# Cub Scout Den Meeting Outline

**Month:** March  
(Spring Break Week)

**Point of the Scout Law:** Loyal

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## Before the Meeting
- **Tiger**
  - Gather materials for gathering and other activities, games and have home assignments (if any) ready.
- **Wolf**
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- **Bear**
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- **Webelos**
  - Gather materials for gathering and other activities, games and have home assignments (if any) ready.
- **Arrow of Light**
  - Gather materials for gathering and other activities, games and have home assignments (if any) ready.

## Gathering
- Nature Word Search

## Opening
- Learn About Nature Opening

## Activity
- Thumbprint Creatures

## Game
- Oh Deer!

## Business items/Take home
- None
- None
- None
- None
- None

## Closing
- Friendship Closing

## Materials:
- **Gathering:** copies of Nature Word Search, pencils
- **Opening:** flag
- **Project/Activity:** ink pads, paper, pencils, crayons/markers
- **Game/Song:** None
- **Closing:** None
- **Home assignments:** None

## Advancement:
- **Tiger** -
- **Wolf** –
- **Bear** –
- **Webelos** –
- **Arrow of Light** –
Nature Word Search

Find the following words:

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Learn about Nature Opening

[Share the following with your Cub Scouts:]

It is exciting to learn about animals, birds, insects, flowers, trees, rocks, soil, weather, water and stars!

Nature is everywhere all the time---in cities, in the woods and fields, in the winter, spring, summer, and fall.

Nature is not confined by time and place--- it is everywhere.

But where to begin? How to begin?

All you need to start is an inquiring mind --- and eyes, ears, nose, and hands. Use all senses to gather information from the world about you.

In the beginning we might just as well make up our minds that we are never going to know all there is to know about the subject.

Remember that it is not so much knowing the names and identifying everything, but the joy in making the discovery that counts.

Nature is something we can enjoy no matter where we go in the world.

Nature is something we should enjoy and respect. Let’s step out into the world of nature.

Join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Thumbprint Creatures

Materials:
- Ink pads (non-toxic, non-permanent)
- Paper
- Pens
- Thumbs!

Press your thumb onto the ink pad and then onto a piece of paper. Let the ink dry.

Use a pen to turn your thumbprints into bugs or animals (see examples). Draw arms, eyes, mouths, tails, feet, legs, wings, antennae, etc.
Oh, Deer!

Divide the Cub Scouts into two groups, “the deer” and “the needs of the deer” (water, food and shelter). There should be about twice as many needs as there are deer. Go over instructions and review hand signals with the entire group – food = hands over stomach, water = hands over mouth, shelter = hands above head like a roof.

Have the Cub Scouts form two lines opposite each other and approximately 20 feet from each other. Have them turn their backs so they can’t see the other line. While turned away from each other, each of the Scouts needs to decide if they wish to be food, water or shelter. Each of the deer also decides which of the three needs they need. If a Cub Scout chooses food, he puts his hands on his stomach. If a Cub Scout chooses water, he puts his hands on his mouth. If a Cub Scout chooses shelter, he puts his hands above his head like a roof. The deer, while facing away from the needs, also chooses what their need will be by making the corresponding action for what they need.

When ready or an a signal from an adult leader, the Cub Scouts turn toward each other and the deer run towards the needs looking for a match to them. If a deer can find a match, the need is brought over to the deer line and becomes a deer. If a deer cannot find a match, he dies and becomes a need and joins the need line. The new groups repeat what they have just done changing, if they wish, what they are or need.

Do this enough times that a pattern emerges. The system should stabilize. Discuss what has happened and the balance of nature.
Friendship Closing

Materials:
None

Have the Cub Scouts and leaders form a circle.

Cubmaster:
We are in this big circle of friends. Let us make the Cub Scout sign and say the Cub Scout Promise together.

[Make the Cub Scout sign and say the Cub Scout Promise.]

Part of that Cub Scout Promise says that we will help other people. I hope that we can help other people every day.

Have a great week!