Assembled Den Meeting Plan – WOLF (2nd Grade)

This ***Assembled* Den Meeting Plan** combines ideas from Wolf 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) …

Wolf – 2nd Grade

Footsteps

A "Family and Reverence" Adventure

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



Snapshot of Adventure: In this Adventure, you are encouraged to learn more about your family's faith traditions. You will complete most of these requirements at home with your family. Faith means having complete trust or confidence in someone or something. "Trustworthy" is the first part of the Scout Law. Through Aesop's fable you will learn why being trustworthy is so important.

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

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 list of the suggested Activities at that link.

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

Requirements from the Wolf 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. Identify three holidays or celebrations that are part of your family's faith traditions. Make a craft or work of art 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 reverence.**
3. **Carry out an act of kindness.**
4. **Listen to or read Aesop's fable "The Boy Who Cried Wolf." With your den or family discuss why being truthful is important.**

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 about how many sessions to do. Combining the service or gathering with the craft with the story might be a lot – and 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 Footsteps adventure in the Wolf 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 Holiday Mosaic activity for Activity 1 (Requirement 1), you'll need:

- Materials: Colored paper, Scissors, Glue/glue stick, Pencil, Holiday symbol image for reference (simple symbols would do best for this project)
- 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.

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 below – 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: Holidays / Celebrations (Requirement 1: "***With your parent or legal guardian talk about your family's faith traditions. Identify three holidays or celebrations that are part of your family's faith traditions. Make a craft or work of art of your favorite family's faith tradition holiday or celebration.***")** (Parent leader: _____)

- [Reminder to Leaders and other adults: "*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 Holiday Mosaic activity.
  - Have Scouts choose a solid color paper for the background of their mosaic.
  - Ask Scouts to draw their favorite holiday symbol as large as they can onto the background paper. Simple symbols would do best for this project.
  - Have Scouts cut or tear small pieces of desired colored paper, no smaller than ½ inch, to create the mosaic pieces. Irregular shapes are encouraged.
  - After Scouts have finished creating small pieces, they may glue the pieces onto the drawn shape.
    - They can choose to overlap pieces or choose for them to be close but not touch.
    - Both create a creative image.
  - Encourage Scouts to fill up the entire symbol with cut pieces of colored paper.
  - After the glue is dry, have the Scouts display their mosaic.

◆**Activity 2: Gathering (Requirement 2: "***With your family, attend a religious service* ***OR*** *other gathering that shows how your family expresses 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 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: Be Kind (Requirement 3: "*Carry out an act of kindness.*") (Parent leader: _____)

- Kindness ideas suggested in the Adventure Resources include:
  - Write a poem for a parent or sibling. // Playing a board game with a sibling. // Give a hug to a friend. // Give a compliment. // Help clear the dinner table. // Do a chore without being asked. // Send a homemade card to a grandparent.
- More ideas in the Wolf Handbook and in some links at scoutingatl.org/serviceprojects with many small ways to help and be kind.
  - Service Projects don't need to be large – they are always kind.

◆Activity 4: Boy Who Cried Wolf (Requirement 4: "*Listen to or read Aesop's fable "The Boy Who Cried Wolf." With your den or family discuss why being truthful is important.*") (Parent leader: _____)

A shepherd boy was watching his family's sheep in a pasture near a dark forest not far from their village.

Soon he found life in the pasture very dull. All he could do for fun was talk to his dog or play his shepherd's pipe.

One day as he sat watching the sheep in the quiet forest, he was thinking about what he would do if he saw a wolf. Wolves attack sheep and the boy was there to protect the sheep.

He was so bored, he thought of a plan to play a trick on everyone.

His family had told him to call for help should a wolf attack the flock, and the villagers would come running to help drive it away.



He had not seen anything that even looked like a wolf but decided it would be fun to run toward the village shouting at the top of his voice, "Wolf! Wolf!"

As he expected, the villagers who heard the cry dropped their work and ran in great excitement to the pasture.

But when they got there, they found the boy doubled over in laughter at the trick he had played on them.

A few days later the shepherd boy again shouted, "Wolf! Wolf!" Again, the villagers ran to help him, only to be laughed at again.

Then one evening as the sun was setting behind the forest and the shadows were creeping out over the pasture, a wolf really did spring from the underbrush and started to attack the sheep.

In terror, the boy ran toward the village shouting, "Wolf! Wolf!"

The villagers heard the cry, but they did not run to help him as they had before. "He cannot fool us again," they said. The wolf killed a great many of the family's sheep and then slipped away into the forest.

The moral of the story is - **Liars are not believed, even when they speak the truth.**

- Discuss with your Scouts the moral of the story.
- Ask your Scouts: how would they change this story as if it happened today.

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 Wolves 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: More Den Meeting Resources and "Activity Card" options for this Adventure are found at https://www.scouting.org/cub-scout-adventures/footsteps/. 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. Identify three holidays or celebrations that are part of your family's faith traditions. Make a craft or work of art of your favorite family's faith tradition holiday or celebration.**
   - Faith Tradition Collage (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **4** of 5 Supplies; **4** of 5 Prep Time)
   - Holiday Mosaic (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **3** of 5 Supplies; **2** of 5 Prep Time)
   - Sun Catcher (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **3** of 5 Supplies; **2** of 5 Prep Time)
   - Wolf Footsteps Passport (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **1** of 5 Prep Time) – Note: this isn't really an "activity". It's a signoff card for all the Requirements for this Adventure for those who like that sort of thing.
2. **With your family, attend a religious service OR other gathering that shows how your family expresses reverence.**
   - Attend a Religious Service (Travel; **1** of 5 Energy; **1** of 5 Supplies; **5** of 5 Prep Time)
   - Let's Celebrate Together (Travel; **2** of 5 Energy; **1** of 5 Supplies; **5** of 5 Prep Time)
3. **Carry out an act of kindness.**
   - Kindness Jar (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **4** of 5 Supplies; **2** of 5 Prep Time)
   - Kindness Rocks (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **1** of 5 Prep Time)
   - Sing with the Elderly (Travel; **2** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **5** of 5 Prep Time)
4. **Listen to or read Aesop's fable "The Boy Who Cried Wolf." With your den or family discuss why being truthful is important.**
   - Boy Who Cried Wolf (Indoor; **1** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **2** of 5 Prep Time)