




TEAM TIGER



RATIONALE FOR ADVENTURE

This adventure will introduce Tigers to the concept of teamwork and also to the idea that—even at a young age—they can make a difference in the world. Some of the activities in this adventure are home-based and involve the family and/or the adult partner, and others are to be performed with the den.

TAKEAWAYS FOR CUB SCOUTS

- Understanding that each Cub Scout is part of many teams and, as such, he can have an impact on his family, his Tiger den, and his community
- A Scout is trustworthy, loyal. 

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ADVENTURE REQUIREMENTS

1. List the different teams of which you are a part.
2. With your den, make a den job chart that shows everyone doing something to help. As one of the den jobs, lead the Pledge of Allegiance at a den meeting.
3. Pick two chores you will do at home once a week for a month.
4. Make a chart to show three ways that members of your Tiger team are different from each other.
5. Do an activity to help your community or neighborhood team.

NOTES TO DEN LEADER

Meeting 3 will be a den outing to a community services organization. Scouts will brainstorm ideas for the service project during Meeting 1, and they will work out the planning details during Meeting 2. The leader will need to make arrangements with the outing location and confirm the outing plan with families, including transportation and any additional items they need to bring. Make sure a tour and activity plan has been submitted, if required, and activity consent forms are distributed, signed, and collected.

See the Appendix for optional den meeting activities, including openings, gatherings, and closings.

MEETING 1 PLAN

PREPARATION AND MATERIALS NEEDED

- U.S. flag and stand for Pledge of Allegiance
- Copy of Den Duty Chart
- A poster displayed in the room listing the 12 points of the Scout Law
- Materials for Gathering game, “Sweep the Floor” (See below for specific items needed.)
- Materials for Activity 2, Magic Shrinking Circle: rope or cord long enough to create a circle in the room that all the Tigers can fit inside
- Read the Team Tiger adventure in the *Tiger Handbook*.

GATHERING

“Sweep the Floor” Game

Materials:

- 6 or 8 inflated balloons, plus extra inflated balloons in case one pops (Make certain that no one in the den has a latex allergy.)
- Small whisk broom for each boy
- Tape or string that will be stretched to mark the centerline playing area

Instructions:

Divide the boys into equal teams. (If needed, an adult partner may fill in until the next Tiger arrives.) Each team begins with the same number of inflated balloons on its side of the line. Then the teams attempt to sweep their balloons across the line to the other side. The game continues until one team has swept all of its balloons to the other side. If a balloon pops, a new balloon must be added to that team’s side.

OPENING

- Conduct a flag ceremony of your choosing that includes the Pledge of Allegiance and, as appropriate, the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Tiger Opening Ceremony

Each Tiger holds a poster with a letter on it. After he shouts his letter, his adult partner reads the statement matching the letter.

ADULT 1: T is for TEAM, the Tiger team, a boy and his adult partner having fun together.

ADULT 2: I is for INTRODUCTION, showing us what Cub Scouting is all about.

ADULT 3: G is for GOOD TIMES, having fun together as a den and with your family.

ADULT 4: E is for EXPLORING, searching out new things to see and do.

ADULT 5: R is for READY, ready for new adventures together as a team.

ADULT 6: S is for SHARING, taking time to talk to each other about the fun things we get to do.

If there are more than six boy-adult partner pairs in the den, two boys may hold on to a single poster. Their adult partners would likewise read the explanation together.

TALK TIME

- Carry out business items for the den.
- Direct the boys’ attention to the poster listing the 12 points of the Scout Law. This can be used as a reference to help Tigers who are working on their den duties project or selecting chores to do at home. Remind Tigers that the Scout Law is also found on the back cover of their handbooks.
- Introduce the “team” concept to the Tigers by using the examples of a sports team, their den, family, etc., and share that the den will learn about the teams they belong to in den activities at this meeting.
- With assistance from the adult partners, help Tigers make a list of potential locations for the community service outing at the next den meeting. Discuss where they can go to learn about service teams in their community. Some examples of city or community services that depend on teamwork: public libraries, police stations, fire stations, recycling centers, Habitat for Humanity, U.S. Forestry Service, state park service, National Park Service, city parks and recreation department, city utilities (water department, waste water treatment plant), county health department, and soup kitchens and food banks.

ACTIVITIES

◆ Activity 1: Tiger Teams (Requirement 1)

With his adult partner, each Tiger should tell the den about any teams he belongs to; then he should list those teams in the *Tiger Handbook*. Remind Tigers that not all teams are related to sports. A team can consist of buddies playing together, a Tiger den, and a family—all of these groups might work together to complete a task.

◆ Activity 2: Magic Shrinking Circle

Materials: rope or cord to form a large circle which becomes smaller as each phase of the activity is completed

Instructions:

1. Explain to the Tigers that you have a magic shrinking circle, and they must all fit inside. For the first round, be sure the circle is large enough to accommodate all members of the den easily.
2. Once they are all inside, the next round will begin. Make the circle smaller, but tell the members they must still find a way to fit inside.
3. Continue this cycle until the circle becomes so small it is impossible for everyone to fit. Be sure to let the Tigers work through this exercise as a team without adult guidance, unless they need it.
4. Once the activity is complete, ask the boys if the challenge of making themselves “fit” into a smaller area each time worked better if they shared ideas as a team or if only one member of the den told them how to do it. Guide them in a discussion about what might have been done differently, whether they feel they finished the game, etc.

◆ Activity 3: Den Duty Chart (Requirement 2)

The Tiger Duty Chart should incorporate teamwork as Tigers share responsibilities to complete tasks at each den meeting. Guide the boys in deciding how to work as a team, whether they are setting up the room for the meeting; cleaning up after an activity; leading the Pledge of Allegiance, the Scout Oath, and the Scout Law; or anything else. (See Meeting 1 Resources.)

CLOSING

- Tigers form the Living Circle (see Appendix page A-22) and recite the Scout Law together.



Do-at-Home Project Reminder:

Remind Tigers and adult partners that the boys are to pick two chores to do at home once a week for a month (requirement 3). These chores will be shared with the den at their next den meeting.

AFTER THE MEETING

- Serve refreshments, if desired.
- Make sure everything is cleaned up.
- Update the Duty Chart to record tasks completed at the meeting.
- Record advancements at the meeting for requirements 1 and 2.
- Choose a community service office or agency the Tigers can visit with their adult partners for the den outing. See Talk Time for a list of possibilities. Be sure to plan a date that fits everyone’s schedule, arrange for transportation, complete a tour and activity plan, if required, and distribute activity consent forms to be signed and returned.

MEETING 1 RESOURCES

TIGER DUTY CHART

Week 1 Duty Chart

Duty	Tiger in Charge	Completed

Week 2 Duty Chart

Duty	Tiger in Charge	Completed

Week 3 Duty Chart

Duty	Tiger in Charge	Completed

MEETING 2 PLAN

PREPARATION AND MATERIALS NEEDED

- U.S. and den flags
- Paper bags labeled with the first initial of each Tiger in the den; small items for each bag that begin with the same letter
- Copies of the “Diversity Scavenger Hunt” list (one for each boy and adult partner); pencils for each participant
- Pre-cut strips of paper for the charades game and a bowl or container to put them in
- Flier for the Meeting 3 den outing

GATHERING

Label each paper bag with the first letter of each Tiger’s name, and put objects in the bag that start with that letter. For example, a bag labeled “J” could contain a toy jet, a bag marked “M” might hold a mug, or a yo-yo could be found in a “Y” bag. Before each bag is opened, all the players try to guess what’s in it by feeling the outside of the bag first.

OPENING

- Conduct a flag ceremony of your choosing that includes the Pledge of Allegiance and, as appropriate, the Scout Oath and Scout Law.
- Tiger Roll Call Opening: As the den meeting host calls roll, each Tiger responds with a loud tiger growl.

TALK TIME

- Carry out business items for the den.
- Have each Tiger tell the den about the two chores he selected to do at home for the month. (Do-at-Home Project from Den Meeting 1)
- Ask the group what happens when a den member is absent, or when people in their families get sick or hurt and cannot do their chores. How can a Tiger help out in those situations? Remember, a Scout is trustworthy and loyal. His fellow den members can count on his being there to do his job, or he will let them know if he can’t so someone else can pitch in.
- Change the Den Duty jobs for the week.

ACTIVITIES

◆ Activity 1: Diversity Scavenger Hunt (Requirement 4)

The goal of this activity is to observe others around us and acknowledge that, while we are similar, we are still different from each other. The items on the list can be changed as needed to fit your den. See Meeting 2 Resources for a sample. To conclude this activity, find out what each Tiger learned about the others. You can choose to chart the results or simply have a brief conversation.

◆ Activity 2: Charades

Each Tiger and adult partner will draw a piece of paper from the bowl or container and act out whatever is written on it. They can only use movements and gestures—no words—while the other den members try to guess it correctly. To make this game age-appropriate for Tigers, one category could be, “What do you do before going to school?” (brush teeth, comb hair, put on shoes, eat breakfast, etc.). Another fun option: “Which animal am I?” (a snake slithering on the ground, a bird flying or digging for worms, a dog burying a bone, etc.).

◆ Activity 3: Service Activity Planning (Requirement 5)

1. As a den, select a service project if the den did not make a final choice in Meeting 1 following the brainstorming activity. Make plans for the project to help your chartered organization, community, or neighborhood. The activity could be as simple as weeding, planting flowers, picking up trash, or collecting food or coats for people in need.
2. Plan a date to complete the project if it cannot be finished during a den meeting or the den outing.

CLOSING

- Recite the Scout Law
- Have each Tiger decide on a point in the Scout Law they will try to focus on between this meeting and the next.
- Review details for the Den Meeting 3 outing. Make sure all Tigers and their families know the plans.

AFTER THE MEETING

- Serve refreshments, if desired.
- Make sure everything is cleaned up.
- Record advancements at the meeting for requirement 4.
- Remind Tigers and adult partners about the den outing. Collect activity consent forms and cover all important information related to the outing.

MEETING 2 RESOURCES

DIVERSITY SCAVENGER HUNT

Each boy and/or adult partner will talk to others in the den to identify the following:

1. Someone who is taller than I am _____
2. Someone who is wearing a watch _____
3. Someone who has a pet dog _____
4. Someone who has a birthday close to mine _____
5. Someone wearing black shoes _____
6. Someone who wore a hat to the den meeting _____
7. Someone who has a brother _____
8. Someone who plays a sport _____



MEETING 3 PLAN (Den Outing)

PREPARATION AND MATERIALS NEEDED

- Unit den leader should have in possession (if required by local council practices) the tour and activity plan, signed activity consent forms, and a copy of the *Guide to Safe Scouting*.
- Identify a lead person at the community service office or agency who will give the den a tour and answer questions about what the team does and how team members work together.

GATHERING

- Remind the Tigers about behavior expectations while on the den outing. Use examples from the Scout Law where you can (e.g., courteous, friendly, helpful).
- Explain to the Tigers and their adult partners any rules or regulations for the outing.
- In a den roll call, give each Tiger a number, and tell him to remember it for the closing activity.

OPENING

- Say the Pledge of Allegiance and, as appropriate, the Scout Oath and Scout Law. If the den does not have a United States flag on the outing, ask one Scout to display the flag on his uniform for the group.
- Ask Tigers to recite the 12 points of the Scout Law. Remind them that a Scout is courteous and that, as guests during the den outing, they will have a great opportunity to practice that part of the Scout Law.

TALK TIME

- Carry out business items for the den.
- Ask the boys to think about this question while they are on the tour: What things can they do to help this community servant do his or her job? Prepare by brainstorming ideas that relate to the facility.
- Introduce the den to the community service contact who is guiding the tour. An appropriate greeting the Tigers could offer might be as simple as, "Hello, my name is..." Tell the guide at this time that the boys have some questions they would like to ask when the session is over.

ACTIVITIES

◆ Activity 1: Community Services Agency Visit

When making arrangements, find out if the Scouts will be able to tour a facility or take part in a Q-and-A session with staff members. If so, tell the contact person ahead of time that the questions will focus on:

- How do staff members carry out the duties of their positions?
- How are staff members helpful to the community?
- How can Scouts be helpful in their community by knowing what to do in special situations, such as an emergency in their homes?

CLOSING

- Gather the Tigers and do a roll call. This time, call the numbers backward to see if each Tiger remembers his number from the start of the meeting.

AFTER THE MEETING

- Prepare thank-you notes for those who helped with the outing.
- Be sure to give the boys positive feedback on their behavior during the outing.

Upon completion of the Team Tiger adventure, your Tigers will have earned the adventure loop shown here. Make sure they are recognized for their completion by presenting the adventure loops, to be worn on their belts, as soon as possible according to your pack's tradition.

