

PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING AGENDA

(Sample Agenda)

Objectives of the Meeting: Get to know new families, provide BSA information to parents, explain how Scouting works, explore Volunteer opportunities, identify program resources and training for volunteers

When to Conduct: Approximately one week after Join Scout Night

Facilitated by: Cubmaster, Committee Chair and Den Leaders

Best Practice Tip: *Try to avoid jargon (Scouting words and acronyms). When Scouting terms are used, define and explain the term to help new families understand. Your new Lion or Tiger parent doesn't even know what a "Lion" or "Tiger is," or what "Den" or "Pack" means.*

- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Introduce Pack and Den Leaders
 - b. Have families introduce themselves
- II. How Cub Scouting Works
 - a. All volunteer-led
 - b. Family program (*Just like their family at home, everyone chips in to make it work.*)
 - c. Explain the concept of Dens and Packs and meetings for each
 - d. **Family Packs Only:** Emphasize that boy and girl Den meetings must be separate
 - e. Key Pack events this year (Pinewood, Blue & Gold, service projects, etc.)
 - f. Camping Opportunities
- III. Volunteer Opportunities
 - a. Brief Job Descriptions, open positions in the Pack and "How Can I Help" form
 - b. No prior experience needed – all training provided
 - c. Help parents pick a position based on their skill set and availability
 - d. Fill the positions and complete adult registrations
- IV. Training
 - a. Be sure each new leader knows how to register at my.scouting.org for training online
 - i. Youth Protection (set clear expectation of course time – about 1.5 hours)
 - ii. Program Specific for Cub Scouts
 - iii. Be sure to explain Program Specific training is designed to be completed over a period of 30 to 60 days and must be completed within six months.
 - iv. Weather Hazard Training
 - b. Explain what Roundtable is and encourage attendance
- V. New Volunteer Coaching and Mentoring
 - a. Match each new volunteer with an existing volunteer (mentor)
 - b. Mentor will help new volunteer access and take training; access guidebooks; become oriented to their specific role in the Pack and will be a friend as the new volunteer learns their new job
- VI. Open Question and Answer Time
- VII. Closing
 - a. Thank parents for coming and new volunteers for stepping up
 - b. Inspirational Cubmaster Minute