



What are a Wolf and Bear Den?



A den is a group of six to eight boys within a pack, usually at the same grade level that meets once a week in what we call a den meeting. The den meetings allow the boys to build relationships with other boys and their adult leaders. It provides a time for activities that would be difficult with much larger groups such as the pack which is a group of several dens. The den also provides leadership opportunities for the Cub Scout.

Wolf, grade two, and Bear, grade three, den meetings are run by den leaders and assistant den leaders. Den meeting activities are generally planned around monthly themes and include playing games, making crafts, outdoor fun, skits and songs, and advancement requirements in their handbooks.

Although these dens have den leaders, parents can be a valuable resource in helping with den meetings. Many parents can bring a variety of talents to a meeting and help the den leaders with den activities. People with hobbies, fun jobs, skills, can bring a whole new perspective to a den meeting that a den leader might need had he or she known about your interest. So parents, speak up when you can help out. For instance, in the Bear Book, they must learn about hand tools and build something like a tool box. Any talented craftsman would be a great asset to the leader. Just keep it simple, make it fun.

These dens meet once a week in weekly den meetings and once a month for a pack meeting when all the dens get together for a "celebration" of their achievements, successes, activities, and to show of their skills that they have learned to their families.

There are many resources for den leaders to use to help plan den meetings:

- 1) Cub Scout Handbooks
 - Achievements and Rank requirements
- 2) Cub Scout Program Helps
 - Den meeting outlines based on the monthly themes.
- 3) Cub Scout Leader How-to-Book
 - Ideas, games, crafts, skits, songs
- 4) Monthly Roundtable
 - Lenape Roundtable @ 7:30pm every 1st Wed of each month. More den and pack ideas to help you with your program and activities.