Supplemental Tiger Den Meeting C

Make a Model, Part 2

Elective 17.

Preparation and Materials Needed

- Materials checklist (add to your den box of U.S. and den flags, paper and pencils, other supplies):
  - Pinewood derby car kits in process for each boy.
  - Bring the rules for your derby about how your cars are to be built.
  - Saws, hammers, wood rasps, drills, weight inserts (washers, fishing weights, or other), sandpaper, paint, decals, smocks. A good scale to weigh the cars is very useful.
  - Tiger Track beads for Tiger Cub Immediate Recognition Emblem

Before the Meeting

- Make final preparations with assistance from any assistant den leader or host team (Tiger Cub and adult partner) or other parent helper or den chief. 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, coloring, puppets) that will keep Tiger Cubs 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

- Conduct flag ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance.
- Recite the Cub Scout Promise (or other opening); perhaps add a roll call and/or uniform recognition.

Business Items

- Review the upcoming pinewood derby, what you know of the participation and competition rules, and how you'll go about making the cars today. Outline all safety ground rules for your location and attendees.
- This would be a good time for each Tiger Cub to show his car in process and describe how he is going to finish the car and complete the design.
- Use this time to discuss participation in coming pack meetings or events, as needed.

Activities

- **Elective 17** ("Make a model."): Build pinewood derby cars with each Tiger Cub.
  - Ideally, today is decoration and completion day, so there should be less need for adult partners to make the cars, and more opportunity for adult partners to assist and coach the Scouts on their painting, gluing, stickers, and design elements.
  - Den leaders: Watch carefully, and be sure that adult partners don't get carried away with this project and leave out their Tiger Cubs in the process. If this is a risk, you might suggest to your pack that they have an adult division so the adult partners can have a way to participate while allowing their Tiger Cubs to really make their own cars.

- Watch this meeting carefully, because you'll probably need some breaks. Be sure to mix in brief games and songs (serious or silly) to change the pace of the meeting because Tigers have short attention spans. You and they will have more fun and focus better if you mix it up.

Closing

- Award (or recognize) any advancement completed at this meeting; thank hosts, guests, and helpers.
- Closing ceremony: perhaps a den leader's minute, Law of the Pack, den yell, and/or Living Circle.
- 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.