

# CUB SCOUTS WELCOME NIGHT



## What is Welcome Night?

Welcome Night is a designated night to welcome new (*and potentially returning*) families to the unit. The evening should have two main purposes:

- 1.) Excite youth with a fun & interactive activity so they are excited for the next meeting
- 2.) Provide an orientation and overview to parents about the unit and Scouting



## How do I run Welcome Night?

**Time:** Define a specific meeting time (*on the Welcome one-pager you passed out at sign-up night*) and keep the meeting length to one hour or less

**When:** Ideally within two weeks after the sign up night

**Setup:**

- Create two main areas, one for youth & one for adults, with volunteers in place for each.
- Welcome families as they arrive & explain that the kids are going to go do an activity while the parents learn a little more about the unit.

**Scouts:** Setup the necessary supplies for an exciting activity. Make it interactive and fun! Consider a 2-part activity that Scouts can do: Build your rocket now and launch it at the next meeting. Make sure to launch examples to create the excitement at the beginning. Ask your local Troop if a few Scouts can help to run the activity for the Scouts.

**Parents:** Walk through the parent orientation guide with parents:

- Explain the Den, Pack, & Council
- Share a few benefits of the Scouting program

- Share the uniform & handbook requirements for your unit
- Explain how Pack is run & request any specific parent expectations
- Discuss some of the fun activities your unit does
- Discuss that safety is paramount in all activities.
- Explain how each Scout will learn new things and earn achievements along the way.
- Highlight any fundraising the pack does to help pay for the activities above.
- Recap with when the next meeting is and a few of the things coming up next.

### Resources Needed:

- **Parent Volunteer Sign-up Sheets**
- **Supplies for Scout Activity**
- **Pens**
- **Handouts** (*uniform, pack organization info, etc.*)
- **Parent Orientation Guides** (*encourage parents to bring this back with them from sign-up night*)

**4** PARTS  
To Join  
Scout Night

BACK TO  
SCHOOL/  
OPEN HOUSE

SIGN-UP  
NIGHT

WELCOME  
NIGHT

MEETING  
NIGHT



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