

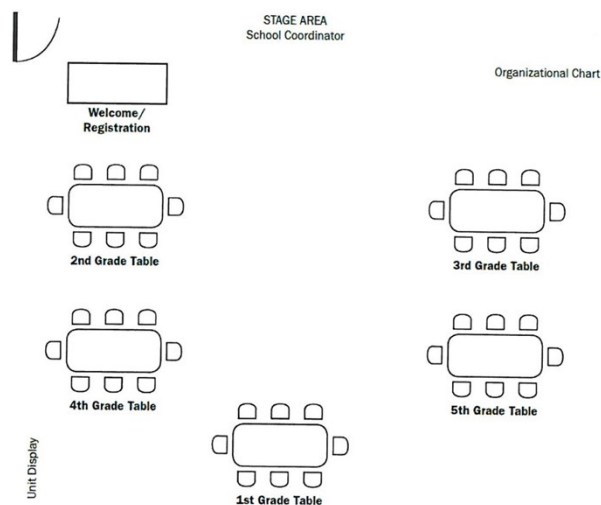
Purpose of Join Scout Night

To enroll prospective Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos Cub Scouts, and their families into a Cub Scout Pack, and to enlist parent participation in the program.

Note: this is a business meeting that will take about an hour. There are 3 goals we want to achieve tonight: Explain how Scouting works (give the parents enough information to make a decision to join); identify new leadership (without a Den Leader, there is no DEN); and collect application forms and fees. Make the meeting fun, but remember the 3 goals of tonight's meeting. The real fun will begin in the Den meetings and Pack events and activities - but you must get organized first!



Sample Room Layout for Join Scout Night



Be sure tables are clearly marked by Grade/Rank, use table tents. As parents and boys enter, direct them to the appropriate table. This will start the process of Den formation and help you identify the size of each Den.

Suwannee River Area Council

Boy Scouts of America

Join Scout Night

Leaders Guide and Presentation Agenda

Join Scout Night Check List

Before You Leave Home:

- ◇ Prepare your **Pack Organization Chart, Pack Calendar, and Pack Contact List**
- ◇ Wear your uniform
- ◇ Review agenda and practice your presentation
- ◇ Take a pocket calculator
- ◇ Take 20-30 pens and/or pencils
- ◇ Take some change, both bills and coins
- ◇ Take Join Scout Night Information Packets

When You Arrive at the School: (Arrive at you location at least 30 minutes before the start time)

- ◇ Empty your packet and organize your material
- ◇ Review with your **team members** on their part of the Join Scout Night program
- ◇ Post you **Pack's Organizational Chart** listing leaders that need to be filled
- ◇ Assist den leaders with their displays (show off something exciting from last year)
- ◇ Organize your pre-opening activity (KISMIF)
- ◇ Station a greeter at the entrance to ensure each parent receives a JSN informational packet, and to help welcome families and direct them to the proper Grade/Den table.
- ◇ Keep boys and parents in the room - Boys and parents should sit together
- ◇ Use table tents to direct families to proper Grade/Den tables

The General Presentation:

- ◇ Begin promptly at the designated time on the flyer (5 minutes late is ideal)
- ◇ Clean up after meeting - leave room as good or better then when you arrived!

Be sure to place all applications, monies into report envelope and turn in report envelope to your District Executive or Council Service Center within 24 hours of your Join Scout Night. Or call your DE to make other arrangements and inform of results - Thank You!



Join Scout Night Agenda

Welcome and Introduction

Introduce yourself and team

Purpose of tonight's meeting is 3-fold:

- 1) Explain how Scouting works
- 2) Ask for volunteer leadership
- 3) Complete the registration process by collecting application forms and fees

Opening Ceremony

Explain the Scout sign and salute; present flags; Pledge; and Prayer if appropriate

How Scouting Works:

Review the **"Parents Guide"** (you should highlight key items, but do not read all)

Pack Program Plan - (someone else should present this portion)

- ◆ Talk about a few of the items the new Scouts will get to do by reviewing some of last year's events: Pinewood Derby, Campouts, and Service Project—refer to the **Pack Calendar** handout with specific dates of the things they will be doing this year. It would be a plus to have pictures on a presentation board of past events/activities.
 - ◆ Introduce Pack Leadership in attendance as you present the current **Pack Flow Chart** - (skip over unfilled positions)
- Ask for Questions from the group? Answer before moving into the next section.

Leadership Needs

- ⇒ Point out the blank spots on the Pack Leadership Flow Chart - explain that these are the spots we need someone to step into tonight.
- ⇒ In particular, we need a Tiger Den Leader. (walk over to the Tiger table and talk to them, while projecting for the larger group to hear) "As all Tigers are new to our Pack, we will be asking for a parent to step forward and be the Tiger Den Leader for this group. If you are Willing, then Scouting literature and training will show you how and make you Able- reference the training dates on the back of the "Parents Guide". (back off and address the larger group)
- ⇒ This is similar for all the positions we need to fill tonight - Pick the next most Important leadership position needed and give a brief explanation/job description. Continue through list until all open positions have been presented.
- ⇒ Start at top of list again, this time ask if anyone is willing to commit to a specific leadership role. Write their name on the flow chart. You may need to go through remaining list a 3rd/4th time.
- ⇒ Use your team members to talk to Dens that do not have someone step up right away, while dens that do identify leadership start collecting application forms and \$. Ask your new Den Leader to collect forms/\$ or have someone from your team assigned to each Den.

Collection of forms and fees/ Closing:

Remind the larger group that the next Pack meeting is _____.

They should hear from their Den Leader within the next 2 weeks - if not, please call me at the phone # on the **Pack Contact List** - include the next Pack meeting location, date, and time.

When your application(s) is turned in, we are done here tonight - Welcome to Pack _____. Have a great night!