## Cub Scout Den Meeting Outline

**Month:** **August**

**Point of the Scout Law:** **Courteous**

**Week:** **2**

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### Materials:
- Gathering: copies of Hidden Pictures, pencils
- Opening: flag
- Games: none
- Activity: copies of Texas Symbols coloring, markers/crayons
- Closing: None
- Home assignments: None

**Copies:**
- Hidden Pictures: Treetop Diners
- Texas Symbols Coloring Page

### Advancement:
- Tiger – None
- Wolf – None
- Bear – None
- Webelos – None
- Arrow of Light – None
In this big picture, find the mug, pair of shorts, key, envelope, needle, crescent moon, heart, worm, feather, bowl, tack, wristwatch, and mitten.
A Tree is a Good Scout Opening
By Lord Baden Powell

Cubmaster or Den leader:
Did you ever pause to think about how helpful a tree is?
It provides a nesting place for birds, shade from the sun, and protection from the rain. It discards its dead branches, providing wood for building fires and cooking food. A tree adds beauty to the countryside and to camping areas. We much admit that a tree gives a lot more than it receives. We can learn a lesson from the tree—by doing our best to always be helpful to others and by putting our fellow Scouts first and ourselves second.

Remember the lesson we learn from the tree—to give others more than we receive.

Let together say the Pledge of Allegiance and the Scout Oath and Scout Law.
Squirrel in a Tree

Materials:
None

Have Cub Scouts line up and count them off as Tree, Tree, Squirrel, and repeat until everyone is a tree or a squirrel.

Have two trees join each other’s hands and enclose a squirrel in their circle. There should be trees with squirrels inside spread all over the play area. There should also be several squirrels that are not inside trees.

On the start signal, squirrels have to leave their trees in search of a new home (another set of trees).

Once a squirrel finds a new home the pair of trees encloses the squirrel in a circle and waits.

Any squirrels left out become homeless and must wait until there is a signal to run and search for a new home.

Keep playing over and over until time has run out.

Variations:
- You could eliminate the squirrels that don’t find trees – though when you do that, you also need to eliminate a tree as well. You can eliminate trees until you get to only two trees and two squirrels.

- Another variation is to have “wind in the trees” – meaning the trees can move – making it harder for the squirrels to get in their trees.
Texas State Symbols

- State Flag
- State Seal
- State Tree: Pecan
- State Bird: Northern Mockingbird
- State Flower: Bluebonnet
Wind in the Trees Closing

Materials:
None

As we have been reminded today – trees are helpful and necessary. So let’s give a cheer for the trees!

We’re going to do the “Wind in the Trees” cheer. Everyone will raise their arms above their heads and waves them back and forth.

We can try a Gentle Breeze [move arms slow and easy].
Let’s try a Steady Rush [move arms faster].
How about a Big Gust [move arms with a jerking motion to one side].
And we’ll end with our Gentle Breeze [move arms slow and easy].

Let’s be thankful for the trees as we end our meeting today.