

## Scout Talks (Also known as Boy Talks)

**What is a Scout/Boy 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 and invites the boys to join your Cub Scout Pack.

**The Goal?** Motivate the boys to bring home the flyers and get their parents to attend Join Scout Night.

**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 ahead -- 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 boys or boys of all ages or even the whole student body. See if your current members can wear their uniforms the day of the assembly
- Classroom presentations – You visit each classroom and give a 3-6 minute talk, hand out flyers inviting the boys to attend your Join Scout Night. You may not be able to get to all classrooms so target incoming Tigers and ranks where you need a few more scouts to round-out dens.
- 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! Boys are usually told that if they are interested to see you during recess time.

*Note: The school may say that you have to address both boys and girls, so be prepared to give flyers to everyone (they may have an older or younger brother).*

**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 pack you are from (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: Photos, derby cars, a small tent, 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 – just have their parents call the number on the flyer and we will get them signed up.

*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 boys you can't wait to see them on recruitment night!!