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

Let's Camp Lion

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

Snapshot of Adventure. Here is the opportunity for Lions and their adult partners to go on an overnight campout.

The QR Code above takes you to scouting.org/cub-scout-adventures/lets-camp-lion/ ↑

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. **Learn about the buddy system and how it works in the outdoors.**
2. **Before going on the overnight campout, discuss what type of weather is expected and what type of clothes you should wear.**
3. **Pack up your Cub Scout Six Essentials for the campout.**
4. **Attend a council or district Cub Scout overnight camp or attend an overnight campout with your pack.**

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 session at a campout (or break it up during the campout – you'll be there for a while). You might also do the first two requirements in advance of the campout and add games just for fun.

PREPARATION (and materials needed): Read the Let's Camp Lion Adventure in the Lion Handbook.

- Key is to decide where to go on your campout … and to be sure your Pack has planned for a fun and safe campout. This plan is not a full campout plan … just the Adventure plan. Also: an overnight campout is not a "single den" activity – it needs to be a Pack activity, but all dens can do their own "Let's Camp" Adventure.
  - Communicate with the families about when and where you will go, and what they need to bring.
  - This checklist might help families know what to bring, but you may see other items need in your locale.
  - For this Adventure, at home, work before the campout will include Requirements 2 ("*discuss what type of weather is expected and what type of clothes you should wear*") so that they can pack properly and Requirement 3 ("*Pack up your Cub Scout Six Essentials for the campout*").
  - The Six Essential are: first-aid kit, filled water bottle, flashlight, trail food, sun protection, and whistle.
- To develop a full fun and safe campout plan … attend Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO).
  - This one-and-a-half-day course is an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program for leaders interested in adding a camping component to their Pack activities.

- BALOO training consists of an online pre-requisite component (found in my.scouting.org) in addition to an overnight hands-on practical experience with other Cub Scout Leaders.
- Completion of this course is mandatory for a minimum of one adult on a Pack overnighter.

- Other items you should bring for this Adventure:
  - Smart device with internet access and a weather app.

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: Campout Buddy System (Requirement 1: "*Learn about the buddy system and how it works in the outdoors.* **") (Parent leader: _____)**

The Adventure Resources offer Activity Cards of Buddy or No Buddy? (Handbook Crayoning) and Buddy Tic Tac Toe (Tic Tac Toe). Use what you like – or something else. The plan below adapts the substance in each (no crayons) and of the Requirement.

- Learn about the buddy system and how it works on your campout.
  - The buddy system is when two Cub Scouts work together, share, and keep each other safe.
    - The den leader decides how buddies are paired.
    - You cannot change buddies unless the den leader approves, and everyone knows their new buddy.
  - Having a buddy is very important when you are doing an activity outdoors.
    - When you have a buddy, you are not to let your buddy out of your sight.
  - Each Scout picks a "buddy" for the duration of the event. (If you have an uneven number of Scouts, put three together in one group.)
  - As buddies you are friends, so remember the points of the Scout Law to be friendly, courteous, and kind to each other.
  - You keep each other safe by following any rules or instructions for the activity.



◆Activity 2: Campout Weather + Clothes (Requirement 2: "*Before going on the overnight campout, discuss what type of weather is expected and what type of clothes you should wear.***") (Parent leader: _____)**

The Adventure Resources offer Activity Cards of Adult Partner Dress Up (What It Sounds Like), What Should Kat Wear? (Handbook Crafts), and What to Wear Relay (Relay Race). Use what you like – or something else. The plan below adapts the substance of the Requirement.

While this needs to be done at home in advance to pack properly, an on-site review is worthwhile.

- To do this, use a smart device with internet access and a weather app.
- Discuss with the Scouts that we're going look at what the weather will be like for the rest of the campout.
- Pull up the weather app and set the location for where the campout will be held. Look for the forecast.
  - When doing this before the campout, discuss what everyone will need to bring on the campout based on the forecast.

- When doing this at the campout, discuss whether there are changes they need to make (gear to pull out) based on the more current forecast.

◆Activity 3: Pack Your Six Essentials (Requirement 3: "*Pack up your Cub Scout Six Essentials for the campout.*") (Parent leader: _____)

The Adventure Resources offer an Activity Card of Packing for the Campout, with just a list. This would be done at home but could be demonstrated at a meeting before the campout.

- Here's the Cub Scout Six Essentials (for more, see: https://vimeo.com/498051015):
  - **First-aid kit**: adhesive bandages, moleskin, gauze, antibiotic ointment, etc.
  - **Water bottle**: filled and large enough to last until it can be filled again.
  - **Trail food**: can be made as a den activity prior to the hike or campout.
  - **Sun protection**: sunscreen of SPF 30 or greater and a hat
  - **Flashlight**: small, for emergency use only
  - **Whistle**: also, for emergency use only
- Other items you may want to pack are in this list: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34-49.pdf



◆Activity 4: Attend a Campout (Requirement 4: "*Attend a council or district Cub Scout overnight camp or attend an overnight campout with your pack.*") (Parent leader: _____)

- Simple: attend your campout, follow the instructions of your campout leader, and have fun.
- The Requirement says "*attend*" but does not specify that you must camp overnight. We want you to, but if that's beyond what the family is ready to do, the requirement is satisfied if you attend. "Do Your Best!"

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/lets-camp-lion/. 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. **Learn about the buddy system and how it works in the outdoors.**
   - Buddy or No Buddy? (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **2** of 5 Prep Time)
   - Buddy Tic Tac Toe (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **2** of 5 Prep Time)
2. **Before going on the overnight campout, discuss what type of weather is expected and what type of clothes you should wear.**
   - Adult Partner Dress Up (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **1** of 5 Supplies; **5** of 5 Prep Time)
   - What Should Kat Wear? (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **1** of 5 Prep Time)
   - What to Wear Relay (Indoor; **5** of 5 Energy; **4** of 5 Supplies; **2** of 5 Prep Time)
3. **Pack up your Cub Scout Six Essentials for the campout.**
   - Packing for the Campout (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **4** of 5 Supplies; **2** of 5 Prep Time)
4. **Attend a council or district Cub Scout overnight camp or attend an overnight campout with your pack.**
   - Lion Council Camping (Outdoor/Travel; **5** of 5 Energy; **5** of 5 Supplies; **5** of 5 Prep Time)
   - Lion Pack Camping (Outdoor/Travel; **5** of 5 Energy; **5** of 5 Supplies; **5** of 5 Prep Time)