

My Best Friend Is a Scout! Den Meeting Outline



1. While the Cub Scouts Gather – select a game from the Group Meeting Sparklers or How-To books. Try to catch parents and have them stay for this special meeting.
2. Opening – Pledge of Allegiance and Cub Scout Promise. Talk about the importance of the Cub Scout Promise.
3. Recite the Cub Scout Motto – Do Your Best! Ask the Cub Scouts what “Doing Your Best” means to them.
4. Introduce the new “My Best Friend Is a Scout!” theme. Tell them that they are going to play an important role in getting their friends to sign up for Scouting with them this year. Ask them if they would like to be in Scouting with their best friends.
5. Give each Cub Scout an envelope with the new materials. Read the “boy card” with them, and ask them if they will “Do Their Best”. Have them write their names on that card. On the other side of the card help them to write in the names of their two best friends that they want to be in Scouts with. Be sure that they write down the two names. Ask each of them to say out loud who they will invite. If two or more want to ask the same person, encourage them to choose a different person. Be sure to have them write in the date, time and location on the card (or have it done ahead of time).
6. Take out the invitations and have them fill in their names on the card, followed by the date, time and location of the meeting where their friends can sign up. Instruct them to give their two friends an invitation tomorrow at school, or the next time they see them.
7. Fill in the same information on the business cards and tell them to give these cards to their friends on the day of the signup meeting.
8. Ask each Cub Scout to say out loud the two most fun things they did in Scouting last year. Some things that should come out: day camp, earning awards, pinewood derby races, den trips, projects etc. It is important that they tell their friends all about these fun things!
9. Tell them that if they recruit a friend to join Cub Scouts they will get a neat recruiter patch that has the Three Amigos on it (TC, Akela, and Baloo). Tell them that they will have even more fun than last year because they got their friends to join!
10. End the meeting by re-reading the boy card where they promise to “Do Their Best!”