



# Tiger Cubs



## Helpful Hints for Den Leaders

If you are starting the Tiger Cub program in June, invite the Tiger Cubs and their adult partners to participate in your pack's summertime activities, such as marching in parades, going to a ball game, having a campfire and marshmallow roast, and participating in Cub Scout day camp. Boys may be able to earn the National Summertime Pack Award pin by participating in events.

As a den, have an outing to complete *Elective 22: Picnic Fun*; *Elective 29: Safety in the Sun*; and *Elective 35: Fun Outdoors*. (See the *Tiger Cub Handbook*.) Have a den family picnic, use sunscreen, and play an outdoor game at the picnic. This is a great way for the Tiger Cub families to get to know one another. It is also an optimal time to recruit new Cub Scout adult volunteers. Distribute the Family Talent Survey Sheet to the parents, asking them to complete and return it to you at the next meeting. (The Family Talent Survey Sheet can be found at [www.scouting.org/CubScouts/CubScoutingForms/forms](http://www.scouting.org/CubScouts/CubScoutingForms/forms) and on the CD in the Resources folder on the main menu.) The survey serves as a useful tool for you to identify family resources within your den.

The tone you set at the first meeting will determine, to a large extent, the success of your year. Wear your adult uniform to all meetings and remind boys to wear their uniforms. Be completely organized before the start of the meeting. Explain clearly to the boys the behavioral expectations. You may wish to use the "good conduct candle" approach (*Cub Scout Leader How-To Book*). Be friendly but firm with the boys.

Ask the host team (Tiger Cub and adult partner who will assist at the meeting) to arrive at least 15 minutes before the starting time of the meeting. They can help you with final preparations before the rest of the boys arrive.

A snack at den meetings is optional. Set the example with healthy, nutritious snacks. Be aware of any food allergies of den members and communicate these to adult partners who may be assisting with the snacks.

You may wish to distribute a family information letter at the conclusion of each meeting. (A sample family information letter can be found at [www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Resources](http://www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Resources) and on the CD in the Resources folder on the main menu.) The letter tells families what was completed at each meeting and provides information on upcoming den and pack meetings and activities.

At least two weeks before any “Go See It” field trip, a local tour permit should be filed with the council service center.

Encourage the boys to earn the religious emblem of their faith. Talk about earning the National Summertime Pack Award pin, the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award, and Cub Scouting’s Leave No Trace Awareness Award during the year. Distribute and review the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines (before any field trip to a park, playground, or other outing. (The guidelines can be found at [www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Resources/leavenotrace](http://www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Resources/leavenotrace) and on the CD in the Resources folder on the main menu.)

Open each den meeting by saluting the U.S. flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Then, while showing the Cub Scout sign, recite the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack. See *Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs* for detailed guidelines and ceremony examples.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America

And to the republic for which it stands,

One nation under God, indivisible,

With liberty and justice for all.

### **Cub Scout Promise**

I, *(name)*, promise to do my best

To do my duty to God and my country,

To help other people, and

To obey the Law of the Pack.

**Law of the Pack**

The Cub Scout follows Akela.

The Cub Scout helps the pack go.

The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.

The Cub Scout gives goodwill.