

# Den in A Box Meeting #1

For this meeting you will need:

- Animal cards (included)
- Masking tape (included)
- Plaster of Paris (included)
- Large disposable plastic spoons (included)
- 4 ft lengths of string (included)

Ask other adults to help with these parts of the meeting:

- Leading the opening pledge                      Helper: \_\_\_\_\_
- Helping with \_\_\_\_\_ activity item      Helper: \_\_\_\_\_
- Thought of the Day                                  Helper: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Meeting

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**Preparation:** Tie the string in to loops. There should be one loop per Scout and one pre-cut section per loop. This is for the one foot hike activity.

**Gathering:** The “What animal am I?” game. Tape an animal card to each cub scout’s back, but do not tell them the identity of the animal. Take turns asking “yes” or “no” questions until to cub scout identifies the animal.

**Opening:** Invite a youth to lead the Pledge of Allegiance with calls for Scout Sign  
Invite a different youth to lead the Den in the Cub Scout Promise.

**Talk Time:** Ask each scout and parent to save a milk or juice box for the birdhouse activity in meeting 2.

**Activity 1:** Make a Plaster Bug by mixing the plaster of Paris and pouring into each spoon. Decorate the bugs next week.

**Activity 2:** Have the scouts go on a “1-foot hike”, using the string as boundary rope.

**Closing:**

**After the Meeting:** Instruct families to keep and bring a washed clean milk carton or orange juice jug for next weeks activity

# Den in A Box Meeting #2

For this meeting you will need:

- Markers (not provided)
- Scissors (2 pair) not provided)
- Glue (provided)
- Googly bug eyes (provided)
- String (Provided cut 4ft. lengths in half)
- Small markers, like beans, or the googly eyes above (provided)

Ask other adults to help with these parts of the meeting:

- Leading the opening pledge                      Helper: \_\_\_\_\_
- Helping with \_\_\_\_\_ activity item      Helper: \_\_\_\_\_
- Thought of the Day                                  Helper: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Meeting

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**Preparation:** Gather the plaster bugs and set up painting stations

**Gathering:** Each scout starts with 5 counters (beans or pebbles work well). Scouts put an unknown number of counters in their closed hands, and other scouts guess odds or evens. If the guessing scout is correct, he takes one of the beans. If he is incorrect, he gives one of his beans to the first scout.

**Opening:** Invite a youth to lead the Pledge of Allegiance with calls for Scout Sign  
Invite a different youth to lead the Den in the Cub Scout Promise.

**Talk Time:** Remind scouts that the next meeting will involve a nature hike. Invite scouts to bring binoculars, bug nets, or other items that may be useful.

**Activity 1:** Decorate Plaster Bugs made last week with paint pens or markers, glue, and googly eyes. Feel free to add pipe cleaners or other accents as you see fit. If time allows, ask the Scouts to make a story about the bug they created.

**Activity 2:** Build a Birdhouse with the family provided milk cartons, scissors, and string to hang. Decorate the bird house with remaining paint

**Closing:**

**After the Meeting:**

# Den in A Box Meeting #3

For this meeting you will need:

- Nature Hike Checklist Card Style Card (provided)
- Pencils (not provided)
- Trash Bags (not provided)
- Remining String (roughly 3 sections)

Ask other adults to help with these parts of the meeting:

- Leading the opening pledge                      Helper: \_\_\_\_\_
- Helping with \_\_\_\_\_ activity item      Helper: \_\_\_\_\_
- Thought of the Day                                  Helper: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Meeting

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**Preparation:** This meeting should be held near a park or other area suitable for a short hike.

**Gathering:** Play “Shrink the Rope”. First, lay out the string in a big circle and have all scouts stand in side. Shorten the string by about a foot and ask them to all stand inside again. Continue this activity and see how small the circle can get with all of the scouts inside.

**Opening:** Invite a youth to lead the Pledge of Allegiance with calls for Scout Sign  
Invite a different youth to lead the Den in the Cub Scout Promise.

**Talk Time:** Discuss what Items should be brought on a hike. Talk about the need to let folks know where you are going and when you will be back. Discuss supplies you should bring, like water bottles. Finally, Talk about how good Scouts respect the outdoors. Use this as an opportunity to have Scouts clean up their outdoor space on the hike. Remember, it is exciting to help our community, not a punishment. Collecting the trash is a good thing.

**Activity:** The activity is a nature hike. Each scout is issued a nature hike checklist. Hike and Bird Sightings. A second goal of the hike is to pick up any trash or litter. The scouts can take turns carrying the trash bag.

**Closing:**

**After the Meeting:**

