

Pack 250 Unit Leadership Enhancement

November 2, 2010

Family Involvement

Goal: Help leaders find ways to strengthen parents' involvement in den and pack activities. Communication among family members will be improved.

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. Group reading of introductory paragraph of “Parents and Families”
- III. Shared reading of Parent Responsibilities, Understanding Families, and Developing Family Cooperation
- IV. Discuss examples of how we have worked to improve family cooperation and involvement with the Den/Pack

Actions

- I. Create Action Plan for improvement in this area – personal commitments from den leaders
 - a. Examples: Pack or Den Adults meetings, Improved awareness of ScoutParents program, in-house visits to new pack families
- II. Choose next month's topic:

Advancement	Annual Program Planning	Character Development
Cub Scout Camping	Leadership Training	Membership
National Awards	Pack Budget Plan	Pack Committee
Pack Meetings	Planning Special Events	Policies of the BSA
Program Evaluation	Youth Protection	