



Supplemental Wolf Den Meeting E

Be an Actor and Be an Artist

Elective 2. Elective 12d.

Preparation and Materials Needed

- ▶ Identify any parents or other pack resources who have an interest in theater. Alternatively, you might see if a school drama teacher or community theater actor or set person would like to help. You might do this meeting as a field trip to that location if the theater is willing to assist you.
 - If you arrange a trip, be sure your host knows how long you need to have someone make a presentation, and that you've confirmed what can or should be covered for the Scouts.
 - Consider whether you can then perform your skit at an upcoming pack meeting or pack event.
- ▶ Materials checklist (add to your den Cub tub of U.S./den flags, paper/pencils, other supplies):
 - A variety of costumes or old clothes that can be used as costumes
 - Materials for scenery and props that line up with the likely skits you will select
 - Paper sacks for creating masks
 - Markers, yarn, glue, colored construction paper, and other craft supplies to decorate the masks
 - You might bring a selection of Cub Scout skits for the Scouts to review and choose.

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

Opening

- ▶ 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.

Business Items

- ▶ Remind the boys of appropriate behavior, including safety considerations, at the site of your visit.
- ▶ Use this time to discuss participation in coming pack meetings or events, as needed.

Activities

- ▶ **Elective 2a** ("Help to plan and put on a skit with costumes."):
 - You might bring skit suggestions, or provide some costume materials and see if the Scouts can come up with their own skit.
- ▶ **Elective 2b** ("Make some scenery for a skit.") and **Elective 12d** ("Help draw, paint, or color some scenery for a skit, play, or puppet show."):
 - To be determined based on the materials available and the plan for the skit.
 - If you do this over two meetings, you can identify needed elements for the second meeting.
- ▶ **Elective 2c** ("Make sound effects for a skit."):
 - To be determined based on the materials available and the plan for the skit.
 - Page 119 of the *Wolf Handbook* gives some ideas that you may want to incorporate into the skit.
 - Scouts will likely have additional ideas about sounds for the skit.



- ▶ **Elective 2d** (“Be the announcer for a skit.”):
 - This may rotate among the Scouts as they rehearse, if all are keen to earn this, or you will hopefully do several skits for the pack over the course of the year.
- ▶ **Elective 2e** (“Make a paper sack mask for a skit.”):
 - Optional, but this gives some additional costuming and “Be an artist” activity.
- ▶ Present your skit!

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.