

BREAKOUT !

What is a breakout session? A breakout is a fun introduction to Cub Scouts for the boys and their siblings while the adults are learning about the Scouting program. Remember, the point is for the kids to have fun and show a lot of enthusiasm for Cub Scouting while the adults handle the registration process.

The best way to decide what to do with your Cub Scouts while their parents are filling out their paper work is to determine how many boys (don't forget siblings might also be included) you will be supervising, and how many adult helpers you have available. This is the one night of the year to get every parent, teacher, charter partner member, friend or relative involved. Don't forget to enlist the aid of Scouts from the troops in your district. The success of your recruiting depends on how much information you can give the parents and how at ease they feel during the meeting. Don't hesitate to place your volunteers where they are needed.

Choose a simple activity for your breakout group. Remember: *Keep It Simple, Make It Fun!* Consider splitting the large group into smaller groups for a variety of activities. If you have enough helpers, divide the boys by grade with one or more adult per grade. The ultimate plan is to have one adult per rank, one adult per activity station, and one or two floaters. Then the "dens" can be rotated through a mini camp.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

ACTIVITIES / GAMES

From *Cub Scout Leader How-To Book*

1. Buzz Fizz
2. Paper Cone Derby
3. Over and Under Relay
4. Blast Off!
5. Group Juggle
6. Pass the Ring

CHEERS

From *Cub Scout Leader How-To Book*

1. Ice Cube Applause
2. Round of Applause
3. Stirring Round of Applause
4. A Big Hand
5. Good Turn Applause
6. Frankfurter Applause

SONGS

From *Cub Scout Song Book*

1. A-K-E-L-A
2. Cub Scout Spirit
3. Baden-Powell
4. My Bonnie
5. Do, Do, Do Your Best
6. The Bear Song

CRAFTS

From *Cub Scout Leader How-To Book*

1. Tin Foil Comet
2. Pinwheel
3. First Aid Neckerchief Slide
4. Paper Bag Puppets
5. Tangram Puzzle
6. Step-Through Postcard