



## Supplemental Wolf Den Meeting J

### Machine Power

Elective 8.

### Preparation and Materials Needed

- ▶ Materials checklist (add to your den Cub tub of U.S./den flags, paper/pencils, other supplies):
  - Hardhats and/or safety glasses, if necessary
  - If you don't have a field trip or visitor, have books or other information available about machines, and/or models of trucks and/or construction machinery.
  - If you aim to complete other **Elective 8** achievements, then bring these items:
    - For **Elective 8b**, a wheelbarrow, or other tool that uses a wheel and axle.
    - For **Elective 8c**, a pulley (from a hardware store, or perhaps you have blinds that operate on this). Ideally, borrow a block and tackle to show how pulleys can lift heavy things. A field trip site may well have this on-site.
    - For **Elective 8d**, an empty milk carton, a pencil, paper clip, tread, and a cup.

### 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 8a** ("Name 10 kinds of trucks, construction machinery, or farm machinery and tell what each is used for.") If possible, have the boys see the machines in use. If on a field trip, this may fill up your meeting time.
- ▶ If not a field trip, you might do other **Elective 8** achievements:
  - **Elective 8b** involves a wheelbarrow or other tool that uses a wheel and axle. But you'll need to create some work to be done with the tool!
  - For **Elective 8c**, this is a pulley (from a hardware store, or perhaps you have blinds that operate on this).
    - Ideally, borrow a block and tackle to show how pulleys can lift heavy things.
    - A field trip site may well have this on site.
  - For **Elective 8d** and the windlass, use an empty milk carton, a pencil, paper clip, tread, and a cup.
    - (See *Wolf Handbook*, page 151)
    - Ideally, use this to transport something. Perhaps snack items?

## **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.

