

## Successful Cub-Scout Call-out Meeting Tips and How-To's

### **Before Join Scouting Night:**

- Augment fliers
- Posters & displays
- Classroom/school presentations
- Cub scouts in uniform
- Reserve two rooms for Join Scouting Night

### **Join Scouting Night - Evening**

- Displays (crafts, pinewood derby cars, flags, patches, uniforms, books, and more!!)
- Extra leaders on hand (boy scout leaders too)
- Welcome (stress activities & fun)
- Parents' meeting (boys in second room or outdoors)
  - Purpose: fun, family, "do your best"
  - Organization: bsa, council, district, pack & den
  - Structured program: by age/parent involvement
  - Leadership - display chart & ask for volunteers
  - Tell parents to expect a call, if they don't sign up
  - Training available
  - Location of next pack meeting
  - Cost
- Questions and answers
- Bring boys back
- Application and registration forms

### **Notes:**

#### **1. Opening/Introduction**

- a. Have your seasoned Webelos conduct the opening flag ceremony
- b. Introduce yourself (Cubmaster)
- c. Introduce your leadership, explaining the dens by age/grade. Have all current and new candidates (with Parents) set together at this time and take 5 minutes or so to get acquainted and briefed.

At this time, explain your den meeting schedule, pack meeting schedule, etc.

- d. Explain to all the rest of the evening's itinerary. (I would have a troop or your leadership team take the boys outside or to another large room for some games and refreshments. Ultimate Frisbee is a great game to play.) It is important to have uninterrupted communications with the parents and a Q&A to discuss the following.

#### **2. Applications**

- a. Must be filled out completely, the more information, the easier you can communicate!
- b. Make sure to understand the prorated registration fee's schedule (take total registration and divide by 12). If finance is an issue, explain the Needy Scout Fund.
- c. Have some one thoroughly checking every application for correctness and completeness. Applications and fees must be taken care of when handed to the office.

#### **3. Leadership Opportunities**

- a. Encourage any (or all) new parent to get involved in Scouting with their sons. Tell them the reward of being there when they shoot their first bulls-eye or make that birdhouse!
- b. Training. A new parent will be a deer in the headlights and unwilling to volunteer if they are new to scouting. Explain all jobs and explaining the training that is available online and

through-out the year to overcome these fears (See PACK VOLUNTEER POSITIONS SIGN-UP FORM).

- c. Explain that all leaders are required to complete the Youth Protection Training, fill out an adult application, and submit to a background check. Reintegrate the joys of scouting with their own sons and the other youth. It is addictive!
- d. The level of commitment is what they want to have. If they aren't interested in leading a Den, there are roles for things behind the scenes. Such as: Unit Treasurer, Unit Secretary, Unit Committee, Unit Advancement, Scout Parent Coordinator. Explain these positions thoroughly. All positions do require YPT, an adult application and a background check.
- e. Parent talent surveys. Have your parent fill out these surveys for your units use! Every unit can draw in a potential cookie baker or teacher or mechanic that could be called upon to help with program.

#### **4. Fund-raising (The part of the meeting that NOBODY what to hear!)**

- a. Start by asking for everyone's undivided attention (since the scouts have left the room). This is important for parents to know who pays for scouting.
- b. Explain the importance of fund-raising to have a great Cub Scout experience. Fund-raising is important so that our councils might be able to have things like administration (to track your scouts' accomplishments), program (ever been to a summer camp?), and places to go (council properties).
- c. Offer levels or goals for scout to attain to totally pay for their scouting careers. Tell the parents that their sons can pay their registrations through fund-raising. Encourage them to be successful and reward them by paying for all of their cub scout awards.

#### **5. Communication (Handouts)**

- a. Newsletters. Have your newsletter available for tonight. Maybe put scout statistics, your current scout birthdays, upcoming events, etc. in it. Your new parents may not hear everything you tell them at your meeting, but if you give it to them in writing, they are 70 times more likely to comprehend.
- b. Websites/FaceBook. Have your website or FaceBook page on a handout inviting these new scouts and parents to stay connected with your scout unit. Scoutlander.com is a free and great website host that sends out reminders automatically for all of your events.
- c. Calendars. Have your calendar printed out with starting times and locations for your entire year of scouting ready to handout to go home with the scouts. Also include the council events on your calendar.
- d. Your unit and council leadership information. Include everyone from the council Scout Executive to the Tiger Den's leaders address, home phone, cell phone, email addresses, etc.
- e. University of Scouting has classes explaining in depth unit communications!

End your meeting by thanking everyone for attending. Make sure that you have everyone's completed application and fee. Make sure everyone got a copy of your handouts to take home. Before you dismiss your parents for refreshments, let them know that you and your leadership team will be around to personally answer any questions or concerns they might have.

## **Pack Volunteer Positions**

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Cub scouting is a family organization and will not work unless each family accepts its responsibility to participate. We need volunteers for several pack positions. Please indicate how you plan to help by writing your name in the blank for the position you can fulfill.

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Committee Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

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### **ONE YEAR COMMITMENT - (WORKING PRIMARILY WITH ADULTS)**

Chartered Organization Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Activities Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Advancement Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Pack Newsletter Publisher \_\_\_\_\_

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### **ONE YEAR COMMITMENT - (WORKING PRIMARILY WITH YOUTH)**

Cubmaster \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Cubmaster \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Cubmaster \_\_\_\_\_

Den Leader Coach \_\_\_\_\_

Webelos Den Leader 2d Year \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Webelos Den Leader 2d Year \_\_\_\_\_

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Webelos Den Leader 1st Year \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Webelos Den Leader 1st Year \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Webelos Den Leader 1st Year \_\_\_\_\_

Bear Den Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Bear Den Assistant Den Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Wolf Den Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Wolf Den Assistant Den Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Tiger Cub Group Organizer \_\_\_\_\_

One Time Commitment \_\_\_\_\_

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### **(PLANNING & EXECUTION OF A SINGLE ACTIVITY)**

Scouting For Food Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Pack Fund-raising Activity Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Fall Safe - Bicycling Activity Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Mid-Year Holiday Party Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Pinewood Derby Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Pinewood Derby Concessions Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Blue And Gold Banquet Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Friends Of Scouting Fund-raising Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Spring Picnic Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Scout Show Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Scout Show Ticket Sales Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Cub Scout Day Camp Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Scout Camp Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Summertime Activities Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_