



## DEN LEADER MINUTE

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As summer comes to a close we all face the daunting task of “getting our act together”. Children need school supplies, new clothes and oh yes, we need to get organized for the programs for which we volunteer.

You might be saying, “Where do I begin?”

Here are some ideas:

1. Take out your Cub Scout Handbook.
2. Decide which advancements you need to achieve in the new calendar year (*yellow highlight them*).
3. Call past year/s leaders for the new badge you are seeking to obtain.
  - a. What events did they do to obtain the required achievements?
  - b. What order did they do them?
  - c. Ask for the contact information for events desired.
  - d. Ask if you can pickup any of their notes, information or literature. Can it be emailed to you?
4. Invite your den parents to a coffee/tea and dessert meeting.
  - a. Inquire about what everyone did during the summer.
  - b. Review what you have found from past leader/s
  - c. Obtain consensus as to which activities you want to do as a group.
  - d. Bring a blank calendar and select the dates for the proposed activities.
  - e. Now ask for a ‘team leader’ for each event
    - i. Determine if multiple parental support will be required
    - ii. Develop a list
      1. Achievement to be accomplished
      2. Event
      3. Date, times, location
      4. Team Leader
      5. Team members/helpers
  - f. Thank everyone for coming
  - g. Type all info into a yearly organizational schedule + distribute.
  - h. Follow-up 60 + 30 days prior to an event to confirm that everyone is “ready to go” as planned.

Other resources to consider:

1. Monthly District Roundtable breakout sessions—network with other Den Leaders
2. New Cub Scout Den Leader Kit—BSA #13-134C
3. Den Meeting in a Box
4. Cub Scout Program Helps—BSA #3430C
5. Cub Scout Program Helps—pdf files at  
[www.scouting.org/cubscouts/resources/34304/index.html](http://www.scouting.org/cubscouts/resources/34304/index.html)
6. Cub Scout Leader How-To Book—BSA #33832A
7. Webelos Leader Guide—BSA #33853C
8. BSA on-line learning center—[www.olc.scouting.org](http://www.olc.scouting.org)

*All can be ordered from our Council Shop or at [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org).*

We plan to share information with you on a regular basis. Please feel free to write us back with any questions, concerns or ideas for future editions.

**WE HOPE THIS HELPS**

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