



THE NEXT LEVEL: ELEVATING YOUR CUB SCOUT DEN AND DEN'S LEADERSHIP



MULTIPLE SESSIONS THIS SUMMER AT PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER

ADVENTURES AHEAD: THE CUB SCOUTING PROGRAM FROM LION TO AOL

The Cub Scouting program was designed to provide youth experiences in value-based activities. It was also systematically developed to help youth build upon skills using age-appropriate guidelines.

CULTURE OF TRAINING

BSA research has confirmed many youth leave the program within a month of joining as a result of poor or canceled den meetings. Preparing leaders for high quality program delivery through BSA training is an important first step to ensure a quality program.

ADVANCEMENT: A METHOD - NOT AN OUTCOME

Putting advancement in perspective – it's one of the ways that we do Scouting, but it's not an end in itself. There are award opportunities to help youth experience areas of interest.

WEBELOS/AOL TO SCOUTS BSA

The Arrow of Light, the highest rank in Cub Scouting, prepares a Webelos Scout to join a Scouts BSA troop. What role does the den leader play in preparing Scouts to crossover into Scouts BSA?

SONGS & SKITS

Songs and skits provide opportunities for Scouts to participate in and lead portions of a den meeting, pack meeting, or campfire program.

STEM & STEAM

- Expand curiosity
- Practice observing
- Draw conclusions based on evidence
- Have fun doing!

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

A successful unit grows and renews itself by attracting new families to the ranks of both CS and leaders.

PROGRAM - DEN MEETINGS

How do you structure den meetings so that Scouts are excited to participate and willing to follow instructions? How do you create an engaging environment where learning takes place, goals are accomplished, and the Scouts want to come back to the next den meeting?

SUPPORTING PACK LEADERSHIP WITHOUT HAVING TO TAKE OVER AND/OR DO EVERYTHING!

The den leaders' ability to deliver a quality program to their Scouts is influenced by the Pack's program planning and the allocated budget. Den leaders are more likely to be satisfied with their role when they have input into the activities being planned.

LIGHT THE NIGHTS!

Games and activities designed for outside in the night

Many den and pack meetings are held in the evenings. Identifying ways to maximize this aspect using after-dark activities is to our advantage. In addition, fun activities that can be done in the dark can help young Scouts allay their fears and prepare them for future camping experiences.

DEN OUTDOOR GAMES & OBSTACLE COURSES

Games help Scouts learn and apply skills, collaborate with others, and develop leadership and decision-making skills. Learn how pack-level games can be used as a program feature for that turn great pack outings and campouts even better! Assemble ideas for stations at obstacle courses designed just for your Cub Scouts.



CUB COOKING/COOKING IN MY KITCHEN

Making and eating food is an adventure! Creating a positive experience where choice and creativity combine with respect and cleanliness is a recipe for success!

This is a hands-on session using simple recipes and multiple cooking methods.

Some processes can be done individually by Scouts, some methods will need adult supervision.

DEN HIKING

Hiking should be an exciting adventure.

With proper planning and preparation your Cub Scouts will be off on an exploration of discovery, not just another walk! This session will provide practical instruction from start to finish with skill enhancement along the way!

FINDING AND USING LOCAL RESOURCES TO ENRICH DEN ADVENTURES

You don't have to know everything to be a dynamic den leader! You do need to know how to find and use local resources to deliver an elevated den meeting experience to your Cub Scouts!

DEN CEREMONIES

When presenting Cub Scout ceremonies, it is important to use a variety of meaningful elements and incorporate positive values.

This requires planning ahead to prepare visually appealing presentations that break away from the routine presentation style.

ENGAGING PARENTS IN DEN ADVENTURES

Capture the talents and skills of den member adults to create amazing experiences for your Cub Scouts. Brainstorm ways to enhance den meeting activities with more helping hands.

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