



Wolf Den Meeting 12

Visit a Library or Bookstore

Elective 6. Elective 12a.

Preparation and Materials Needed

- ▶ Make arrangements for a field trip to a local public library or bookstore willing to host your meeting. If transport is an issue, consider also a local school's library. Otherwise, can complete **Elective 6b** and **6c** in the home or at the home of a parent who is into books and has a good collection of suitable books.
- ▶ Request permission to use a meeting room at the library or bookstore for snacks and to complete additional requirements while at the location, including the "Be an Artist" project. If applicable, submit a local Tour Permit Application to your council service center two weeks before the event (form found at www.scouting.org/CubScouts/CubScoutingForms/forms). Arrange transportation.
- ▶ Materials checklist (add to your den Cub tub of U.S./den flags, paper/pencils, other supplies):
 - Brown paper bags (or brown wrapping paper) cut to size to make book covers, colored markers, tape.

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 meeting plan to each.
- ▶ If you're on a field trip, as boys arrive, collect permission slips from parents who are not staying.

Opening

- ▶ Using the U.S. flag at the library, if applicable, or another flag (you may need to supply one if the location does not have one), conduct a flag ceremony, indoor (**Achievement 2b**) or outdoor (**Achievement 2f**). Options include:
 - Gather in a line, circle, or square:
 - Pledge of Allegiance; have the Scout leading the ceremony tell what the Pledge means (**Achievement 2a**).
 - Cub Scout Promise or Law of the Pack.
 - Lead patriotic song.
 - Rotate leadership of flag ceremonies so each boy has a turn at every role (**Achievement 2b**).

Business Items

- ▶ Do these when it makes sense based on your field trip schedule (could be after the "field trip" part):
 - **Verify Achievement 12a-k** using the boys' handbooks (see Meeting Plan 11).
 - Use this time to discuss participation in coming pack meetings or events, as needed.

Activities

- ▶ **Elective 6: "Books, Books, Books":**
 - a. "Visit a bookstore or go to a public library with an adult. Find out how to get your own library card. Name four kinds of books that interest you (for example, history, science fiction, how-to books)."
 - b. "Choose a book on a subject you like and read it. With an adult, discuss what you read and what you think about it."
 - c. "Books are important. Show that you know how to take care of them. Open a new book the right way. Make a paper or plastic cover for it or another book."
 - If you've been able to arrange a tour at the library or bookstore, be sure to confirm how long they will speak, and let them know the requirements if they are to lead those



portions of the meeting. Remember that official duties may call them away, so you need to be prepared with plan B.

- Ideally, a librarian or bookstore representative can conduct most of this (they may not lead the “make a cover” portion) if you prepare them for the requirement.
 - Otherwise, the den leader or a parent interested in books can conduct this discussion.
 - If at a library and Scouts don’t have library cards, go ahead and have them apply for the card.
- ▶ If you have space to conduct this activity, do **Elective 12a** (“Make a freehand sketch of a person, place, or thing”) as part of **Elective 6c** (“... Make a paper or plastic cover for it or another book”):
- Using brown paper grocery bags and markers, have the Scouts make book covers for their *Wolf Handbooks* and made a freehand drawing on the book cover. To do that:
 1. Cut the brown paper shopping bags, and remove the flap formed by the bottom of the bag so you have one large sheet of brown paper. Cut a piece long enough to cover the front, back, and spine of the book with at least three inches of overlap at either end.
 2. Place the book in the center of the paper.
 3. Wrap the paper up across the bottom of the book and make a crease along the bottom cover.
 4. Repeat step 3 for the top of the book.
 5. Remove the book from the paper.
 6. Fold the paper up at the bottom crease and down at the top crease. You should have a strip of paper big enough to cover the book from top to bottom.
 7. Place the book back in the center of the paper. Wrap the paper across the front of the book from left to right and adjust the book position until the two ends of the paper are even.
 8. Fold the overlap around the front cover of the book and make a crease. Then insert the front cover of the book into the slot created by the paper folded over at the top and the bottom. Slide the paper down over the book until you hit the crease.
 9. Repeat step 8 for the back cover of the book.
 10. If the cover fits snugly, you can stop. If it seems a little loose or the top and bottom folds are not lying flat, use small pieces of tape to pull the front and the inside flap together a little more securely. Do not tape the paper cover to the actual cover of the book; the paper cover will move a little when the book opens, and you could damage the book cover.
 11. Using markers, have the Scouts decorate the book covers with a freehand sketch of a person, place, or thing.

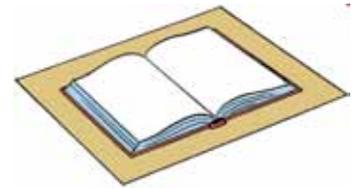
Closing

- ▶ 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.

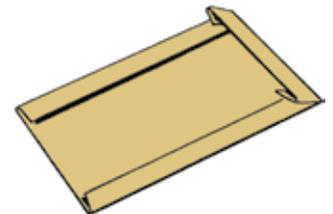
After the Meeting

- ▶ 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.

Cut paper 3 inches bigger than the book.



Fold the top, bottom, and right sides.



Slip the book cover into the right-side fold. Make a fold for the front cover. Open the book and slip the front cover into the fold.

