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

Lion's Pride

A "Family & Reverence" Adventure

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

Snapshot of Adventure. In this Adventure, the Lions learn about their family by exploring the faith traditions and celebrations that make being part of their family special. It is important to know that Scouting America has a religious element as a part of the program as stated in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. However, Scouting America is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward a member's religion or faith. The policy is that the home and organization or group with which the member is connected (if any) shall give definite attention to religious life.

The QR Code above takes you to scouting.org/cub-scout-adventures/lions-pride/ ↑

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.

This Adventure is commonly done at home with the Cub Scout's family. *If you do this as a den, ensure that every parent and guardian is aware of the content and the activities that the den will do and allow parents to opt out of doing it as a den activity and choose to complete the requirement at home.*

Requirements from the Lion Handbook

This Adventure may be earned by completing the requirements below OR by completing a Religious Emblem of the Cub Scouts family's choosing.

1. **With your parent or legal guardian talk about your family's faith traditions. Draw a picture of your favorite family's faith tradition holiday or celebration.**
2. **With your family, attend a religious service OR other gathering that shows how your family expresses Family & Reverence.**
3. **Make a cheerful card or a drawing for someone you love and give it to them.**

Meeting Plan

Does this take one Meeting to complete – or more? If you do this as a Den Meeting, it's up to the Parents and Leaders! Combining the service or gathering with the drawing and card might work or might be split – and it all might be better done from home on a family schedule. Or part at home and part with the Den.

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

- Communicate how you will do this Adventure – (a) everyone doing it all at home, or (b) some parts from home and some at a Den Meeting, or (c) planning a Den Meeting option for all of the Requirements.
- If you do the Lion Holiday Drawing activity for Activity 1 (Requirement 1) and Cards for Activity 3 (Requirement 3, or "*Make a cheerful card or a drawing for someone you love and give it to them*"), you'll need:
  - Materials: crayons for the drawing. Paper and/or card stock for anyone without a Lion Handbook.

- Ask Scouts to find an image of their family's favorite holiday symbol to help draw their design and bring it to the meeting. You might bring some samples of those you know.

- If you do a Den Trip for "*With your family, attend a religious service …*" for Activity 2 (Requirement 2), determine where and when you will go, and share information with your Den families.

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!
  - And **many places of worship welcome children with playgrounds!**
  - Maybe visit multiple playgrounds during your Lion Year – different adult partners can 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: Traditions: Holidays and Celebrations (Requirement 1: "***With your parent or legal guardian talk about your family's faith traditions. Draw a picture of your favorite family's faith tradition holiday or celebration.***")** (Parent leader: _____)

- [Reminder to Leaders and Adult Partners: "*your family's faith traditions*" are based on what the family believes – as defined by the family. Belonging to an organization, though encouraged, is not required.]
  - A "*family's faith tradition holiday or celebration*" often includes religious holidays/celebrations, but family faith may also revere and celebrate at times like Thanksgiving, Veteran's Day, or Earth Day.]
- From the Adventure Resources – the Lion Holiday Drawing activity. With adult partners the Scouts will draw something related to their favorite religious holiday, religious celebration, or family faith tradition.
  - Some family traditions are things your family may do together during these times that are not directly connected to any family religious beliefs.
  - For some, it may be cooking a certain type of food, playing a certain game, or singing certain songs.
- Share with Scouts that a Scout is Reverent and that means that they are faithful to their religious obligations and beliefs and that they respect the beliefs of others.
  - Share with Scouts that religious holidays or celebrations are times for families and communities to come together. There are also family traditions connected to these events.
  - For some, it may be cooking a certain type of food, playing a certain game, or singing certain songs.
  - Think about your family's faith traditions and draw a picture of it.
  - Have each Scout describe their picture when they are done.

🔶Activity 2: Gathering (Requirement 2: "*With your family, attend a religious service OR other gathering that shows how your family expresses Family & Reverence.*") (Parent leader: _____)

- Note (just to be sure): Attending a religious service is excellent and common but not required – a different "*gathering that shows how **your family** expresses reverence*" (emphasis added) satisfies the requirement.
  - The first two definitions of Reverence in Merriam-Webster are "1. honor or respect felt or shown: DEFERENCE (especially: profound adoring awed respect). 2. a gesture of respect (such as a bow)."
  - The full expression of the 12th point of the Scout Law is: "A Scout is Reverent. Be reverent toward God. Be faithful in your religious duties. Respect the beliefs of others." Scouting America respects your beliefs.
- Some Dens do more than one visit in order to share more than one tradition. But you don't have to.

🔶Activity 3: Greeting Cards (Requirement 3: "*Make a cheerful card or a drawing for someone you love and give it to them.*") (Parent leader: _____)

- Ask Scouts about things that they can do to be kind to other people.
  - Share that one way to be kind is to give someone a card that tells them how special they are to you.
- Have Scouts make cards using page 23 of the Lion handbook or other paper or card stock.
  - Have Scouts cut out cards with help from their adult partner.
- Ask adult partners to help Scouts send the card to the person they made it for.
- Encourage Scouts to always look for opportunities to perform acts of kindness and that being kind is part of being a Scout because it is in the Scout Law.



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/lions-pride/. 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. **With your parent or legal guardian talk about your family's faith traditions. Draw a picture of your favorite family's faith tradition holiday or celebration.**
   - Lion Holiday Drawing (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **1** of 5 Prep Time)
2. **With your family, attend a religious service OR other gathering that shows how your family expresses Family & Reverence.**
   - Lion Attend a Religious Celebration (Travel; **2** of 5 Energy; **1** of 5 Supplies; **5** of 5 Prep Time)
   - Lion Attend a Religious Service (Travel; **2** of 5 Energy; **1** of 5 Supplies; **5** of 5 Prep Time)
   - Lion Family Reverence (Travel; **3** of 5 Energy; **1** of 5 Supplies; **5** of 5 Prep Time)
   - Lion Pride Passport (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **1** of 5 Prep Time)
3. **Make a cheerful card or a drawing for someone you love and give it to them.**
   - Lion Note of Kindness (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **2** of 5 Prep Time)
   - Lion Pride Passport (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **1** of 5 Prep Time)