

LEADER SELECTION & DEN ORGANIZATION

WHY BE A LEADER

Ruler of Life

Make a Ruler of Life chart out of 8 ½ x 11 paper taped together. Hold up the Ruler of Life chart and explain that this represents the ages of a boy. Ages

1 2 3 4 5	6 7 8 9 10	11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
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1,2,3,4,5 have past. Tear off between 5 & 6. During ages 12,13,14,15,16,17,18 your son will learn independence and treasure time with peers more than time with family. Tear off between 11 & 12. Hold up the remaining years 6,7,8,9,10,11. These are the years you have to influence your son. Cub Scouting can help you by providing a fun, educational program. Spend quality time with your son and participate in Cub Scouting.

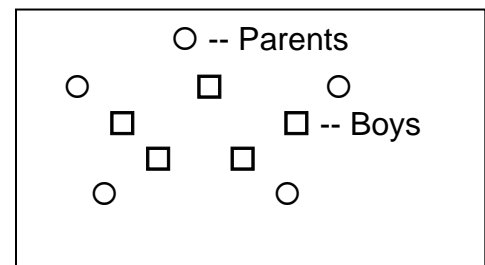
PACK LEADERSHIP

On a flip chart, list the pack positions and name of person holding that position. If vacant, leave blank. Briefly explain the job descriptions and ask for volunteers to fill the vacant positions.

Charter Rep	Bill Smith
Committee Chair	Angie Jones
Advancement	_____
Sec/Treasurer	Mary Banks
Cubmaster	Bob Johnson
Tiger Den Leader	_____
Wolf Den Leader	Erin Weeks
Bear Den Leader	_____
Webelos Den Leader	Jason Call

RECRUITING DEN LEADERS

When recruiting den leaders use the following method: Have the boys form a circle and have the parents form another circle standing behind their boys. Tell the group that the program does not exist without the parents behind their boys. Tell them their job is to select one leader and one assistant in the next 5 minutes (then walk away from the group and let them do the recruiting).



TAKE A MOMENT TO CONSIDER

1. Consider this, you own a car. A person you vaguely know wants to take your car for one hour a week. Now, do you hand them the keys, wave Good-bye, and say "See you in an hour!" Of course not! Is your son any less important to you than a car? Your child is your most prized treasure.
2. Scouting offers quality time for you and your son together. Your involvement in Scouting ensures this. Your involvement will ensure that your son has a great time and learns many new and wonderful skills. Who knows, maybe you can learn something new too.
3. Surveys indicate that boys of 8 or 9 years of age rank as the important influence in their lives:

- #1 Parents
- #2 Teachers
- #3 Church Leaders

When those same boys reach 14 and 15 years of age they indicate the primary influences in their lives are:

- #1 Friends
- #2 Television

While parents, teachers and church have fallen to 6th, 7th and 8th most influential factors in their lives.

4. We are not asking you to make a lifetime commitment – but just for the rest of this school year to commit to helping your son and his friends with a weekly activity.