



Supplemental Wolf Den Meeting I

Make It Yourself
Electives 3c and 3d.

Preparation and Materials Needed

- ▶ For this meeting, you'll want to meet where you have safe access to, and supervision of, woodworking tools. You might make arrangements for a field trip to your local hardware store, lumberyard, or local woodworker (your pack may have ideas about who has safe woodworking tools; chartered organization maintenance or facilities personnel may be willing to assist).
- ▶ Working with tools requires greater supervision, so have additional parents who are handy with tools.
- ▶ **Note:** Power tools are not appropriate for use by Cub Scouts. (See Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting activities at www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety/Resources/AgeAppropriateGuidelines).
- ▶ Materials checklist (add to your den Cub tub of U.S./den flags, paper/pencils, other supplies):
 - Bring wood to build a bench fork and doorstops for each Boy (**Electives 3c and 3d**). See plans on pages 126-127 of the *Wolf Handbook*.
 - Bring hand saws, coping saws, C-clamp, safety glasses, and markers.
 - Sanding paper and paint or stain to make the doorstop.

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 3c** ("Make and use a bench fork.") and **Elective 3d** ("Make a door stop."): See plans on pages 126-127 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.
- ▶ Identify any parents or other pack resources who have an interest in machines, preferably with access to trucks or construction equipment. Alternatively, you might see if a construction site, or a manufacturing facility or farm, would allow you to do this meeting as a field trip where they can show you their machinery.
 - Be sure your host knows how long you need to have someone make a presentation, and that you've confirmed what can or should be covered that would be interesting and fun for the Scouts.

