



Wolf Den Meeting 7

Your Living World and Tie It Right

Achievement 7. Achievement 6. Achievement 8. Elective 9b. Elective 17. Character Connection for Respect.

Preparation and Materials Needed

- ▶ Tip: A field trip to a waste disposal plant, water treatment plant, or recycling center is a fun way to cover **Achievement 7: Your Living World**.
- ▶ For additional information, you might look at www.epa.gov/kids/, the Environmental Kids Club site at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (or do an Internet search for “environmental kids”).
- ▶ You should also research your local rules about recycling programs.
- ▶ Materials checklist (add to your den Cub tub of U.S./den flags, paper/pencils, other supplies):
 - Bring litter bags and work gloves for each boy and adult, and hand sanitizer.
 - Provide enough magazines and newspapers so that each Scout who did not find articles at home for **Achievement 7e** can find three stories about how people are protecting our world.
 - Bring the framed photos made at Den Meeting 5, gift wrap, tape, and markers.
 - Bring lengths of rope to learn how to tie the overhand knot and square knot (compared to string or shoelaces, rope is easier to “see” the knot and “teach” the knot).
 - Stories about “how people are protecting our world.” Some places to find stories: *Boys’ Life*, local newspapers, school magazines, *National Geographic* (including their kids’ magazines), publications or Web sites of conservation or environmental organizations (Sierra Club, Nature Conservancy, etc.).
 - Beads for Cub Scout Immediate Recognition Emblems

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.
- ▶ As Scouts enter, have an assistant or another adult ask if they have “three stories that tell how people are protecting our world.” If the Scouts don’t, provide copies for them to read before the meeting.

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.
 - Rotate leadership of flag ceremonies so each boy has a turn at every role (**Achievement 2b**).

Business Items

- ▶ **Verify: Achievement 4e** (If 30 days have passed since Den Meeting 6. Otherwise, verify at Den Meeting 8.) and **Achievement 7e** based on the boys’ handbooks.
- ▶ Discuss the Good Turn for America
 - The Boy Scouts of America’s Good Turn traces back to American businessman William D. Boyce in 1910. He was lost in a London fog. A boy offered to take Boyce to the address he wanted and refused a tip, saying he was a Boy Scout. Boyce’s curiosity was aroused. He later had the boy take him to Scouting’s British founder, Lord Baden-Powell. From this chance meeting, the Boy Scouts of America was born.



- Among many references to the Good Turn in BSA literature is this comment from the *Boy Scout Handbook*: “To people who know about Scouting, the daily Good Turn is one of the finest features of our movement. The record of Good Turns, small and large, that have been done by Scouts since the day Scouting was founded is truly impressive.”
 - Good Turn for America is a national call to service by the Boy Scouts of America to help provide adequate food and shelter and to develop good health habits in the nation.
 - To address these issues, the BSA is collaborating with some of the most respected service organizations working in each of these areas.
 - More at www.goodturnforamerica.org
- ▶ Use this time to discuss participation in coming pack meetings or events, as needed.

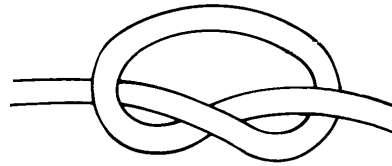
Activities

- ▶ Discuss **Achievements 7a, 7b, 7c, 7e, and 7f**.
- Some of these you might want to complete as breaks during the cleanup project later in the meeting.
- ▶ **Achievement 7a** (“Complete the Character Connection for Respect.”):
- **Know:** Discuss these questions with your family: What things have people done to show a lack of respect to our world? Why is it important to respect our environment and natural resources? How can you show respect for your environment?
 - **Commit:** Discuss with your family how you feel when you see places in your neighborhood that have lots of litter. Name one thing you can do to help the environment. “
 - **Practice:** Practice being respectful while doing the requirements for “Your Living World.”
- ▶ **Achievement 7b** (“Land, air, and water can get dirty. Discuss with your family ways this can happen.”)
- ▶ **Achievement 7c** (“It takes a lot of energy to make glass, cans, and paper products. You can help save energy by collecting these items for use again. Find out how recycling is done where you live. Find out what items you can recycle.”)
- ▶ **Achievement 7e** (“With an adult, find three stories that tell how people are protecting our world. Read and discuss them together.”)
- Have each boy tell about the three stories he found on how people are protecting our world.
- ▶ **Achievement 7f** (“Besides recycling, there are other ways to save energy. List three ways you can save energy, and do them.”)
- ▶ **Achievement 7d** (“With an adult, pick up litter in your neighborhood. Wear gloves to protect your hands against germs and cuts from sharp objects.”)
- Go outdoors to pick up litter around your meeting place.
 - Be sure to separate recyclable stuff.
 - Hints: Find a way to make it fun:
 - A contest (divide the den to award by volume or number of items, or number of recyclables, or something),
 - Or a scavenger hunt (check out the area to create your list of things they could find),
 - Or do a full cleanup treasure hunt (see Tiger Den Meeting 16).
 - Use breaks to allow for rest and to conduct or complete the **Achievement 7a, 7b, 7c, and 7e** discussions. (They may have thought of new things while doing the cleanup!) See above.
 - Wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer when complete.
- ▶ **Elective 9b–c** (“Make a gift or toy like one of these and give it to someone”):
- Wearing smocks, have each boy decorate the picture frame created in Den Meeting 6, then wrap it and tie it with string (to complete **Elective 17b and c**).

Den Meeting 7



- ▶ Do **Electives 17a, 17b, and 17c**: (Learn two knots and how to tie a package.)
 - 17a (“Learn to tie an overhand knot and a square knot.”)



- The overhand knot can be used temporarily but unties very easily if tied around something.
- The overhand knot can be used as a stopper knot and can keep a rope from fraying or unraveling.
- To tie an overhand knot: Make a loop in your rope and put an end of the rope through it.



- The square knot is also known as the joining knot because it can join two ropes together and because it is the first knot Scouts learn when they join the BSA. It has many uses, from securing bundles, packages, and the sails of ships to tying the ends of bandages.
- To tie a square knot: Hold one rope end in each hand.
 - Pass the right end over and under the rope in your left hand . . . and pull it snug (now you’re holding that end with your left hand, and you’ve switched the other to your right).
 - Next, pass that same end of the rope (the one that is now in your left hand) over and under the one that is now in your right hand . . . and pull it tightly snug.
 - Remember: right over left, left over right.
 - *Note:* <http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Knots> includes animation to show you how.
- **Elective 17b** (“Tie your shoelaces with a square bow knot.”)
- **Elective 17c** (“Wrap and tie a package so that it is neat and tight.”)
 - Have the boys wrap the framed photos made at Den Meeting 5, take them home, and give them to their parents as gifts.
- *Note:* **Electives 17b** and **17c** can be completed as part of **Electives 9b** and **9c**.

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 Assignments:

- Remind boys that their list of household chores completed is due at the next den meeting (**Achievement 4e**).
- Boys are to begin a collection starting with 10 items and arranging them neatly (**Achievement 6b**). Start by collecting 10 things and arranging them neatly. Each boy is to bring his collection to the next den meeting to show the den. (Option: you can spread this out so everyone has more time to show and tell about their collection.)
- Ask the parents to have the boys complete **Achievements 8c–e** (Cooking and Eating) at home.

Boys who have attended all den meetings and completed home assignments will now qualify for the Cub Scout Immediate Recognition Emblem and their first yellow Progress Toward Ranks bead (for completing **Achievements 1, 3, and 9**). These should be presented at the den meeting.

Explain to the boys that every time they complete three achievements, they receive a yellow bead. After they earn four yellow beads, then they will have earned their Wolf badge.

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.

