

## OTHER IDEAS FOR KEEPING YOUR PACK STRONG



### Church Bulletins

If your chartering organization is a church ask if they will place information about their Scouting program in the church bulletin. Provide pictures of your leaders and Scouts to help tell the story of your pack. A template can be found at [www.crossroadsbsa/VolunteerResources](http://www.crossroadsbsa/VolunteerResources).

### Special Joining Events

Some districts and packs have special joining events in the spring and early summer: fishing derbies, picnics, bike rodeos and Cub Scout Olympics. These can be a great way to introduce new families to Scouting. Ask your District Membership Chair for ideas.

### Update your Pin!

Update the information about your pack on your **BeAScout Google pin**. Log onto MyScouting then select BeAScout, then Unit Pin Management. Everyone searches the web today. Make the results of the search for your pack as current and appealing as you can.

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## Setting up a successful Tiger Den



[www.crossroadsbsa.org](http://www.crossroadsbsa.org)

## Who are Tiger Cub Scouts?

Tiger Cubs are scouts who are in first grade or are 7 years old. The program includes indoor and outdoor activities that encourage self-reliance, problem solving and critical thinking. As he is growing he will develop skills of self-assurance as he builds respect for

## Why Kindergarten?

As the season changes into spring the opportunity for outdoor adventures for young boys increases. Kindergarten boys are eligible to join Tigers on June 1st. The key to a high quality Tiger Cub experience comes from the quality of the adult leader. These qualities include being highly organized, working well with children and effective communication. The search for these leaders begins during the late winter/early spring of the school year.

Kindergarten teachers are being asked to identify potential Tiger Cub leaders from the parents in their classrooms. These prospective leaders must possess the qualities listed above such as highly organized, works well with children and communicating effectively with adults. Next a Scout leader will contact the identified parent. It would help if the kindergarten teacher could make the introduction and discuss becoming a Tiger Cub leader.

## Pack Leadership recruit Den Leaders Checklist

- Ask a highly regarded parent/leader in the pack to approach each of the kindergarten teachers
- From the list of potential new leaders, have the person best suited to “make the ask” do so
- If possible, have the kindergarten teacher make the introduction
- After potential leaders are identified, discuss with each of the prospects about becoming a leader and the responsibilities of being a den leader
- Make the **ASK!**
- Provide Tiger Den organization plan at [www.crossroadsbsa.org](http://www.crossroadsbsa.org)
- Provide information on training including youth protection

## Recruiting Tiger Cub Scouts

- Schedule a Tiger Cub Round Up in early May once a commitment is made for Tiger Cub leader
- Shortly after conduct a “Boy Talk” in the school, if possible, with all kindergarten boys and invite them and their parents to an organizational meeting
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- As a follow up to the Boy Talk conduct the organizational meeting with parents and kindergarten boys
- Along with the parents complete registration forms and collect funds
- Provide parents with a pack calendar of summer activities

## New Tiger Cub Den Leader Resources

- Visit [crossroadsbsa.org/](http://crossroadsbsa.org/) for Den Organization Plan
- Visit “My Scouting” and set up an account which is located at [www.crossroads/newtoscouting](http://www.crossroads/newtoscouting)
- Take online training
  - Youth Protection

## Your Summer Program

Having one activity in June, July and August provides a great start for Tiger Cubs and their families. Some of the activities may include:

- Den cookout with Cubs and family
- Day Camp
- Pack activity
- Community events
- Fishing derby
- Community field trips
- Den pizza/ice cream social
- Bike rodeo
- Or come up with something new!