## JOIN SCOUTING NIGHT DEN TABLE ORGANIZER CHECKLIST

This is a step-by-step process to help you organize dens and complete all necessary paper work to turn-in at the Report Center on Thursday night after your Join Scouting Night. Give a copy of this form to each one of your den (table) organizers. Ask them to follow it step-by-step and put a check by each number.

- 1.\_\_\_HAND OUT TABLE SIGN-IN ROSTER & collect Join Scouting Night Attendance Cards Allow them to sign-in and complete attendance card before going to # 2. THIS WOULD BE A GREAT TIME TO COLLECT EMAIL ADDRESSES.
- 2.\_\_\_INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND BRIEFLY TELL THEM OF YOUR VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT WITH THE PACK OR SCOUTING IN GENERAL. GET THE PARENTS MOTIVATED ABOUT BECOMING PART OF THE BEST YOUTH ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD!!!
- 3. STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF ADULT VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

  How it directly relates to the success of the Den & Pack. Emphasize that Scouting is the best way to set aside time during the week for their son and to control the type of peers he will hang around. "You get out of Scouting what you put in Scouting."
- 4. Recruit 2 Den Leaders. Use "Green's Guaranteed, Never Fail Method." (1 leader & 1 assistant) and one committee member for the Den. Once they have volunteered, give them an adult application and walk them through it step by step. Be sure they write the correct pack # and they sign it. They must print their social security # in the appropriate blank on the adult application. This is now a requirement.

### COMPLETE # 4 before moving to # 5

- 5.\_\_\_HAND OUT YOUTH APPLICATIONS AND LET THEM COMPLETE one for each boy. Be sure they write the correct pack # and they sign it (also make sure the youth's date of birth & grade is completed). The youth's social security # is not important. "CHECK BOYS LIFE IF SUBSCRIBING. ASK THEM NOT TO FILL OUT THE HEALTH HISTORY AT THIS TIME. IT WILL BLEED THROUGH ONTO THE APPLICATION. THE PACK WILL GET THE HEALTH INFORMATION LATER.
- 6.\_\_\_COLLECT THE ADULT & YOUTH APPLICATIONS & MONEY ONE AT A TIME!!!
  AS YOU ARE PROOFING THE APPLICATIONS, WRITE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ON EACH APPLICATION.
  Paid Check \$\_\_\_\_\_#\_\_\_OR PAID CASH\$\_\_\_\_OR NOT PAID
  Put this information on each application.

  7.\_\_\_\_ASK THE ADULTS TO WRITE DOWN THE DATE OF THE PARENT ORGANIZATION MEETING. Use the "Welcome to our Pack Blue Card". Complete all information.

  8.\_\_\_GIVE ALL ADULTS A COPY OF THE TRAINING FLIER. ENCOURAGE ALL OF THEM

TO ATTEND ONE OF THE SESSIONS. GIVE THEM OUR WEB ADDRESS (www.circle10.org).

9. THANK ALL OF THEM FOR COMING!!!!!!!!

Give out the new Cub Scout Den Leader Kit.

10.\_\_\_Give all of your paper work to the Cubmaster to sign. Youth applications must be signed by the Cubmaster or Assistant Cubmaster. Adult Applications will also need a signature from two of the following: Executive Officer, Committee Chairman, or Chartered Representative.

The Cubmaster will then see that all the information gets to the report center tonight.

## A BOY'S EYES

"I'd like to be a Cub Scout" (His eyes were warmest hue)—
"I'd like to learn, and play, and build,
like Jim and Freddy do."

"I know how to use a hammer,
I can drive a nail, if I try.
I'm eight years old; I'm big and strong,
and hardly ever cry."

I gave him the application and parent-participation sheet. (His eyes were filled with sunshine, he left on dancing feet.)

Next day, my friend was back again, a dejected little lad. "I guess I'll skip the Cub Scouts." (His eyes were dark and sad.)

"My mom is awful busy, she has lots of friends, you see, she'd never have time for a den, she hardly has time for me."
"And dad is always working...
He's hardly ever there.
To give them any more to do just wouldn't be quite fair."

He handed back the papers with dignity of eight years, and smiling bravely left me.
(His eyes were filled with tears.)

Do you see your boy's eyes?
as other people may?
How he looks when you're "TOO BUSY",
or "JUST HAVEN'T TIME TODAY"?

A boy is such a special gift...

Why won't you realize
it only takes a little time
to put sunshine in his eyes.

You say, "I'll start tomorrow."

But tomorrow is far away.

He's a boy for such a short time,
so won't you start today?

## The Newspaper Game

#### Materials needed:

A generous supply of newspapers and several rolls of masking tape.

#### Directions:

Divide the group of new Cubs and their parents into Den-sized groups. It is OK to combine grade levels to get a group of 6-8 (not counting adults), but try to keep same grade boys together. Existing leaders will be needed to observe this activity and should not participate otherwise.

Explain to the group that this game requires the participation of every person in the group, adult and boy. The first thing the group should do is to pick a model, or two. This needs to be one of the new boys. Then, the group needs to decide on a costume that they can make from their stack of newspaper (make suggestions such as Superman, Darth Vader, pirate, Indian, astronaut, football player, etc.). Further explain that they will have 5 minutes to complete the costume, and then they will need to select one adult member of the group to be the spokesperson who will describe the costume to the independent panel of judges. The judges should be 3 or 4 current leaders, commissioners, or other district personnel. Let the group know that sometimes the explanation will influence the judges as much as the costume and that the winners will be recognized. If there are no questions, yell GO!

While the groups are making their costumes, current leaders and judges should mingle and pay close attention to the action. More on this later.

After about 4 minutes, announce that there are 3 minutes left (this is Cub Scout time). That there are 2 minutes left after a couple of more minutes, etc. 1 or 2 minutes later let the groups know that they need to put on the finishing touches and prepare for the judges. Only the model(s) and the one adult spokesperson should be standing. Start with the 1st-graders and go group by group, letting them explain their costumes to the judges. Applaud each group enthusiastically after their explanation. After all the groups have finished let the judges converse with each other for a few minutes, only to come to the decision that all of the costumes are so good that they cannot decide on a single one, so, EVERYONE WINS! (In Cub Scouts everyone is a winner). Get a big round of applause, or other cheer, for everyone and then let the boys disassemble the costumes (models should have the option of wearing the costume home before anyone tears it off of them - this will avoid anyone's feelings getting hurt). Then make sure the groups clean up their area.

Your observers will be looking for behavior consistent with what we look for in a prospective leader. Such as good delegation, smiling faces, getting others involved, creativity (all qualities of a good Den Leader). Such as a really unique story behind the costume (potential Cubmaster or Assistant Cubmaster). Also, be watching for people who distance themselves from the action or that assume a negative body posture (these are to be avoided). Find out the names of the prospective leaders and plant a seed: "You looked like you were really having a good time with the boys during the game...that's what Cub Scouts is all about".

# Join Scouting Night

## Green's Guaranteed, Never Fail Den Organization Method

This is after the Newspaper Game and/or the Magic Circle.

- 1. Be sure that the group is divided into Dens: Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos.
- 2. Quickly appoint someone in the Den to take notes.
- 3. Ask him/her to write down the following:
  - a. Assistant Den Leader
  - b. Den Helper
  - c. Pack Committee Member
  - d. Den Leader

Inform the group that they must choose the above jobs in that order. Do not explain why.

Just say "We will be back." You and the other people helping **must** leave the room or area at this time.

Stay away at least five minutes. Upon returning, have adult leader applications with you and go up to a Den and ask, "Who is the Assistant Den Leader?" Give that person an application. Continue asking who is \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the above order. If the decision is not made at this time, simply walk away and let them make the decision. Don't stand around the Den! Continue asking the questions until you have a complete leadership team. Ask the new Assistant Den Leader of each Den to help you collect the applications and fees.

Remember to use the Quality Control Checklist!

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