader may introduce the monthly theme and talk about what the den will be doing for the pack meeting. Then, the boys will play games, work on craft projects and puzzles, take part in outdoor activities, or work on advancement requirements. The den leader can initial requirements in each boy's handbook as the boy completes them. (The adult partner also signs in the handbook; see more about advancement below.)

Den activities that boys and their adult partners can do together are the best. They are a team, so they should participate and have fun as a team.

Boys love to play games, so each meeting should include at least one game. It can be indoors or outdoors, quiet or active. The host Tiger Cub could lead the game. Once again, adult partners should be included.

Sometimes, boys will do a craft project during a den meeting. For instance, around a holiday, boys could do holiday-related crafts or make something that is needed for the pack meeting. Some projects can be completed during one or two den meetings, but others might require that a Tiger Cub and his adult partner work together at home. The den leader and host adult partner can explain the project and help the boys do it. (Adult partners can be very helpful during craft time.)

6. During the **Search** time of the meeting, the leaders will talk about plans for the Go See It—an important component of Tiger Cubs. Boys love to get out and see new things. This activity could fulfill one of the achievement requirements or one of the elective requirements, and/or it could relate to the monthly theme. See “Go See It Tips” at the end of this chapter.
7. The **Closing** draws the meeting to an end and is usually more serious and quiet. Den leaders could present a thought for the day, have the boys say the Tiger Cub motto or the Cub Scout Promise together, and/or give everyone

last-minute reminders about upcoming events. Leaders can also use this time to reinforce the 12 core values of Cub Scouting (see page 4-2).

8. **After the Meeting**, the den leader and host adult partner review the events of the meeting and finalize plans for the next meeting and the upcoming pack meeting. If this is the second den meeting of the month, the den leader may meet with the host adult partner for the next month to plan and/or preview that month's den activities.

ELEMENTS OF A GOOD TIGER CUB MEETING

- The meeting lasts no longer than an hour (unless it is a Go See It), and it begins and ends on time.
- The meeting includes all eight parts of a Tiger Cub den meeting.
- The meeting is conducted by a trained den leader and the host adult partner.
- The den leader and the host adult partner are properly uniformed. The den leader should wear a Cub Scout leader uniform with the orange neckerchief, and the host adult partner is encouraged to wear the official orange Tiger Cub T-shirt.
- Before the meeting begins, all equipment and materials are ready for use.
- A program with a well-written plan is conducted.
- Activities are related to the monthly theme and the next pack meeting.
- Opportunities for self-expression are provided through ceremonies, songs, skits, games, stunts, puzzles, and crafts.
- The adult partners successfully manage boy behavior. The boys show respect for the adult partners, the den leader, and the other boys.
- Tiger Cubs and their adult partners bring their *Tiger Cub Handbook* to the meeting.
- Den records are accurate and kept up-to-date.
- The Tiger Cub motto—Search, Discover, Share—and family involvement are emphasized in meetings, activities, and outings.
- The Tiger Cubs and their adult partners have fun.

USING THE THEME OF THE MONTH

Each year, *Cub Scout Program Helps* suggests 12 monthly themes suitable for Tiger Cubs and Cub Scouts. This annual publication includes songs, skits, games, crafts, and ideas for Go See It activities that complement the theme. *Boys' Life* magazine also features ideas and articles each month on the recommended theme, and the monthly Cub Scout leader roundtable meetings provide program ideas and instruction for these same themes.

Packs aren't required to use the recommended theme each month, but the themes are chosen and planned to appeal to boys and to offer opportunities for them, their adult partners, and their den leaders to achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting (see page 2-1 for more about the purposes of Cub Scouting). By following the themes, den leaders and the Cubmaster have a lot of support material available to them.

Tiger Cub den leaders and host adult partners introduce the theme at the first den meeting of the month. The activities for the second den meeting may use the monthly theme, and the pack meeting also uses the monthly theme. Therefore, the theme provides continuity among the two den meetings, the Go See It, and the pack meeting. The theme is different each month, which helps provide variety and hold the boys' interest.

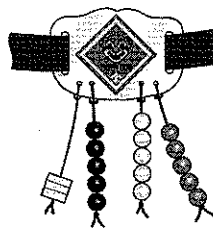
ADVANCEMENT

Cub Scout ranks are set up by grade and age, except for the Bobcat, which all boys must earn. The Tiger Cub rank is for those boys who have completed kindergarten (or are 7 years old). The Bobcat badge is earned after the Tiger Cub rank but before all other ranks.

Although participation with an adult partner is required for all Tiger Cub awards, adult partners do not earn these awards. Recognition items are for boys only.

To ensure that boys are given prompt recognition for advancement, it is important that accurate, up-to-date den and pack advancement records are kept (see the descriptions on page 19-3).

Tiger Cub Belt Totem



To begin his path to the Tiger Cub rank, the Tiger Cub must learn the Tiger Cub motto (Search, Discover, Share), the Cub Scout sign, and the Cub Scout salute. When he has accomplished these tasks, he will be awarded his Tiger Cub belt totem. This is a tiger paw with four strands for *totem beads* that he wears on his belt. A boy earns totem beads by working on the five Tiger Cub achieve-

ments. The Tiger Cub belt totem should be awarded at the pack meeting.

As a boy completes each part of the achievements, he will be awarded either an orange, white, or black totem bead at den meetings:

- He earns a *white bead* for each required family activity part he completes.
- He earns an *orange bead* for each required den activity part he completes.
- He earns a *black bead* for each required Go See It part he completes.

As each bead is awarded and added to the boy's totem, he should be recognized with a simple ceremony at the den meeting. When the boy has earned all five white beads, all five orange beads, and all five black beads, he is eligible to receive his Tiger Cub badge.

Note that a boy can earn only one bead for each of the 15 achievement parts, regardless of how many times he may repeat a particular part.

Tiger Cub Badge



The Tiger Cub badge is for boys who complete all parts of the five achievements and earn their 15 totem beads. The five achievements are

- Let's Go Outdoors
- Where I Live
- How I Tell It
- Making My Family Special
- Keeping Myself Healthy and Safe

For each achievement, the Tiger Cub-adult partner team must complete a den activity, a family activity, and a Go See It.

The adult partner approves the completion of each achievement part by signing the boy's handbook. The Tiger Cub, under the guidance of the den leader, keeps a record of his individual progress on the Tiger Cub Den Wall Chart. The den leader awards him totem beads at a den meeting as recognition for successful completion of each requirement.

The Tiger Cub badge is presented to the adult partner at the next pack meeting. In an impressive ceremony, the adult partner in turn presents the badge to the boy.

Boys wear the Tiger Cub badge by placing it in the recessed area of the Tiger Cub belt totem. When they transition into a

Wolf Cub Scout den, they wear the badge on the blue uniform shirt on the left pocket in the bottom position.

Tiger Track Beads

After earning the Tiger Cub badge, a boy is encouraged to work on the numerous *elective* activities in his book, which are aimed at sparking his interest in a new hobby, activity, or skill. When he completes 10 electives, he earns a Tiger Track bead. He is also encouraged to begin working on the requirements for his Bobcat badge.

The Tiger Track beads are worn on the fourth strand of the Tiger Cub belt totem. There is no limit to the number of Tiger Track beads that a boy may earn; however, each Tiger Track bead must represent the completion of 10 electives.

The purpose of the electives is to broaden the boy's horizons. After all, the motto of Tiger Cubs is to Search, Discover, Share. The elective plan provides advancement opportunities and recognition for the boy until he is eligible to begin working on the Wolf rank. Boys may work on electives at the same time as achievements, but a boy can't receive Tiger Track beads until he has earned the Tiger Cub badge.

The den leader marks the Tiger Cub Den Advancement Report to show Tiger Track beads earned and gives the report to the pack committee at the monthly pack leaders' meeting. The Tiger Track beads are presented to the adult partners at the next pack meeting, who in turn present them to their boys during a pack advancement ceremony.

Bobcat Badge



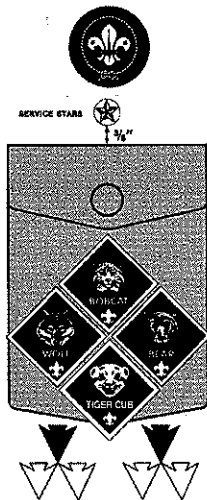
^{TIGER} Before becoming a ~~Wolf~~ Cub Scout, a boy must complete the Bobcat requirements:

1. Learn and say the Cub Scout Promise.
2. Say the Law of the Pack. Tell what it means.
3. Tell what *Webelos* means.
4. Make the Cub Scout sign. Tell what it means.
5. Show the Cub Scout handshake. Tell what it means.
6. Say the Cub Scout motto.
7. Give the Cub Scout salute. Tell what it means.
8. With your adult partner, complete the "Bobcat Requirements" section found in the front of the *Tiger Cub Handbook*.

When a boy has completed these requirements, his parent or guardian approves his work and signs his book. The den

leader indicates this on the Tiger Cub Den Advancement Report and gives the report to the pack committee at the monthly pack leaders' meeting. The boy is then eligible to receive his Bobcat badge in a meaningful pack ceremony.*

A boy saves the Bobcat badge. When he transitions into the Wolf Cub Scout program, he will wear the Bobcat badge on the blue uniform shirt on the left pocket in the top position.



No matter what age or grade a boy joins Cub Scouting, he must earn his Bobcat badge before he can be awarded the rank of Wolf, Bear, or Webelos.

GO SEE IT

In keeping with the Tiger Cub motto "Search, Discover, Share," Tiger Cubs and their adult partners should go on a Go See It outing each month. The Go See It may fulfill part of a Tiger Cub advancement requirement. By going on these outings, Tiger Cubs can learn about such things as their community or nearby communities, places where adults work, community services (fire, police, hospital, etc.), nature centers, animal care facilities, and other places of interest to young boys.

A well-planned Go See It will benefit everyone involved, providing an opportunity for boys and adults to

- acquire new interests and knowledge,
- develop a deeper understanding of and respect for other people,
- reinforce their attitudes of good citizenship, such as courtesy and kindness,
- have fun, fun, fun

*Any Bobcat ceremony in which boys are physically turned upside down contains significant potential for harm and should not be used.

Go See It Tips

1. Determine the distance to the destination and how much time will be involved.
2. File a local tour permit following your council guidelines. (See page 32-7 for details.)
3. Make needed arrangements and reservations in advance.
4. Arrange for transportation that will ensure comfort, safety, and compliance with insurance requirements. If traveling by car or van, individual seat belts must be available for and used by all boys and adults, including the driver. (See page 13-2, for details on transportation safety guidelines.)
5. If not already on file, obtain a completed Class 1 Personal Health and Medical Record for all Tiger Cubs and adult partners (No. 34414A, page 34-49).
6. Be sure that all adult partners know where and when to meet. Be on time.
7. Consider designating as a contact person a Tiger Cub family member who is staying at home. In case of delay, this contact person could inform other families of the delay.
8. Provide all drivers with maps, including parking lots to use, doors to enter, and other pertinent information.
9. Don't try to travel in a caravan or convoy.
10. Let everyone know in advance that Tiger Cubs are to be in uniform.
11. Establish a buddy system before starting the trip; that is, each Tiger Cub is to be accompanied by his adult partner, and the boys must stay with their adult partner at all times.
12. Know how many people are in the group. Make a list and take it on the trip.
13. Coach the boys in advance to be attentive and courteous and to obey all rules.
14. Locate the restroom immediately on arrival.
15. When you return, have the boys write thank-you notes to hosts or other people who helped.

MEETINGS WITH TIGER CUB ADULT PARTNERS

Tiger Cub Den Orientation

The Tiger Cub den is organized at a Rally Night for Cub Scouting (see Chapter 10, "Den and Pack Management"). At this time the Tiger Cub den leader, or other experienced leader from the pack or district membership team, orients the new Tiger Cub adult partners and gives them an overview of the program. Adult partners will gain a better understanding for Tiger Cubs, have the opportunity to get to know the other adults in the den, and can ask questions.

If the den leader is an experienced pack leader, he or she will conduct the Tiger Cub parent orientation. If the pack selects a new Tiger Cub parent as a den leader, an experienced pack leader should help the den leader orient the other families. It is important to the success of the Tiger Cub den that an experienced pack leader continues to mentor a new Tiger Cub den leader.

Tiger Cub Den Adults' Meeting

The first meeting with den adult partners is important because it sets a first impression of your program and outlines how adult partners will share in the leadership of the den. The den adults' meeting should be informal. This meeting might be held in the Tiger Cub den leader's home, den meeting place, or pack meeting place or in the home of one of the den members. The meeting should be scheduled at a time that is as convenient as possible for all families.

As a lot of business needs to be covered during this meeting, it is best if the boys don't attend. Also, the den leader should have a written agenda (see below) so that nothing will be forgotten.

If any boy-adult partner teams didn't submit an Application to Join a Pack or pay the required fees, they can do so at this meeting.

The meeting is usually followed by refreshments and fellowship.

If any families can't attend this meeting, or if new families join the den, the Tiger Cub den leader will want to make a call or pay a personal visit to be sure they have all the information.

Den Adults' Meeting Agenda

I. Welcome and Introductions

1. Thank everyone for coming. Welcome them to the fellowship of Cub Scouting.
2. Have den adults tell a little about themselves—ages of children, Scouting background, what type of work they do, etc.

II. Den and Pack Meetings

1. Announce the den and pack meeting dates and times. (If the den meeting day has not already been determined, make that decision now.)
2. Reinforce the shared leadership concept. Each boy-adult partner team will assume responsibility for planning and leading two den meetings and one Go See It during the month or months that they agree to be the host team. The Tiger Cub den leader provides continuity and resources but does not lead den meetings alone.
3. Explain the den meeting format. The den leader can use the Tiger Cub Den Meeting Program form (page 34-13) and *Cub Scout Program Helps* to help explain the den meeting format. The adult partners should each have a copy of the *Tiger Cub Handbook*.
4. Set up a schedule of shared leadership for the entire program year, allowing the adult partners to decide which month or months they will share leadership. The den leader should use the Tiger Cub Den Record form (page 34-16) to record the schedule of shared leadership that the adult partners agree on. As the year progresses, it may become necessary to revise this schedule to meet the needs of the families in the den, but scheduling the full year at the orientation meeting provides a framework for a well-organized program year for the den.
5. Review attendance at meetings.
 - Adult partners attend all den and pack meetings and activities with their Tiger Cubs.
 - Families are encouraged to attend pack meetings.
 - Regular attendance of boys at den and pack meetings is important if they are to get the most benefit.

III. Advancement

1. Review the *Tiger Cub Handbook*.
 - Some packs furnish the Tiger Cub-adult partner teams with their handbooks. If your pack doesn't, let adults know where they can get them and encourage them to do so promptly.
 - Explain that Tiger Cub teams should always bring their handbooks to den meetings so that the advancement progress of the boys can be recorded.
2. Discuss the advancement plan.
 - Review the following in the *Tiger Cub Handbook*:
 - Earning the Tiger Cub belt totem
 - Required advancement activities

— Earning the Tiger Cub badge

- Emphasize that the adult partner signs the book in the appropriate place when a required or elective activity is completed. A boy's participation in the activity along with the adult partner is the criterion for completion. Show how and where they sign the book.
- Although adult participation is required for boys to complete advancements, the recognition items are for Tiger Cubs only.
- Explain that boys need continuing encouragement and motivation and that the Tiger Cub belt totem provides immediate recognition for his progress along the trail to the Tiger Cub badge.
- Explain what modifications might be necessary to help boys with disabilities in their advancement.
- Tell how awards are presented at pack meetings and that families are expected to attend and to present the awards to their boys.

IV. Den Dues

1. Explain that den dues are optional for Tiger Cub dens; the pack leadership will make this determination. If den dues are collected in the Tiger Cub den, discuss the following points:
 - The annual registration fee is for membership in the national organization and is not used by the den or pack.
 - Den dues are used to buy advancement badges, equipment, and materials for den projects.
 - Tell how much den dues are and when they are collected. Encourage families to find ways for boys to earn this money at home so that they can help pay their own way. Emphasize the importance of paying dues regularly.

V. Uniform

1. Explain why the uniform is important (see Chapter 12, "Uniforms and Insignia").
2. Explain that boys should wear uniforms to all den and pack meetings and other Cub Scout activities.
3. Explain that the Tiger Cub uniform is the official Tiger Cub T-shirt and cap. The navy blue web belt with the Tiger Cub metal buckle is optional. Explain that the adult partners are encouraged to wear the optional Tiger Cub adult T-shirt. Point out the picture of the Tiger Cub and adult partner uniforms in the *Tiger Cub Handbook*.

4. Tell where to buy uniform items, giving the names and addresses of local Scouting distributors. Tell how much the uniform costs.
5. Tell about the pack uniform exchange and other places where boys can get "experienced" uniforms.

VI. Boy Behavior

1. Explain what type of behavior is expected during Tiger Cub den and pack meetings and during Go See It outings.

VII. Family Responsibilities

1. Ask each parent or guardian to fill out a Family Talent Survey Sheet for the den. (See page 34-10.)
2. Review the religious emblems program and show how families can encourage their boys to earn the emblem appropriate for their family's beliefs.

VIII. Medical Information

1. Explain the importance of knowing about any medical problems a boy might have.
2. If not already on file, have the parents or guardians of each Tiger Cub complete a Class 1 Personal Health and Medical Record for their child (No. 34414A, page 34-49). Tiger Cub adult partners should also complete a form for their own health history. This information should be readily accessible to the den leader in case of an emergency.

IX. Fellowship and Refreshments

1. Take time for everyone to get to know each other.
2. Exchange telephone numbers and encourage den families to get better acquainted.

The adult partners will always attend den and pack meetings and activities with the Tiger Cubs, so it probably will not be necessary to hold future den adults' meetings, but the den may do so if desired.

JOINING A WOLF CUB SCOUT DEN

When a boy completes first grade (or reaches age 8), he is eligible to enter a Wolf Cub Scout den. Ensure that his transition is smooth and that the boy moves directly from his Tiger Cub den to a Wolf Cub Scout den without any problems.

When a boy leaves his Tiger Cub den to go to a Wolf den, his uniform will change. Boys will stop wearing the orange T-shirt and Tiger Cub cap and switch to wearing the navy blue shirt, pants, belt, cap, yellow neckerchief, and Cub Scout neckerchief slide. The badges of rank that he has earned,

Tiger Cub and Bobcat, will be worn on the left pocket of the blue uniform shirt.

Transition Tiger Cubs into the Wolf program with a meaningful ceremony during a pack meeting. The Wolf den leader could welcome the boys with either their gold neckerchiefs or their new Wolf Cub Scout handbooks. The other Cub Scouts might even offer up a congratulatory cheer. See *Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs* (No. 33212B) for appropriate ceremony ideas.

Upon graduation into a Wolf den, the former Tiger Cub may wear a one-year service star with a gold background in recognition of his Tiger Cub tenure.

The boys should lose no time or Scouting experiences in beginning the Wolf program. They should be encouraged to take advantage of new opportunities as much as possible, such

as attending day camp or resident camp, if available in your district or council.

Tiger Cubs do not need to fill out a new application when they transition to a Wolf den. They are automatically transferred from a Tiger Cub den into a Wolf Cub Scout den on June 1 of that year without any additional paperwork. Tiger Cub adult partners who wish to become registered leaders, however, must complete an Adult Application (see page 34-7) and pay the appropriate adult fee prorated to the pack's charter renewal date. Tiger Cub adult partners cannot automatically transfer to another volunteer duty.