# Cub Scout Den Meeting Outline

**Month:** **February**  
**Point of the Scout Law:** **Reverent**  
**Week:** **2**

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**Materials:**

- **Gathering:** copies of Tool Crossword, pencils
- **Opening:** flag, opening cards
- **Project/Activity:** screwdrivers, wood, nails, screws, pliers, etc, copies of Match the Tools Sheet
- **Closing:** closing word strips
- **Home assignments:** See Bear home assignment sheet

**Advancement:**

- **Tiger** - None
- **Wolf** – None
- **Bear** – Baloo the Builder 1, 2, 3, 4
- **Webelos** – None
- **Arrow of Light** – None
Tool Crossword

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Building Tools Opening

Materials:
Pre-printed cards with the picture of the tool on one side and the quote on the other side.

Have boys hold up a card or act out how to use each tool as they talk about how they can build a better America.

Cubmaster: We are the future builders of America. This is how we will shape tomorrow.

Cub Scout #1: We will hammer out justice. (Hammer)

Cub Scout #2: We will help cut out crime. (Saw)

Cub Scout #3: We will pinch out poverty. (Pliers)

Cub Scout #4: We will wrench out discrimination. (Wrench)

Cub Scout #5: We will live by the Golden Rule. (Ruler)

Cub Scout #6: We will plunge out hatred. (Plunger)

Cub Scout #7: We will drill love deep into our hearts. (Drill)

Cubmaster: We can build a better America as we use the tools that we each have and share. Please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance and in the Scout Oath and Scout Law.
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Tool Safety

Materials
Tool matching sheet copies
As many of the different tools as possible to show and demonstrate (if able)

Discussion
What do tools help us to do?

Most people use tools every day in their work. Think about the tools used by carpenters, automotive technicians, machinists who make precision metal parts, furniture makers, etc.

Whether you are working with wood, leather, plastic or some other material, you will need certain tools. Handle each one as if it could hurt you – because it could!

Tools that cut materials – such as saws, knives, and scissors – should be kept sharp. If they are dull, you may have to use too much force and they may slip and cut your hand.

Keep your hands away from saw teeth and knife blades so that if the tool slips, you won’t get hurt.

Be careful when you’re hammering. If you miss the nail head, you might hit your thumb!

*The most important tool safety tip is to use the right tool for the right job.*

How can we be safe when we use tools?

Here are a few tips:

Never use pliers as a hammer nor hammer on the handles. They may crack or break, or edges may be nicked by such abuse.

Never strike any hammer with or against another hammer.

NEVER use a hammer with a loose handle. Loose handles should be replaced or fitted with new wedges of the proper size. Replacement handles should be of the same length and quality as the original.

Misuse of the screwdriver, such as striking it with another tool or using it as a prying tool, could cause the screwdriver to break and cause serious personal injury, as well as possible damage to other equipment.
Using Tools Activity
Screwdrivers and Pliers

Materials:
Screwdrivers (both Phillips and regular)
Pliers (long-nosed work best)
Screws (both Phillips and regular)
Scrap pieces of wood
Cup or small container to catch the screws

Instructions and Introductions:
Divide your Cub Scouts into groups of 6 to 8 Cub Scouts or larger sized groups depending on the number of tools you have as well.

Before distributing the materials, explain to the Cub Scouts (or have an older Webelos Scout explain) the difference between a regular screwdriver and a Phillips screwdriver. Show them also the differences in a regular and a Phillips screw. Also show them the pliers. Show them how they work.

Do not distribute all materials at once (see instructions below in brackets for working with limited supplies).

1. Give each group a Phillips screwdriver and a regular screwdriver, 4 screws (some of each kind), and a block of wood. Cub Scouts should each get an opportunity to use the correct screwdriver to put a screw into the board as well as remove the screw with the screwdriver from the board.

2. Give each group a set of pliers, several screws and a cup. Cub Scouts should each get an opportunity to put 2 screws into a cup using the pliers.

[If supplies are limited, other groups can work on picking up the screws with the pliers and putting them in their cup. Separate groups can be working on steps 1 and 2 at the same time.]
MATCH THE TOOLS

Choose from the following tool names:
- Hammer
- Hacksaw
- Saw
- Phillip’s Screwdriver
- Standard Screwdriver
- C-Clamp
- Adjustable Wrench
- Pliers
I Will Use Closing

Have the Cub Scout read the following lines (lines ready to cut into strips are on the following page). When all Cub Scouts have read their line, say the following, “Thank you for coming to our Cub Scout meeting today. We will see you next time.”

Cub Scout #1: This is my country. I will use my eyes to see the beauty of this land.

Cub Scout #2: I will use my ears to hear its sounds.

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