

Denner

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Cub Scout Denner

Selected by: Den Leader or Den election
Term: usually one or two months
Reports to: Den Leader and Den Chief

A Denner is a Cub Scout or Webelos Scout who is elected to be the temporary youth leader of his den. All Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear, as well as Webelos Dens should elect a Denner. A den may elect a new Denner every few weeks, monthly, or other term. The Denner wears the gold double-strand Denner shoulder cord No. 00368 over his left shoulder.

Importance

The Denner position provides many important benefits to the boy and to the den:

- * Denners learn about leadership and responsibility first-hand.
- * The Denner program helps give every boy a fair chance to lead.
- * Each family shares equally in helping the den leader.
- * The Denner position is preparing boys to be Patrol Leaders in Boy Scouts.
- * Scouts and parents who are allowed to help are more like to stay in Scouts.
- * Denners are recognized by being allowed to wear the Denner's gold cords.

Rotation

Certain ranks require that every boy serve as Denner. Also, the Denner leads the flag and opening ceremony as required for various ranks. However a popular boy who is re-elected may deny others the opportunity to learn and advance. For this reason, the Den Leader may decide that boys who have already served as Denner may not be elected again until every other boy has had a turn. Alternately, a single Denner election may be held at the beginning of the year to determine the Denner schedule for the year, with new den leaders rotating monthly or of every few weeks.

Responsibilities

The Denner (typically along with his parent or adult partner) have many important duties as assigned by the Tiger Cub Den Leader, Cub Scout Den Leader or Webelos Den Leader that may include:

- * Help with den meeting setup.
- * Lead the opening ceremony (flag, oath, law).
- * Take the Den Attendance and dues meetings.
- * Help with the meeting activities.
- * Provide simple refreshments such as cookies and cups of juice.
- * Lead the closing ceremony.
- * Help with den meeting cleanup.
- * Help with other responsibilities as assigned by the Den Leader.

Assistant Denner

The Assistant Denner assists the Denner at den meetings and fills in for the Denner when the Denner is not available. The Den Leader may establish a practice of the Assistant Denner becoming the Denner in the next term. This way the Assistant Denner can watch and learn from the Denner so that he will be ready for the next term. Using this approach, the Assistant Denner is elected each month to become the Denner the next month.

The Assistant Denner wears the gold single-strand Assistant Denner shoulder cord No. 00385 over his left shoulder.

Craftsman helps:

<http://pack152.net/Webelos/craftsman.html>

<http://www.e-scoutcraft.com/intro/craftsman.html>

<http://www.wtsmith.com/rt/webactbadge/craftsman.html>

<http://www.boyscouttrail.com/webelos/badge-craftsman.asp>

<http://www.macscouter.com/CubScouts/PowWow99/CircleTen/Web6.pdf>

http://www.macscouter.com/CubScouts/PowWow07/SCCC_2007/Webelos/Craftsman_1.pdf

http://www.macscouter.com/CubScouts/PowWow07/SCCC_2007/Webelos/Craftsman_2.pdf

<http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Craftsman> This is a workbook to help the boys earn their Craftsman activity badge, just like the workbooks created for BSA merit badges.

Home Depot has kid workshops on the first Saturday of each month. It's designed for boys aged 5-12, and they get all the materials they need to make a wood craft, plus an orange Home Depot apron which they keep. <http://tinyurl.com/5jbsr8> link to Home Depot's Kids Workshop.

Lowes stores have a Kids Clinic, called Build and Grow. <https://www.lowesbuildandgrow.com/> You can register your group online for these free crafts.

Michaels often has Kids crafts, for a nominal fee. They now call it The Knack (used to be Kid's Club) http://www.michaels.com/art/online/static?page=kids_events If you register online (free), you will have access to instructions for crafts.

The DuPage Children's Museum has a woodshop for kids to use. Fee for entry to the museum is \$7.50 per person, but if you have a group of 15 or more (adults and kids, with 1 adult for every 6 kids minimum) the fee is around \$5.50, depending on how long you stay. <http://www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org/>

Craft ideas can be found at these sites:

<http://www.kidcraftsmagazine.com/>

<http://familyfun.go.com/arts-and-crafts/>

http://www.familycorner.com/dir/Family/Kids/Kids_Crafts/

And don't forget Pack-O-Fun, which often has Scout crafts along with all the other crafts.

<http://www.pack-o-fun.com/>

Scientist helps:

<http://pack152.net/Webelos/scientist.html>

<http://www.macscouter.com/CubScouts/PowWow99/CircleTen/Web17.pdf>

http://www.macscouter.com/CubScouts/PowWow07/SCCC_2007/Webelos/Scientist_1.pdf

http://www.macscouter.com/CubScouts/PowWow07/SCCC_2007/Webelos/Scientist_2.pdf

<http://wtsmith.com/rt/webactbadge/scientist.html>

<http://www.macscouter.com/CubScouts/Web1Out/Scientst.pdf>

<http://www.physics.ucok.edu/~chughes/~cubscouts/> This website offers a guide that professors at the University of Oklahoma used to help Webelos with this activity badge.

SciTech Museum in Aurora often offers the Scientist Activity Badge class. Cost is \$15 per Scout.

<http://scitech.mus.il.us/index.html> Contact Joyce Stallworth at (630) 859-3434 x 214 or

joyce@schitechmuseum.org

DuPage Children's Museum <http://www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org/> has an AirWays exhibit where Webelos can investigate the Bernoulli Principle as well as other properties of airflow and pressure. They can also investigate properties of water and water pressure at the water tables.

The Cernan Earth & Space Center has shows about weather and astronomy. Cost runs about \$4.50 per youth in a group. www.triton.edu/cernan

The Museum of Science and Industry will cover all the scientific topics! www.msichicago.org They don't have a specific scout program, as far as I know, but it would still be an easy way to teach the scientific principles.

A little farther away, the Discovery Center Museum in Rockford has a \$10 per Webelos workshop for Scientist (as well as other Scout activities). <http://www.discoverycentermuseum.org/educators/scouts.php>

Waubensie Valley High School has a planetarium and offer Scout programs, which should easily cover the Astronomy belt loop. Admission is \$1 per Scout and \$2 per adult. <http://planetarium.ipsd.org/>

FermiLabs offers educational programs at the Lederman Science Center. Small groups of 5 or less are welcome to visit the center on a walk-in basis, larger groups need to schedule a visit. Link for Scout programs, including Scientist.

http://eddata.fnal.gov/lasso/program_search/show_programID_new.lasso?program_id=49

Argonne also offers science labs, covering the following principles: Bernoulli, Pascal, Newton, Eye/Optical Illusions, Balance/Center of Gravity, Air/Atmospheric Pressure, Crystals. A minimum of 10 students is required for these labs. http://www.dep.anl.gov/p_k-12/scitech/learninglabs.htm

The National Weather Service in Romeoville has tours for kids in 4th grade and older. Groups must be no larger than 25-30 people. Business days only. <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/lot/office/outreach.php>

Odyssey Magazine for kids may be helpful. <http://www.odysseymagazine.com/>

Science Magazine's website for kids <http://www.eurekalert.org/kidsnews/>

Science News for Kids website <http://www.sciencenewsforkids.org/>

Online science articles for kids <http://www.sciencemadesimple.com/science.html>

Craft and/or hobby stores should sell model rocket kits and crystal growing kits.