



### **DEN LEADER MINUTE III:**

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## **“If a Scout and his family stop attending”**

So what is a Den Leader to do, “If a Scout and his family stop attending”?

#### Potential courses of action:

- 1. See if you can uncover why they are unhappy and if there are any solutions.**
  - a. Your son stopped attending our meetings, “Is everything OK?”
  - b. “Has your son lost interest?” Why?
  - c. “Do others in our Den feel the same way?”
  - d. “Do you have any suggestions on how we could make the program more appealing?”
- 2. Once you have uncovered the issues then come up with a solution plan.**
  - a. Review the actions to be taken and adjust your meetings and events.
  - b. Ask the family for a second chance.
  - c. Set a timetable to confirm that the new solutions are working.
  - d. If you are not sure what to do, please ask your Cubmaster and/or Scout Professional.
- 3. So what might a Den Leader do to be proactive and prevent Scouts/Families from dropping out?**
  - a. Ask for their feedback on past and proposed activities through email or phone.
    - i. What did they like and not like?
    - ii. What suggestions do they have moving forward?
    - iii. Involve Families in the future plans and ask for their help. Inclusive involvement promotes enthusiasm and a team spirit.
    - iv. Not every Cub Scout has the same needs to make him happy. We need to understand the group and tailor our program accordingly.

So....why do Cub Scouts drop out? The following link and article may give you a better perspective.

[http://www.etexscouts.com/cub\\_recruiting.html](http://www.etexscouts.com/cub_recruiting.html)

Please pass this Den Leader Minute III within your Pack, as we may not have all of your leadership contact information in our database. We plan to share information with you on a regular basis. Please feel free to write us back with any questions, concerns or ideas for future editions.

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Scouts who recruit others earn a recruiter patch. This “Peer to Peer Patch Application” can be found at [www.nnjbsa-im.org](http://www.nnjbsa-im.org)

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**OTHER RESOURCES TO CONSIDER:**

Round Table Meetings— monthly meetings where fellow Cub Scout Leaders share ideas.	Cub Scout Program Helps—BSA #3430C	Cub Scout Leader How-To Book— BSA #33832A
New Cub Scout Den Leader Kit—BSA #13-134C	Cub Scout Program Helps—pdf files at <a href="http://www.scouting.org/cubscouts/resources/34304/index.html">www.scouting.org/cubscouts/ resources/34304/index.html</a>	Cub Scouting: “It’s not just for kids” AV-01V006
Den Meeting in a Box	Webelos Leader Guide—BSA #33853C	BSA on-line learning center— <a href="http://www.olg.scouting.org">www.olg.scouting.org</a>