

# Pack 250 Unit Leadership Enhancement

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## Utilizing Den Resources

**Goal:** Make leaders aware of resources available to their dens to facilitate program effectiveness and efficient delivery.

### Discussion:

- I. Confirm the purposes of Cub Scouting – 10 purposes related to the overall mission of the BSA:
  - a. Character Development
  - b. Spiritual Growth
  - c. Good Citizenship
  - d. Sportsmanship and Fitness
  - e. Family Understanding
  - f. Respectful Relationships
  - g. Personal Achievement
  - h. Friendly Service
  - i. Fun and Adventure
  - j. Preparation for Boy Scouts

Every Cub Scouting activity should help fulfill one of these purposes. When considering a new activity, ask which purpose or purposes it supports. Not everything has to be serious, but everything does have to have a purpose – as B-P said, Scouting is “A Game with a Purpose”.

- II. Identifying Den Resources
  - a. As a Den Leader, you are not alone
  - b. What resources does your den have available?
  - c. What is your strategy for fully utilizing each?
- III. Key Resource – Den Families
  - a. An involved parent is a co-leader
  - b. Know your den’s capabilities (**see family resource sheet attached**)
  - c. Determine individual families’ capacity, capability, and preferences for participation
  - d. Delegate responsibility for various den tasks to your den families – even better if aligned to preferences
  - e. Set a tone of participation
- IV. Key Resource – Den Chief
  - a. Using Den Chiefs Well was subject of a prior ULE (Pack Trainer can make copies available via website)
  - b. Den Chiefs can be responsible for den activities – blend role as a peer/coach
  - c. Den Chief will act as a leader if treated like a leader
- V. Key Resource – Assistant Den Leader

