Assembled Den Meeting Plan – LION (Kindergarten)

This ***Assembled* Den Meeting Plan** combines activities 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

King of the Jungle

A "Citizenship" Adventure

REQUIRED (An Adventure "Required" to earn the Rank of Lion)



Snapshot of Adventure. Citizenship is one of the four aims of the Cub Scout program (also Character, Personal Fitness, and Leadership). For Cubs working on the Lion Rank, citizenship begins at home with those they live with. Scouts will explore how they can contribute to their home and community.

The QR Code above takes you to scouting.org/cub-scout-adventures/king-of-the-jungle/ ↑

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

Requirements from the Lion Handbook

1. **Draw a picture or take a photo of the people you live with.**
2. **With your Lion adult partner, choose a job that will help your family. Follow through by doing that job at least once.**
3. **Talk with a grandparent or other older adult about what citizenship means to them.**
4. **Participate in a service project.**

Meeting Plan

Does this take one Meeting to complete – or more? It's up to the Parents / Leaders! Could be done in one meeting easily with a small service project (Requirement 2 really needs to be done at home), but you might have a longer chat with an older adult and do the Service Project another time (maybe as a Pack Project).

PREPARATION (and materials needed): Read the King Of The Jungle Adventure in the Lion Handbook.

- Decide whether you like any "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 + supplies needed.
- If you do drawings for Activity 1 (*"Draw a picture or take a photo of the people you live with"*), have pencils, crayons and/or markers, plus sheets of paper for any Scout without their Lion Handbook.
- Decide who to invite as your older adult for Activity 3 (Requirement 3, or *"Talk with a grandparent or other older adult about what citizenship means to them"*). Lots of ways to do this … ideal is an actual grandparent with quality observations about being a citizen and "giving back" to the community attend the meeting.
    - Doesn't have to be a relative … could be a neighbor who is older and has a citizenship story. Maybe a veteran? Maybe you have a former Pack or Troop Leader who would love to come back and talk about this. Maybe seek out older Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge Counselors (but remind them … Keep It Simple!) Sure, a stereotype, but … is your Unit Commissioner an "older adult"?

    - You are not limited to just one older adult. Break out the Bingo!
    - If no older adult can come in person, consider having a virtual visit.
  - Share with your older adult the details of the meeting, date, time, location, and topics from Activity 3.
  - The day before the meeting confirm the details of the meeting with the visiting older adult.
- Determine your Service Project for Activity 4 (Requirement 4)
  - Your den families, Chartered Organization, and local schools and places of worship may have great options. This page has many Service Project ideas: scoutingatl.org/serviceprojects

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 as hosts.



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: My People! (Requirement 1: "***Draw a picture or take a photo of the people you live with.***")** (Parent leader: _____)

- Gather the Scouts and adult partners and share with the den that those we live with we consider our family, and our family is like a little community on its own where each member has responsibilities and needs.
- If you're doing drawings, distribute sheets of paper to any Scout who does not have their Lion Handbook, plus pencils, crayons and/or markers. Have adult partners work with their Scout to draw a picture of the people that the Scout lives with. If the Scout divides time between two families have them draw both.
- When everyone is done have each Scout share with the den who they live with.

◆**Activity 2: Help Around The House (Requirement 2: "***With your Lion adult partner, choose a job that will help your family. Follow through by doing that job at least once.***")** (Parent leader: _____)

- Gather the Scouts and adult partners and share with them that being a good member of the family is like being a good citizen in the community where you do what you can to help. There are some things that as Cub Scouts we can do to help the adults that we live with. Adult partners: *you got this*. We know it.
  - And if it hasn't been written down recently, now do it for this Adventure! (You're welcome.)
  - But if you need help with ideas for jobs around the house, Page 17 of the Lion Handbooks shows Helping with Laundry, Feeding Pets, Cleaning, Picking Up Toys, Making the Bed, Loading the Dishwasher, and Bringing in the Mail.

        - Ask adult partners and Scouts if there are any things they could do or already do not on that list.
    - Remind adult partners that Scouts should do one new thing to help around the house at least one time.

◆Activity 3: Hello In There: Words from an Older Adult (Requirement 3: "*Talk with a grandparent or other older adult about what citizenship means to them.*") (Parent leader: _____)



- Introduce your older adult visitor.
- Announce that the den is interested in hearing about what they think being a good citizen means.
- Questions to consider:
    - What can someone do to be a good citizen?
    - When was the first election the older adult voted in?
    - How are things different today compared to when they grew up?
- Thank the older adult and prepare a "thank you note".

◆Activity 4: Service Project (Requirement 4: "*Participate in a service project.*") (Parent leader: _____)

- Pick a service project that will be helpful in your Community and meaningful to your Scouts.
    - Three options – for an Art Supply Drive, Book Drive, and Scouting for Food – are linked in the Activities linked at Adventure Resources – use those if you like them.







- Participate in your service project. Be sure all families know when and where to meet, what to bring, and what you'll do. Check to be sure you have all the materials needed, which will depend on your project.
- Take pictures and videos of your Scouts and families serving, and share with your Chartered Organization, Schools, places of worship, and elsewhere in your community.

◆Activity 5: [*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/king-of-the-jungle/. 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. **Draw a picture or take a photo of the people you live with.**
   - My Lion Family (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **2** of 5 Prep Time)
2. **With your Lion adult partner, choose a job that will help your family. Follow through by doing that job at least once.**
   - Lions Can Help Too (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **1** of 5 Prep Time)
3. **Talk with a grandparent or other older adult about what citizenship means to them.**
   - Grandparent Visit (Indoor; **1** of 5 Energy; **1** of 5 Supplies; **5** of 5 Prep Time)
   - Visit From a Veteran (Indoor; **1** of 5 Energy; **1** of 5 Supplies; **5** of 5 Prep Time)
   - Visiting Grandparents (Travel; **2** of 5 Energy; **1** of 5 Supplies; **5** of 5 Prep Time)
4. **Participate in a service project.**
   - 10,000 for the Troops - Lion (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **2** of 5 Prep Time)
   - Lion Art Supply Drive (Indoor; **3** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **4** of 5 Prep Time)
   - Lion Book Drive (Indoor; **3** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **4** of 5 Prep Time)
   - Lion Scouting for Food (Travel; **3** of 5 Energy; **1** of 5 Supplies; **5** of 5 Prep Time)