

PACK LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP INVENTORY PLAN

The following elements can help ensure that a pack maintains good membership:

Pack Leadership Inventory

Take an inventory of pack leadership to determine the numbers of quality leaders needed based on the numbers of dens needed. This inventory should be taken in the early spring. Discuss leadership goals with your unit commissioner and other pack leaders. See the chapter on selecting leadership in the *Cub Scout Leader Book*, No. 33221A. Plan to have new leadership in place prior to establishing any new dens. New leaders should be selected, recruited, and trained before beginning any recruitment campaign.

Pack Membership Inventory

Take an inventory of pack membership to determine the number of new boys, leaders, and dens needed. This inventory should be taken in early spring.

Discuss membership goals with your unit commissioner and other pack leaders. Plan spring recruitment activities when your pack may enroll graduating kindergarten boys into Tiger Cubs. Recruiting boys from additional grade levels will afford new Cub Scouts the opportunity to participate in summertime outdoor experiences such as day camp, resident camp, and pack activities.

Discuss plans to continue to enroll more Cub Scouts in fall membership campaigns.

A brief review of membership at each pack leaders' meeting will point out vacancies in dens and opportunities for boys to join.

Census

Conduct a census of chartered organizations and neighborhoods to locate eligible boys.

- Ask Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts to invite these eligible boys and other prospects to visit a den meeting.
- Invite families to the next pack meeting, or to attend a Join Cub Scouting Night or roundup meeting.

If your pack is in the position of having too many new prospective members, ask your membership chair and unit commissioner to help start a new pack. There is no set limit on the size of a pack; however, if a pack grows to seven or eight dens of eight boys each, there might not be time in pack meetings for each boy to participate in all activities. When a pack has grown to 60 or 70 boys, it's time to start thinking about a second pack.