

Family Program Questions and Answers

CAPITOAL AREA COUNCIL CUB PACKS

Q: How will all-girl dens be organized

Just as all-boy dens are currently organized. The only difference is that at least one female adult leader or YPT-trained female parent must be present at den activities.

Q: Can my pack form an all-girls den of different ranks

No. As with boys, dens are designed to deliver an age appropriate program and rank requirements are different for each grade.

Q: What is the minimum number of scouts needed to form an all-girl den

The minimum number of scouts needed to form an all-girl den is four, the same number required for an all-boy den. We strongly encourage dens to form with six youth, as experience has shown that these smaller dens often lack critical mass (and volunteers) necessary for a strong program. Thus, packs should target dens of at least six scouts.

Q: If a pack recruits less than four girls of a given rank, may the pack form a co-ed den

No. Nationally, the Boy Scouts of America are committed to single gender dens. If there are too few youth, an additional recruitment (this can be led by the known interested families) should take place.

Q: What should a pack do if it recruits less than four girls of a given rank during spring recruitment

The pack should attempt to recruit additional girls to form a den. Explain the BSA's den size requirements to the families of the interested girls, as these families may be key in recruiting additional girls and volunteers. If the pack is unable to recruit additional girls to form a den, the pack should contact its District Executive or District Commissioner.