



YOUR PACK MEETING WILL BE A SUCCESS BECAUSE YOUR SCOUTS WILL HAVE



FUN!



When scouts have fun, they want to keep coming back. To succeed, remember this simple rule: **"Keep It Short & Simple - Make It Fun (KISSMIF) and use VARIETY."** To achieve this goal, advance planning is critical. As you plan your pack meeting, consider the following:

- ❖ Plan your meetings well in advance using themes or special activities as focal points.
- ❖ Confirm the time and place of the meeting. Reserve meeting places well in advance.
- ❖ Make sure that someone is responsible for opening the meeting place ahead of time.
- ❖ Assign den responsibilities in advance; e.g. set-up, opening, skits, songs, stunts, closing, clean-up.
- ❖ Make sure that arrangements are made for transporting displays, props, special equipment, etc.
- ❖ Make sure that awards, badges, pins, etc. are ready for presentation before the meeting.
- ❖ Try to have displays set up before the meeting.
- ❖ Have a gathering activity planned and use it when scouts arrive.
- ❖ Conduct an Opening Ceremony that is serious and impressive.
- ❖ While you have the scene set, transition to introductions and inductions.
- ❖ Build spirit with den cheers, den reports, rousing songs and group activities.
- ❖ Entertain with skits, stunts, songs, and games.
- ❖ Take time to recognize pack and den accomplishments.
- ❖ Have a Webelos Den demonstrate something related to an activity badge.
- ❖ Use a song, story, or other device to transition the group to a serious setting.
- ❖ Present awards and recognitions with an impressive ceremony.
- ❖ Give special recognition to special accomplishments.
- ❖ Recognize adult contributions - thank yous and special awards.
- ❖ Give a very few words on coming events (give details in handouts, newsletters)
- ❖ Have a scouter's minute - leave the scouts with something to ponder
- ❖ Conduct a closing ceremony.
- ❖ Serve refreshments (optional).
- ❖ Clean-up the meeting site and leave it as good as or better than you found it.
- ❖ Evaluate and plan an even better meeting next time.

**REMEMBER - KEEP IT
SIMPLE AND SHORT
(1 HOUR IS GOOD) -
MAKE IT FUN**

