



## Bear Den Meeting 12 and 13

### Sharing Your World With Wildlife

Achievement 5. Wildlife Conservation Belt Loop.

**Achievement 5a–c** is designed to be completed over two den meetings. Allow the boys to work through them at that pace. Don't rush!

### Preparation and Materials Needed

- ▶ Bring posters and drawing supplies. Bring books about animals and how they live.
- ▶ Be able to explain what a wildlife conservation officer does.
- ▶ Research information about one animal that has become extinct in the last 100 years. Get a list of animals on the endangered species list.
- ▶ Materials checklist (add to your den Cub tub of U.S./den flags, paper/pencils, other supplies):
  - Purchase a birdhouse kit (available from the BSA's National Distribution Center; three different birdhouses have catalog Nos. 7201, 17185, and 17083) for each boy, and bring enough hammers, safety glasses, hot-glue guns, and glue sticks. Working with tools requires greater supervision, so you should ask for additional parents who are handy with tools.

### 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.

### Opening

- ▶ Flag ceremony (indoor or outdoor; rotate roles to complete **Achievement 3f**) with Pledge of Allegiance; the Cub Scout Promise or a patriotic song (of other opening).
- ▶ Consider a roll call, uniform inspection, or den yell.

### Business Items

- ▶ Use this time to discuss participation in coming pack meetings or pack events, as needed.
- ▶ **Verify:** Check the boys' handbooks for completion of **Achievements 6a, 17a, and 17d**.

### Activities

- ▶ **Achievement 5a:** Choose a bird or animal that you like and find out how it lives. Make a poster showing what you have learned.
- ▶ **Achievement 5c:** Explain what a wildlife conservation officer does.
- ▶ **Achievement 5e:** Name one animal that has become extinct in the last 100 years. Tell why animals become extinct. Name one animal that is on the endangered species list.
- ▶ **Achievement 5b:** Have each boy build a birdhouse using the BSA birdhouse kits.
  - Paint and decorate, as desired.
  - Can complete at the next meeting, too!
  - Ideally, install the birdhouses in an approved location or send them home (as the Cub Scouts desire).

### Want More Fun Activities?

This meeting may need some fun, like a dose of *Building Muscles* or games, or pull something from your den's emergency fun box.



## 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.

### ▶ Home Assignment:

- With an adult family member, have boys complete **Achievement 6d, 6e, and 6f**:
  - **Achievement 6e and 6f**: Each boy should lead a family discussion about the kinds of energy his family uses (including electricity) and how to conserve energy.
  - **Achievement 6d**: With an adult, check for dripping faucets and repair or correct those problems.
- Also have the boys and their adult family members review and complete **Achievement 5d**.

Boys who have attended all den meetings and completed all required home assignments have now earned a fourth red Progress Toward Ranks bead to be placed on their Cub Scout Immediate Recognition Emblem (for completing **Achievements 13, 15, and 17**). The Bear rank badge will be presented at the pack's blue and gold banquet.

Boys attending all den meetings and completing home assignments may also now qualify for a gold Arrow Point. The 12 electives would have been selected from items achieved above those required for the Bear rank.

## 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.

- ▶ Continue to work on **Achievement 5a-c** during Den Meeting 13.