



Supplemental Bear Den Meeting N

American Indian Life

Elective 24.

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.
- ▶ Ask Cub Scouts to bring in information, items, and pictures on American Indian life because one of them might be a hobbyist expert today.
- ▶ Review materials on American Indian life from **Elective 24**.
- ▶ Materials checklist (add to your den Cub tub of U.S./den flags, paper/pencils, other supplies):
 - Supplies for "Motowu" (*Bear Handbook*, page 273).
 - Four dried corn cobs
 - Small dowels
 - White glue
 - Eight turkey or other large feathers
 - Two flower pots or baskets
 - Supplies for "Pokean" (*Bear Handbook*, page 274).
 - Corn husks (for each Pokean shuttlecock, need three husks 1 1/2 inches by 6 or 7 inches, plus one about 3/4-inch wide by 5 inches)
 - Three feathers for each Pokean shuttlecock
 - String
 - Articles or books about the Native American people who live or lived in your area

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, pictures, or materials, also make these available for Cub 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

- ▶ Use this time to discuss participation in coming pack meetings or pack events, as needed.

Activities

- ▶ **Elective 24a** ("American Indian people live in every part of what is now the continental United States. Find the name of the American Indian nation that lives or has lived where you live now. Learn about these people.):
 - Bringing books or printouts with pictures and maps is important here.
 - Solicit the Scouts to tell what they know about Native Americans in your location or others.
- ▶ **Elective 24b** ("Learn, make equipment for, and play two American Indian or other native American games with members of your den. Be able to tell the rules, who won, and what the score was.):
 - Play Motowu: See *Bear Handbook*, page 273. Essentially, this is a Hopi version of lawn darts!
 - Play Pokean: See *Bear Handbook*, page 274. Essentially, this is a Zuni Pueblo version of a hand-hit, personal badminton game.



Want More Fun Activities?

You might also build a shelter. **Elective 24c** (“Learn what the American Indian people in your area (or another area) used for shelter before contact with the Europeans. Learn what American Indian people in that area used for shelter today. Make a model of one of these shelters, historic or modern. Compare the kind of shelter you made with the others made in your den.”)

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.