

# WOLF CALL OF THE WILD DEN MEETING PLAN: OUTDOOR SKILLS

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Do items in any order which works best for your group and your meeting place.

## Gathering Activity

Eraser Prints of Animal Tracks would be an appropriate gathering activity for this meeting.

## Snack

The Edible Campfires would go with this theme.

## Activities

*Adventure requirement 2: Show how to tie an overhand knot and a square knot.*

Instructions for these knots are in the Wolf handbook.

Here are the steps to tie an overhand knot:

1. Form a loop with the end of the rope.
2. Tuck the end of the rope through the loop.
3. Holding onto the end of the rope, pull the knot tight.
4. Use the overhand knot as a simple stopper.
5. Undo the knot by pushing both ends of the rope closer together, then unthreading the end.

Here are the steps to tie a square knot:

1. Lay the rope to your left on top of the rope to your right.
2. Wrap the right-hand rope under the left-hand rope.
3. Bring the right-hand rope back over the left-hand rope. Both ends of the ropes are now on the same side.
4. Wrap the left-hand rope under the right-hand rope.
5. Bring the left-hand rope back over the right-hand rope. Both ends of the ropes are now on the same side.
6. Pull the ends of the ropes to tighten the knot.

See this Square Knot Song and Overhand Knot Song for a creative way to teach these.



*Adventure requirement 7a: Recite the Outdoor Code with your leader.*

Review the Outdoor Code and talk about what each part means. Then recite it together.

*Adventure requirement 7b. Recite the Leave No Trace Principles for Kids with your leader. Talk about how these principles support the Outdoor Code.*

Look at each principle and see which part of the Outdoor Code it relates to. For example, when you “Trash your Trash” then you are fulfilling “Be clean in my outdoor manners”. Then recite the Leave No Trace principles together.

*Adventure requirement 7c. After your campout, list the ways you demonstrated being careful with fire.*

The requirement says to do this after the campout, but it wouldn't hurt to talk about fire safety beforehand also.

This meeting would also be a good time to discuss what to pack for your campout. There is a good list in the Wolf handbook, or check my packing list article.

For more help, invite a Scout to this meeting. He or she will have lots of camping experience and can help with knot instruction, what to pack, etc. If you don't have a Den Chief, ask your local Scouts BSA Troop if there is somebody available to help.

Add a song to the activities. Take Me Out to the Forest will get your Wolves excited about camping.

## **Wrap Up**

Remember to tie in your activities in this Call of the Wild den meeting plan with the Scout Law.

A Scout is Clean. Part of Leave No Trace means cleaning up after yourself when you are outdoors.

A Scout is Courteous. Following the Leave No Trace principles and the Outdoor Code allows others to enjoy the areas you visit also.