



Welcome to the Bear Den!!!

This document goes over some of the thoughts I've had for putting together this year's Bear program for the scouts. We have lots of boys that have continued on in scouts, which is great! It also presents us with some challenges on logistics for meetings and such.

The Bear Book

The Cub Scout Bear program differs slightly from the Wolf program in that the scout gets to select which requirements they complete to receive their Bear patch. The requirements are as follows:

Section	Requirement
God (1-2)	Do one
Country (3-7)	Do Three
Family (8-13)	Do Four
Self (14-24)	Do Four

We will try to complete some of these requirements in den meetings. If your scout completes more requirements in a section than is required, the extra requirements can go towards arrow points.

Arrow points work just like they did in the Wolf book. Every 10 achievements earns the scout an arrow point. The first arrow is a gold arrow, and subsequent arrows are silver. Besides extra requirements, there are many achievements in the back of the book from which the scout can choose. Like with the Wolf program, Bear arrows cannot be received until the Bear Patch is received. The scout can work on achievements prior to receiving the badge, however.

Leaders

Like last year, Charlie DuBois and I will be leading the den. If you ever have any questions or concerns regarding scouts, you can reach one or both of us in the following ways:

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Meetings

We will be holding den meetings once per month. This year we're going to try to meet on Sundays from 4:00 to 6:00 due to the ever increasing amount of activities these kids have during the week. The meeting dates are listed on the calendar below.

Program

We will be having 9 meetings this year. If possible, I would like 1 or more parents to volunteer to lead and help organize 7 of them, with Charlie and I leading the other 2. We will manage getting the facilities and any equipment or supplies that we need. The parent or parents managing the meeting will be in charge of planning and executing the main part of the meeting (we'll still take care of flags and what-not).

I've put together a list of potential meeting topics. Please look over them and let me know if you are interested in leading a meeting on one of these topics. Alternately, if you have seen something in the book that you would like to do with the scouts, or have other ideas of your own, please let me know. We will build the program from there.

Activity	Requirement
Go to visit a place of historic interest near your town (10 Chimneys, Old World Wisconsin, others?).	3c, 8e
Talk about your state. Name the flower, bird, and describe the flag.	3e
Learn about and participate in an outdoor flag ceremony	3h, i
Tall Tales. Talk about folklore and various folklore activities	4a-c
Build a Birdhouse	5b, 20a
Visit the zoo or a nature center (Retzer, KM, other?), talk to a conservation officer	5c, d
Plant a tree	6b

Activity	Requirement
Take part in a neighborhood cleanup project.	6g
Visit the power company	6f
Visit the police station and discuss crime prevention	7b
Learn how to take fingerprints	7a
Talk with a cub scout from long ago and find out what scouts was like back then. Perhaps if somebody has a grandparent that was a scout, they could come talk to the den.	8b
Bake Cookies	9a
Make snacks for a den meeting	9b
Make trail food for a hike	9e
Cook something outdoors	9g
Discuss accidents and what to do	11
Bicycle safety and rules of the road	14
Games - play organized games and explain to the den how to play one	15
Building Muscles - do situps, pushups, etc. Participate in 2-person contests, team relays	16
Play charades	17b

Activity	Requirement
Visit a newspaper, TV station, or radio station (if anybody has access to people at one of these) and talk to a reporter	17c
Write a thank you note	18e
Write an invitation	18d
Get the whittling chip card, know knife safety and care, whittle a bar of soap.	19
Build a toolbox	20a, 20b
Build a model from a kit	21a
Knots	22
Attend a sporting event, a high school football game, volleyball match, etc.	23e
Discuss individual and team sport rules	23a, b

Again, these are just ideas. We don't have to do all of these, and many of them can be combined. I did not list any of the electives from the back of the book, but those would also make for good content for a den meeting.

Please contact me to volunteer and to give me your ideas. I think this method will make for a very successful year as the boys won't get bored with just Charlie or myself delivering material month after month.

Achievements

Please remember to keep track of your scout's achievements at home, however you do that. Whenever you think of it, please e-mail me with the requirement number and letter or the achievement information. I will track it using the tracking software that the pack purchased. For achievements that are completed in den meetings, I generally record them right away for all scouts that attended, but it doesn't hurt to double track.

Calendar

The following is the calendar for the year as it exists today. As parents volunteer, the meeting topics may change, but the dates should remain the same (unless, of course, we change them).

September

September 16, 2009 - Pack Meeting

6:30 - 8:00 PM at Dousman Elementary School Gym
Karate and a welcome to new scouts.

September 20, 2009 - Den Meeting

4:00 - 6:00 PM at St. Bruno's Parish School Gym
Requirements 15 and 16 - Games and Physical Fitness

October

October 14, 2009 - Pack Meeting

5:00 - 6:30 PM at Lapham Peak
Hiking and a cookout for the whole family

October 18, 2009 - Den Meeting

4:00 - 6:00 PM at Dousman Police Department
Requirements 7 and 11, talk with a law enforcement officer.

November

November 15, 2009 - Den Meeting

4:00 - 6:00 PM at St. Brunos Parish School Gym (tentative)
Requirement 8, Electives 11 a and c - Photography
Need a Parent Volunteer to run this meeting!

November 18, 2009 - Pack Meeting

6:30 - 8:00 PM at St. Brunos Parish School Gym
Cake Bake!

December

December 13, 2009 - Den Meeting

4:00 - 6:00 PM at St. Brunos Parish School Gym (tentative)

Cub Scout History and Knots - talk to somebody that used to be a Cub Scout in days of yore (like Gene Fontaine!).

Need a Parent Volunteer to run this meeting!

December 16, 2009 - Pack Meeting

6:30 - 8:00 PM at St. Bruno's Parish School Gym (tentative)

Program to be announced.

January

January 17, 2010 - Den Meeting

4:00 - 6:00 PM at St. Bruno's Parish School Gym (tentative)

Whittling and Woodworking

Need a Parent Volunteer to run this meeting!

January 24, 2010 - Pack Meeting

12:00 - 3:00 PM at Standard Process Welcome Center (tentative)

Pinewood Derby!

February

February 7, 2010 - Den Meeting

4:00 - 6:00 PM at St. Bruno's Parish School Gym (tentative)

Prep for the Blue and Gold banquet, make a video, acting.

Need a Parent Volunteer to run this meeting!

February 21, 2010 - Pack Meeting

3:00 - 6:00 PM at Standard Process Welcome Center (tentative)

Blue and Gold Banquet

March

March 7, 2010 - Den Meeting

4:00 - 6:00 PM at St. Bruno's Parish School Gym (tentative)

Musical Instruments and Cooking

Need a Parent Volunteer to run this meeting!

March 17, 2010 - Pack Meeting

6:30 - 8:00 at St. Bruno's Parish School Gym (tentative)

St. Patrick's Day theme.

April

April 18, 2010 - Den Meeting

1:00 - 3:00 PM at Retzer Nature Center (tentative)

Hiking, preparing for a hike, outdoor food, conservation

Need a Parent Volunteer to run this meeting!

April 21, 2010 - Pack Meeting

6:30 - 8:00 PM at St. Bruno's Parish School Gym (tentative)

Program to be announced.

May

May 16, 2010 - Den Meeting

4:00 - 6:00 PM Location to be announced

Fun activity, laser tag, bowling, or something

Need a Parent Volunteer to help organize this meeting!

May 19, 2010 - Pack Meeting

6:30 - 8:00 PM at St. Bruno's Parish School Gym (tentative)

Program to be announced.

Again, this is just to get us started. We can build our own program or follow this one. For example, I'd like to do some outdoor stuff if we can, perhaps prepare hiking food, go for a hike, and cook something outside. We need to take advantage of our Baloo/Owl trained Committee Chairman in our group (Charlie).