

SCHOOL NIGHT TO JOIN SCOUTING AGENDA

- I. Gathering and Greeting – 15 minutes prior to opening**
 - Greeters meet boys and adults at the door and sign them in.
 - Give them a New Parent Information Sheet, Cub Scout application and nametag.
 - Guide them to their table. *Hint: mini-Boys' Life is a great tool*

- II. Opening Ceremony – 5-7 minutes**
 - Be sure to start on time!
 - Introduce pack leadership and School-Night to Join Scouting personnel.
 - Explanation and demonstration of Cub Scout salute.
 - Conduct short flag ceremony (include all parents and boys). *Hint: A Boy Scout troop makes a wonderful addition here!*

- III. Separation of Parents and new Cub Scouts – 5 minutes**
 - All new (and current) Cub Scouts line up to go do something "fun."
 - Several current leaders go with new Cub Scouts to teach them the Cub Scout sign, Promise and motto (this takes about 7-10 minutes). *NOTE that when said in a group, a Cub Scout does not say his name; he starts "I promise..."*

- IV. Why Cub Scouts? – 7-10 minutes**
 - Brief overview of Cub Scouts (Tiger Cubs, Wolves, etc. dens and den meetings, packs and pack meetings, and advancement).
 - Explain parental involvement – especially in advancement.
 - Emphasize that Cub Scouting is a Family activity.
 - Remind them that the boy is there for **FUN!** He didn't come there to have his character developed, it just happens along the way.
 - Ultimate goals – skills learned, reinforcement of values, ethics and morals.
 - Remind the adults once again that they are there for fun but along the way they learn something – then bring in the group.

- V. Cub Scout Promise – 15 minutes**
 - Line all of the boys (new and current) up in front of the adults.
 - Teach the adults about the Cub Scout sign.
 - Lead the boys in the Cub Scout motto – "**Do Your Best**".
 - Lead the boys in the Cub Scout Promise.
 - Congratulate boys with applause.
 - See! It only takes a few minutes to learn something.
 - Next – send all the boys outside for structured FUN! Then explain the Cub Scout Promise, line by line to the adults...

I promise to do my best... Your boy is promising to do his best, not the best of his class, not the best of his school, not the best in this town, His personal best! Can you imagine a country where everyone gives their personal best?

to do my duty to God and my country... The two founding principles of the Boy Scouts of America. We respect the religions of all people and emphasize the importance of believing. We teach about citizenship and the importance of honoring our country and its' flag.

to help other people... Something Scouts are known for, from helping ladies across the street, to food drives, to actually saving peoples lives, Scouts, who are in the program for several years learn to be prepared to handle emergency situations when they arise – great examples in *Boys' Life*.

and to obey the Law of the Pack. The Law of the Pack is the next step on the trail to Bobcat for these new Cub Scouts. Remind the adults that there are eight requirements to attain the first rank in Cub Scouts and that their boys are already half way there!

VI. The Newspaper Game! – 10-15 minutes

- Rejoin the boys with the adults and remind them that they came there for FUN!
- Explain the rules of the game (* see attached*).
- Play the game. Have fun!

VII. Discuss Details/Answer Questions– 10 minutes

- Fees and rechartering. Be brief, but explain where the money goes.
- Leadership needs of the pack. Remind them that the boys get the best program, and everything is easier when everyone contributes.
- Promote family camp, pinewood derby, roundtable, and Pow Wow.
- Fill out and collect boy applications and fees. Be sure to get all applications back.

VIII. Next Meeting – 3 minutes

- Give date, time, and location of next meeting. This meeting needs to be a Parents Orientation done within 7 – 10 days after the rally and should be held at the regular location of the pack meetings.
- Thank everyone for taking the time to come and for showing an interest in Scouting.

IX. Follow-Up

- Answer questions.
- Take time to plant seeds with new prospects.
- Compile list of all prospective leaders. A quick discussion among current leaders helps to see if anyone is familiar with any prospects.
- Check applications against sign-in sheet to see if any were missed.

Some Reminders –

- Start and end on time. Rally should be 1 hour – no more!
- Involve everyone!
- Keep things simple, lively and moving!