Assembled Den Meeting Plan – LION (Kindergarten)

This ***Assembled* Den Meeting Plan** combines ideas from Lion Adventures Den Meeting Resources found at Scouting.Org or from the requirements themselves, into the parts of a quality Den Meeting, which are **Preparation** (plan + collect materials needed), **Gathering** (something for early arrivals to do), **Opening** (a ceremony to start), then **Activities** (an Activities Intro chat, followed by a series of activities, ideally alternating quiet and energetic fun), **Closing + Recognition** (ceremony), and **After the Meeting** (follow up) …

Lion – Kindergarten

Count On Me

A "Math" Adventure

ELECTIVE (2 "electives" are needed to earn the Rank of Lion)

Snapshot of Adventure. Discover basic geometric shapes and their use in arts and crafts.

The QR Code above takes you to scouting.org/cub-scout-adventures/count-on-me/ ↑

This Den Meeting Plan adapts Activity content from that Scouting.org link with other fun, simple, easy ideas. For more, see the Adventure Resources at the end of this Plan for a menu of activity options at that link.

Requirements from the Lion Handbook

1. **Make a Lion using only squares, triangles, and circles.**
2. **Play a game with your Lion adult partner or den that is based on counting or numbers.**
3. **Organize a group of items based on shape, then based on color, and one other category. Count how many different shapes are in each category. After organizing them build anything using only one category.**

Meeting Plan

Does this take one Meeting to complete – or more? It's up to the Parents / Leaders! As written, you can do this in a single 60-minute session, but if they are really having fun with the activities, finish up in a second.

PREPARATION (and materials needed): Read the Count On Me Adventure in the Lion Handbook.

- As always, decide whether you like any of the "Activity Card" options for the Requirements or the suggested activities below or some other way to deliver this Adventure.
  - When you decide, check the materials and supplies you need, like scissors, crayons, game supplies.

A Tip About Den Meetings for Kindergarten Kids:

- Which is better? Classroom or Playground? ***Yes, Playground!***
  - Better for the Scouts – they'll know what to do at a Playground.
  - Better for the Parents – while the Scouts play you can finalize your plans for the next part of your Cub Scout Adventure content today.
- If Scouting is "*A Game with a Purpose*", maybe Lion Dens are "*A Play Date with a Purpose*" – and there's nothing wrong with combining fun with meaning + values!
  - Maybe visit multiple playgrounds during your Lion Year – adult partners to host.



GATHERING: A "gathering" activity is to keep Scouts occupied as the rest of the den arrives. *What you do will depend on your location and leadership resources*.

- Use gathering time to connect with adults and "share the leader load": everyone can help with something! A good approach is for different parents (or teams) to share the "lead" of parts of the Adventure below.

OPENING: (Parent leader: _____) An Opening ceremony says, "we've begun" and helps set the tone.

- Maybe: a simple ceremony you like that includes the Pledge of Allegiance and the Scout Oath and/or Law.

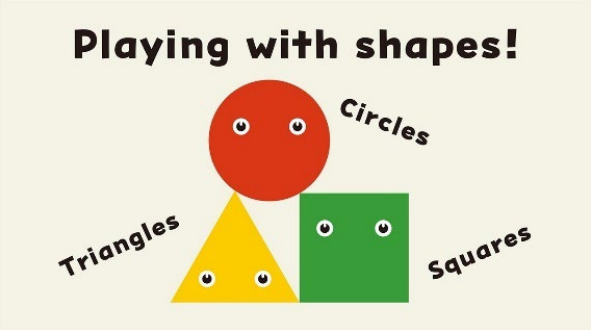
ACTIVITIES (See also other Activities linked at Adventure Resources – use those if you like them):

🔶**Activity Intro:** (Parent leader: _____) As you move into Activities, have some "talk time" where you (1) discuss today's Adventure activities (what you'll do, how you'll do it – share in a way to get the Scouts excited) and (2) let each of the Scouts share "what's new" with them and get to know each other better.

🔶**Activity 1: Squares, Triangles and Circles (Requirement 1: "***Make a Lion using only squares, triangles, and circles.***")** (Parent leader: _____)

The Adventure Resources offer Activity Cards of Clay Lion (Clay Shapes), Stencil Lion (Stencil Shapes), and Triangles, Circles and Squares Oh My! (Handbook Shapes – Cut Out and Use). Use what you like – or something else. The plan below adapts the substance of each Activity Card and the Requirement.

- Gather the Scouts and adult partners and share with them that shapes are all around us.
- If we look, we can see circles, squares, triangles, and other shapes in everyday objects like a car, a house, or even a tree.
- Inform the Scouts and adult partners that for this activity they will make a Lion out of basic shapes.
- Share the shapes you have for creation of the Lion.



- If using the Handbook Shapes, you'll need to have adult partners help their Scouts cut out the shapes.

🔶**Activity 2: Number Game (Requirement 2: "***Play a game with your Lion adult partner or den that is based on counting or numbers.***")** (Parent leader: _____)

The Adventure Resources offer Activity Cards of Hop to it Lion (Play Hopscotch!), Lion Dominos (Play Dominos), and Lions, Dimes, Nickels, and Pennies (Count Coins).

- Use all that you like – and/or something else.
- Other games with numbers include bingo, card games, dice, anything where you count (like how many Jenga did you pull out before it fell).

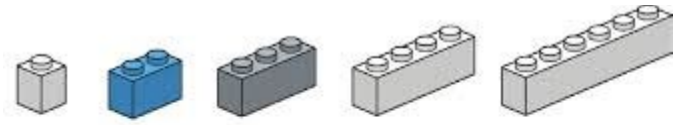


🔶**Activity 3: Organize Shapes – Build Something! (Requirement 3: "***Organize a group of items based on shape, then based on color, and one other category. Count how many different shapes are in each category. After organizing them build anything using only one category.***")** (Parent leader: _____)

The Adventure Resources offer Activity Cards of Count the Shapes in My Face (Handbook Crayon Exercise) and Modular Building Blocks (Build Something Out of Legos). Use what you like – or something else. The plan below adapts the substance of Legos and the Requirement.

- Gather the Scouts and adult partners and prepare groups of LEGOS building blocks for each Scout to use.
  - Share with them that in this activity they are going to sort LEGO building blocks and then have a building challenge.

- Give each Scout a small pile of LEGO building blocks and give them instructions to sort the LEGO building blocks first by color.
  - Have them share how many of each color they had in their pile.



- When everyone has sorted by color have them put the LEGO building blocks back in the pile and have them sort by shape.
  - Common shapes would be square and rectangle, maybe different sizes, maybe others.
  - Have them share how many of each shape they had in their pile.



- When everyone has sorted by shape have them put the LEGO building blocks back in the pile and have them sort the bricks by height.
  - One pile are the flat pieces, the second pile are the traditional brick size.
  - Have them share how many of each they had in their pile.
- Have everyone combine their piles of LEGO building blocks into one large pile.
  - Assign a different color to each Scout based on the color of LEGO building blocks that are in the pile. Or assign a different type to each Scouts based on the types in the pile.
  - Have Scouts build something creating only using the color they were assigned.

◆Activity 4: [*OPTION*: Fun Game We Like (Parent leader: _____):



If this meeting is too dry or the games in the Activity Cards in Adventure Resources don't resonate with you as something your Scouts will like, you can turn up the "Fun Meter" and play a game or some other Fun Activity you like. Some ideas here.

CLOSING: A Closing ceremony ends the meeting and highlights the achievements. A Den leader can reflect on the meeting + praise Scouts for specific good actions today. Thank every Parent who helped.

- If you have them, award Loops to all who completed the requirements. Maybe end with a "Living Circle".

AFTER THE MEETING: Clean up as needed. Share refreshments if that's what you like.

Upon completion of this Adventure, your Lions will have earned the Adventure Loop for it. Make sure they are recognized for their completion by presenting the Adventure Loops, to be worn on their belts, as soon as possible according to your pack's tradition. Text or email all Den parents to share these resources for future reference and so parents of Scouts who could not attend may complete this Adventure from home.

ADVENTURE RESOURCES: Den Meeting Resources and "Activity Card" options for this Adventure are found at https://www.scouting.org/cub-scout-adventures/count-on-me/. Those resources include the Snapshot of Adventure (included above), a "Safety Moment" of tips and links about doing this safely, and, for each Requirement, one or more "Activity Cards" you can click on for an activity to complete the Requirement.

Those "Activity Card" pages are linked below – along with the "Key" scoring of (a) whether the Activity must be done Outdoors, may be done Indoors, or involves Travel; (b) how much Energy Scouts will generate; (c) How "Supply Intensive"; and (d) Prep Time – those last 3 categories are scored on a 1 to 5 scale, with 5 being "most". Note that while that website page says, "Choose one of the following" before the "Activity Cards", what that means is "Choose one of the following – *or do some other activity that will meet the Requirement*", because the Requirements are required, not the Activity Cards. In the Assembled Den Meeting Plan above we have adapted some of what's below or other ways to complete the requirement in easier ways.

1. **Make a Lion using only squares, triangles, and circles.**
   - Clay Lion (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **3** of 5 Supplies; **2** of 5 Prep Time)
   - Stencil Lion (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **3** of 5 Supplies; **2** of 5 Prep Time)
   - Triangles, Circles and Squares Oh My! (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **1** of 5 Prep Time)
2. **Play a game with your Lion adult partner or den that is based on counting or numbers.**
   - Hop to it Lion (Indoor; **3** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **2** of 5 Prep Time)
   - Lion Dominos (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **1** of 5 Prep Time)
   - Lions, Dimes, Nickels, and Pennies (Indoor; **4** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **1** of 5 Prep Time)
3. **Organize a group of items based on shape, then based on color, and one other category. Count how many different shapes are in each category. After organizing them build anything using only one category.**
   - Count the Shapes in My Face (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **1** of 5 Prep Time)
   - Modular Building Blocks (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **3** of 5 Supplies; **1** of 5 Prep Time)