

Working with Small Dens and Packs - Notes from Cub Scout Breakout Session

Five Points

**Focus on fun – great program , fun with your families

**Don't do it alone- just one more person to help means everything

- delegate tasks- you can't do it all well

**Take advantage of size – build strong relationships with families

easier to establish relationships with families in small pack

**Build strong foundation to prepare for growth

have pack committee meetings but call them parents meetings so more people come

Focus on who is there

budget, Blue and Gold, Pinewood Derby, Fall outpost, etc – make sure plan for all these

**Be persistent and stay focused Nothing in world can take place of persistence

quality program that has fun for Cubs and parents

Challenges: committee chair relocates

meeting location – no full access//no resources from chartered partner/ had to change

charter partners twice in three years

Started with 10 double number second year third year up to 50

QUESTION; Which of 5 points most helpful and why?

Small packs – small dens (1-2 in den)

**run concurrent den meetings – want to do fun things with other Scouts

**do some activities together – than separate into dens

pick theme that would work for all dens – ie. Artist

ie. Planting plants – electives and loops/pins

**do opening together

maybe 1 or 2 requirements of something

split into dens

back together at end for game or snack or closing

Den meeting should be different than pack meetings

Den – age appropriate activities related to rank advancement

Pack meeting – family event

Den Chief – see if can get one from Troop – inject some fun, someone to look up to/
goal for future