



## SCOUT TALKS

**What is a Scout Talk?** When a member of your unit or District Executive goes into a school or other location and gives a short presentation about Cub Scouts or Scouts BSA and invites the boys and girls to join the program.

**The Goal?** Motivate the boys and girls to bring home an invitation (flyer) to attend an upcoming Join Scout Night with their family.

**Will the School Allow a Scout Talk?** That is up to your Principal and School District. Check with the school now about their in-school presentation policy so you can plan -- it will be too hectic to ask in September.

**Here are some ways the school might allow you to present your “talk”:**

- During an assembly – This may include only students of a particular grade or even the whole student body. See if your current members can wear their uniforms or unit t-shirts the day of the assembly
- Classroom presentations – You visit each classroom and give a 3-6 minute talk, hand out invitations inviting the students to attend your Join Scout Night. You may not be able to get to all classrooms so target incoming Lions (K), Tigers (1<sup>st</sup> grade) and Wolves (2<sup>nd</sup> grade).
- Recess- By far the hardest presentation to make because you are competing with the lure of the playground, but if it is the only time available – take it! Students are usually told that if they are interested to see you during recess time.

*Note: Your unit maybe only accepting a single gender however our programs are open to both boys and girls. All presentations should represent the entire Scouting program keeping in mind a scout is friendly, courteous, and kind to all. Arrangements should be made at the recruitment for every new Scout to be welcomed into a Scouting program. See you District Executive with any questions.*

**How do you do the presentation?** Everyone has their own style, but if you show high energy and enthusiasm you will do great! (Don't forget to wear your uniform)

- Introduce yourself and what Scouting is (mention if you meet at their school).
- The Key points are: Talk about all the fun of being a Cub Scout, fun Pack activities like Sleepovers at the Battleship/Zoo, pinewood derby races, fishing, frogging, camping, summer camp, etc. (Check with school first before mentioning BB and Archery)
- Bring good show-and-tell items: Backpack, derby cars, fishing pole, etc. (no knives, BB guns or archery equipment)
- Give them the flyer – And tell them this is an invitation for them and their parents to come and sign-up for Cub Scouts!
- Give them the date and time, but make it a game and ask them to repeat after you:  
“What Time?” -- “Where?” -- “Who’s invited?”
- Tell them that it is OK if they can't make it that night – additional information is available on the reverse side for their parents to get them involved.

*Give them fun places to put the flyer somewhere mom and dad will see: The refrigerator, on mom/dads pillow, on the kitchen counter, or put it in their sock so they remember to give it to them when they get home.*

- Thank the teacher/school publicly for letting you give the presentation and tell the students you can't wait to see them on recruitment night!!

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