



**Core Value:
Cooperation**

Core Value of the Month

Cooperation: Being helpful and working together with others toward a common goal.

Cooperation is a key element in teamwork. Cub Scouts will gain a better understanding of the importance of supporting each other as they play games and learn new skills.

Pack Planning Meeting

The pack leaders and parents meet a week or two before the pack meeting to finalize plans for September and develop plans for the October pack meeting.

Pack Committee

- ▶ Check with all den leaders to make certain that advancement reports are completed and turned in. Many Bobcat badges are earned in September; it's important that they are presented in a fun and meaningful way.
- ▶ Review the pack adults' meeting information from the *Cub Scout Leader Book*, No. 33221. Share preparation assignments among leaders.
- ▶ Verify that the application for the National Summertime Pack Award has been completed and filed with your local council service center in a timely manner so the award can be presented this month to the boys who have earned it and the streamer added to the pack flag.
- ▶ Make certain that all parts of the meeting are assigned to dens or leaders. Be sure to assign setup, greeting, refreshments, and cleanup as well. Encourage family involvement.
- ▶ Recruit a newsletter editor. Provide information to pack families through the newsletter and yearly planning calendar, and refer to that information during announcements at the pack meetings.

Membership Chair/Committee With Cubmaster

- ▶ Be sure key leadership positions are filled. Be prepared to present information at the pack meeting to encourage new members to take on meaningful roles.
- ▶ Have plenty of membership applications available at this month's meeting to follow up on your recruiting event.
- ▶ Have copies of the Family Talent Survey Sheet available at the pack meeting for all pack adults to complete. Be sure to use this valuable resource throughout the coming year.
- ▶ Assign a committee to coordinate plans for the pack adults' meeting, and activities for all boys and siblings to enjoy.
- ▶ Have boys invite their friends and families who were unable to attend your fall recruiting event.

Cubmaster Corner

- ▶ **Timing is everything!** Start all pack meetings on time. When meetings start late, people will just keep arriving later and later. When a meeting starts on time, people will want to arrive on time. Gathering activities give families something to do before the meeting starts and should end when your meeting begins.
- ▶ Webelos Scouts need interaction with local Boy Scout troops. See that Webelos den leaders maintain contact with one or more nearby troops so that Webelos Scouts may visit troop meetings and activities, and make an informed selection of which troop to join.

Pack Trainer

- ▶ Be sure all records for returning leaders are up to date. If there is a change of position, remind leaders to be trained in their new positions.
- ▶ Be prepared with the dates of Cub Scout Leader Position-Specific Training and other training courses in your district. Emphasize that training is an ongoing and essential part of Cub Scout leadership.
- ▶ Encourage leaders to take advantage of available training opportunities online; remind them to register for MyScouting at www.scouting.org.
- ▶ Conduct the monthly Unit Leadership Enhancement that best meets the current needs of your pack. See the *Cub Scout Leader Book* for detailed outlines. The topic "Leadership Training" may be beneficial this month. Use this opportunity to explain the continuum of training. Select a topic for next month's discussion.



Program Highlights

Academics and Sports Program

The Cub Scout Academics and Sports program is a great way to help fulfill the aims of Scouting—building character, developing citizenship, and encouraging mental and physical fitness. This month you might feature these belt loops and pins.

- ▶ **Weather:** Cub Scouts can set up a simple weather station, learn about water cycles, and watch the weather forecast on a local television station as they earn the Weather belt loop and pin.
- ▶ **Soccer:** Soccer is a great fall activity for Cub Scouts. As they play the game, they will learn the importance of teamwork. Cub Scouts can apply their skills to earn the Soccer belt loop and pin.

See the *Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide*, No. 34299, for more information.

Outing in Scouting

Make sure to plan your outings around advancement. At least two weeks before any field trip, a local tour permit should be filed with the council service center. A permission slip (informed consent agreement) should also be secured from the parent or guardian of each Cub Scout.

Resources Highlight: Web Site: www.scouting.org

Adult leaders, families, and Cub Scouts will find valuable information at the Boy Scouts of America's national Web site. Families will learn about their roles in Cub Scouting, find answers to frequently asked questions, and learn the correct placement of insignia. Leaders can obtain program support and information, including downloadable forms.



The September Pack Meeting

Cooperation

BEFORE THE MEETING

Plan to set up with plenty of time to spare so you can start the meeting on time. Include in your setup tables for den displays. Display Cub Scout handbooks and pack newsletters for any new parents or prospective Cub Scout families to review. Assign a den or several pack leaders to serve as greeters. Pay special attention to new members and visitors to make them feel comfortable and welcome.

GATHERING

Greeters are at the door to welcome Cub Scouts, guests, and families to the pack meeting. Provide name tags, and be sure to present each family with an application form and information, such as your pack newsletter and calendar of pack events for the year. Encourage all adult pack members to complete the Family Talent Survey Sheet. Direct families to the exhibit area.

OPENING

Opening Ceremony

Have a pre-assigned den present the colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance, or select a different ceremony from *Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs*, No. 33212.

Prayer (Cub Scout or Leader)

“We thank you for Cub Scouting and all it means to us. We thank you for the fun and the things we learn and the opportunities for helping other people. Teach us to work together in cooperation, understanding, and love.”

Welcome and Introductions

The Cubmaster welcomes everyone to the September pack meeting. Introduce the current pack leaders with a brief explanation of their roles. Explain the plans for the Cub Scout activities and the pack adults’ meeting.

PROGRAM

Adults’ Meeting

- ▶ Briefly review family responsibilities.
- ▶ Review the pack plans for the year (special activities and projects decided on at the annual pack planning conference).
- ▶ Discuss leadership needs. Discuss plans for the selection of den and pack leaders as needed.
- ▶ Make adults aware of any leadership needed for special pack activities for the year, such as blue and gold chair, popcorn chair, FOS chair, etc.
- ▶ The chartered organization representative briefly discusses how the chartered organization will help the pack.
- ▶ Discuss other pack needs and ways that families can help (budget, dues, uniforms, equipment, etc.).
- ▶ Hold a question-and-answer session.

Cub Scout Activities

During the pack adults’ meeting, engage the Cub Scouts, siblings, and visiting children with some fun activities.

Cooperative Games. Use games that require teamwork and cooperation. Use the games below, or for more ideas, the *Cub Scout Leader How-To Book*, No. 33832, has a whole section on cooperative games.

Game: Helping Partners

Needed: Inflated balloons.

Divide players into pairs and have each pair link arms. Give each team an inflated balloon. On signal, they start batting the balloon towards the finish line. They may not unlink arms during the race. If the balloon falls to the ground, they must stop and pick it up before going on.

Game: The Snail

Needed: Large playing area, large group of players, 50 to 100 feet of clothesline.

The group stands in a line, each person holding the rope in one hand. Starting at one end, the group makes a large coil, like the shell of a snail. After the coiling is complete, the group moves slowly together 15 or 20 feet in one direction and then uncoils.



Joint Meeting

The children return and join the group. Spend the remaining time with regular pack meeting activities.

RECOGNITION

Youth who have earned recognition since your last pack meeting need to be recognized.

Recognize boys who have earned the National Summertime Pack Activity Award by presenting them with pins. Present participation ribbons to the qualifying dens and attach the streamer to the pack flag.

New Cub Scouts may have earned their Bobcat badge. Use the ceremony below or you may choose an alternative from *Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs*.

Ceremony: Cub Scout and Parent's Promise

Personnel: Cubmaster, Bobcat candidates, parents.

Equipment: Bobcat badges and safety pins. The parents' promise typed on a small card for the Cubmaster.

The candidates line up, facing the audience, their parents standing behind them. The Cubmaster leads the ceremony in a loud voice so that all the boys can hear him. Before starting, he asks the Cub Scouts to speak loudly.

The boys give the Cub Scout sign and recite together the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack. Then all the Bobcat parents give the Cub Scout sign and repeat the following, one line at a time, after the Cubmaster:

As a parent of a Cub Scout,
I will do my best
To help my boy
Live up to the Cub Scout Promise
And obey the Law of the Pack.
I will work with my boy
On his achievements and projects.
I will attend the pack meetings
And help as needed
To make the pack go.

The Cubmaster gives each boy the Cub Scout handshake and hands the Bobcat badges to the parents. The parents pin the badges on their sons' shirts.

The boys and their parents are dismissed. The Cubmaster asks the continuing boys and their parents in the audience to stand. He asks the boys to recite together the Cub Scout Promise. He then asks their parents to repeat the following:

We will continue
To do our best
To help our boys
Along the advancement trail
And share with them the work and fun of Cub Scouting.

CLOSING

Announcements

A pack newsletter creates good lines of communication between pack leaders and families. Distribute copies of the newsletter so all pack members have the yearly calendar of activities. Highlight any money-earning projects and Good Turn opportunities. Highlight the date, time, and location of next month's pack meeting.

September



Cubmaster's Minute

Cooperation

Great things can happen when people cooperate for a common goal. You cooperate with your parents. You cooperate with your den leader. You cooperate with your teachers. The result can be a fun time, learning new things and experiencing new adventures. Thank you, Cub Scouts, for your cooperation tonight and always. We had a great time.

Closing Ceremony

Ask boys and parents who want to join the pack but haven't registered to stay after the meeting. Remind parents to turn in their Family Talent Survey Sheets.

Have the designated den retire the colors, or use a ceremony from *Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs*.

AFTER THE MEETING

- ▶ Refreshments
- ▶ Cleanup