



Supplemental Wolf Den Meeting H

Spare Time Fun

Elective 5.

Preparation and Materials Needed

- ▶ Identify any parents or other pack resources who have an interest in kites.
- ▶ See also for more ideas, the following:
 - See the ideas on page 132 and following of the *Wolf Handbook* for kite designs.
 - Do an Internet search for “kite designs for kids” and figure out which ones are best for you.
- ▶ Make arrangements for a field trip to a field or other outdoor space where you can fly the kites.
- ▶ Materials checklist (add to your den Cub tub of U.S./den flags, paper/pencils, other supplies):
 - If you follow the *Wolf Handbook* design for a paper bag kite:
 - Large paper grocery bag for each boy (bring extras)
 - Tape
 - Single-hole punch (optional)
 - If you follow other kite designs from the *Wolf Handbook* or other sources, follow their instructions.

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

- ▶ Remind the boys of appropriate behavior, including safety considerations, at the site of your visit.
- ▶ Use this time to discuss participation in coming pack meetings or events, as needed.

Activities

- ▶ **Elective 5a** (“Explain safety rules for kite flying.”):
 - Fly kites away from electrical wires.
 - Fly kites in fair weather. Put them away if a storm approaches.
 - Make kites with paper and wood, never metal; it might attract lightning.
 - Use dry string for kite line.
 - Fly kites in an open field or park, never on a street or railroad line.
 - If a kite gets caught in wires, a treetop or somewhere else, have your parent or another adult see if it can be saved.
- ▶ **Elective 5b** (“Make and fly a paper bag kite.”) See the ideas on pages 133–134 and following of the *Wolf Handbook*.

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, or pull something from the emergency fun box.

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.

