Tiger Den Meeting 5

Go See It: Let's Go Outdoors and Song Time

Achievement 5 (5F, 5D, 5G). Elective 6. Character Connection for Faith.

Preparation and Materials Needed

- For Den Meeting 5, make arrangements for a den hike. Plan your hike in a place where boys will be able to collect autumn leaves. ***Note:*** A walk around the neighborhood might be sufficient!
- Remind families to bring appropriate outerwear and wear appropriate shoes or boots.
- Materials checklist (add to your den box of U.S. and den flags, paper and pencils, other supplies):
  - Bring hand sanitizer, several sheets of copy paper, and crayons with the wrappers removed.
  - Bring the words to the songs "I've Got That Tiger Cub Spirit" and "If You're a Tiger and You Know It" (pages 87–88 in the *Tiger Cub Handbook*). Substitute or add songs that you and the Scouts want to sing.
  - Index cards printed with the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack
  - Tiger Cub Immediate Recognition Emblem beads

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

- Meet at the designated starting point. This could be the regular den meeting space.
- 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

- Remind the boys of appropriate behavior, including safety considerations, on the hike. Review the Leave No Trace guidelines for frontcountry travel (page 152 of *Tiger Cub Handbook).*
- Invite Scouts to bring their family scrapbooks back to upcoming den meetings to show to the den.
- Use this time to discuss participation in coming pack meetings or events, as needed.

Activities

- With adult partner, could complete the Character Connection for Faith. (***Note:*** Den leaders should use their best judgment about this, and because this is a family matter, and especially if you have a mix of faith practices in your den, feel free to ask parents to do this directly, while you just talk about the weather before you go on the hike.)
  - **Know:** Discuss things about the weather that you know to be true, but you cannot see at the moment, such as: Is the sun still there although you only see clouds? Is the moon there, even though it is day? Can you see wind? Do you know that the rain will eventually stop? Do you have faith in other things you can't see?
  - **Commit:** What makes it difficult to believe in things you cannot see? What helps you to develop faith?
  - **Practice:** Do **Achievement 5F**.

- **Achievements 5F** ("Go outside and watch the weather.") **and 5G** ("Take a hike with your den."):
  - As you gather outdoors for the hike, and go on the hike, watch the weather.
  - Use your senses to help you describe what the weather is like. What do you see? What do you hear? What do you smell? What do you taste? What can you feel?



Suggestion: A hike doesn't have to be just a walk. Try a hike plus: Don't just walk; do something:
- Alphabet hike. Find things to cover each letter (keep a list as you go).
- Color hike. Find as many colors as you can (keep a list as you go).
- Sense-of-touch hike. Find things that are hairy, smooth, rough, cool, dry, wet, sticky, bumpy.
- Hula-hoop hike. Lay your hoop (or a loop of rope) on the ground. What can you find inside the circle?
- Inch-high hike (take rulers along). What do you find that is that high (or smaller)?

- **Elective 6** ("Along with your adult partner, teach a song to your family or to your den and sing it together."):
  - While hiking, sing the songs "I've Got That Tiger Cub Spirit" and "If You're a Tiger and You Know It."
  - Feel free to substitute or add appropriate songs that you and the Scouts want to sing.

- **Achievement 5D:** While on your hike, collect fallen leaves and make a leaf rubbing.
  - At the end of your hike, make leaf rubbings using the leaves collected, copy paper, and crayons.
  - Place a leaf, vein side up, on a smooth surface, and cover it with a piece of thin writing paper.
  - Hold the paper firmly in position and gently rub the crayon over it. The crayon strokes should all be in the same direction and with just enough pressure to bring out the details of the leaf.
  - They can write information next to each leaf, such as its name and where it was collected.
  - The finished design can be displayed in your home, decorated and framed, made into greeting cards or given as a gift, or used as decorative elements in other projects or in their scrapbooks.

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.
- Have boys take home leaf rubbings and suggest they add them to the scrapbook made in Den Meeting 1.

Tiger Cubs participating to this point have earned a third orange **(Achievement 5D)**, a third white **(Achievement 5F)**, and a third black bead **(Achievement 5G)**.

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.