



Bear

Requirements:

1. Complete each of the six required adventures:
 - a. Baloo the Builder
 - b. Bear Claws
 - c. Bear Necessities
 - d. Fellowship and Duty to God
 - e. Paws for Action (Duty to Country)
2. In addition to the six required adventures, complete at least one elective adventure of your den's or family's choosing.
 - a. Bear elective adventure
3. With your parent, guardian, or other caring adult, complete the exercises in the pamphlet entitled How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide
4. Earn the Cyber Chip award for your age. (The Cyber Chip portion of this requirement may be waived by your parent or guardian if you do not have access to the internet.) OR Earn the Protect Yourself Rules Preview Adventure for Bear.
 - a. Cyber Chip Award
 - b. Protect Yourself Rules Preview Adventure for Bear

Leaders Guide: <https://pigeonpost.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Bear-LeaderGuide.pdf>

Intro Video: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/den-meeting-resources/den-leadertips-tricks-video-series/#video-gallery-d5791a3-12>

*signifies preferred Scouting from Home option



BEAR CLAWS

BEAR CLAW REQUIREMENTS:

1. Learn about three common designs of pocketknives.
2. Learn knife safety and earn your Whittling Chip.*

*One of the items carved for Bear Claws requirement 3 may be used to fulfill Whittling Chip requirement 2.

3. Do one of the following:
 - (a) Using a pocketknife, carve two items.
 - (1) Item 1
 - (2) Item 2
 - (b) With a pocketknife, safely perform each of these tasks:
 - (1) Demonstrate how to cut a piece of rope, twine, or fishing line.
 - (2) Open a sealed box without damaging the contents.
 - (3) Open a can with a can opener tool on a pocketknife.
 - (4) Remove and replace the screws on an object with the screwdriver tool on a pocket knife.
 - (5) Open a letter.

Resources:

Bear Den Leader Guide <https://www.sgcbasa.org/files/29284/Bear-Leader-Guide-pdf>

Video on Knife safety <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s9iUle7p5Y4>

Since this may be done digitally, Jameson Woodworks (<https://www.jjsknifekits.com/toy-shop>) makes some wooden pocketknives that can be assembled by the scout and then used to teach safety, encourage to treat as a real knife, and then to carve soap. This is especially nice in a digital environment when each scout's adult supervision may vary.

November Week 1

◆ Activity: Talk Time (Requirement 1)

- Present the three common pocketknives that are referenced in the Bear Handbook.
 - Review the knife safety rules—be certain there is complete understanding about why each rule is in place. This is also a good time to reinforce the two Scout Law points of being trustworthy and obedient.
- Discuss how well the Bears did on the Knife Know-How Quiz. Help them reflect on any new information that was learned after reviewing the knife safety rules. (in Den Leader Guide)

Knife Know-How Quiz Circle the correct answer.

1. You should close the blade with the palm of your hand. True False
2. A knife is just a toy. True False
3. It's OK to keep your knife dirty as a badge of honor. True False
4. A dull knife is more likely to slip and cut you. True False
5. You should carry your open knife in your pocket. True False
6. Carving your initials into a tree is OK. True False
7. Knives were invented 550 years ago. True False
8. I should use my knife to cut a metal pipe. True False
9. My friends and I should not sit near each other when using our knives. True False

◆ Activity: Knife Sharpening and Safety (Requirement 2)

- Following the knife safety rules, demonstrate the proper way to sharpen a knife.
- Have parents or other adults assist Scouts to ensure safety and comprehension.

November, Week 2

◆ Activity 1: Carving (Requirements 2 and 3A)

- Review the instructions for creating the soap carving. Point out that a Bear's first carving should be a very simple pattern. Explain that the carving will complete the requirements for earning the Whittling Chip card.
- Work on the soap carving using the steps in the Bear Handbook and the detailed instructions in the Meeting 2 Resources. If some of the Cub Scouts finish early, they may begin their second carving using one of the small blocks of wood. Remind Scouts that they will need to finish their carving projects at home or at the next meeting if not completed during this meeting.



Beat of the Drum

Complete requirement 1 and two others from requirements 2-4.

1. Learn about the history and culture of American Indians or other indigenous people who lived in your area long ago.
2. Create a legend by building a diorama, writing a story, or presenting a skit.
3. Complete one of the following:
 - (a) Make a dream catcher.
 - (b) Make a craft similar to one made by American Indians or indigenous people.
 - (c) Make a drum. Once your drum is complete, create a ceremonial song.
4. Complete one of the following:
 - (a) Visit an Order of the Arrow dance ceremony.
 - (b) Visit an American Indian event or an event presented by other indigenous people.
 - (c) Learn and demonstrate ceremonial dance steps.
 - (d) Create a ceremonial dance.

Resources

Bear Den Leader Guide <https://www.sgcbsa.org/files/29284/Bear-Leader-Guide-pdf>

Raven: A Trickster Tale from the Pacific Northwest <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cvY9ltj-uAw>

Native People of the American Northwest Coast

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/native-americans/native-people-of-the-american-northwest-coast/>

Native People of the American Northwest Coloring pages

<https://sherimcclurepitler.com/pacificnorthwestnativeamericanartcoloringpages/>

Pacific Northwest Potlatch

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L4zl6NadpG4&list=PLbt6ufxW6OQn37M5Ey5OLdVFn4HeJgDxB&index=1>

November, Week 3

◆ Activity: Watch and Learn (Requirement 1)

- Spend some time talking about the Native People of the American Northwest Coast using the above resources
- Watch the video on Raven

◆ Activity: Den Legend (Requirement 2)

- Have the Bears write a short legend about their den. Allow each Scout to have input in the story. Have them share the story with their parents.

November, Week 4

◆ Activity: Now See This (Requirement 3b, 4b)

- Show examples of Northwest Coast art using a simple Google search
- Use the coloring pages to create art using similar colors to traditional art
- Watch potlatch video