

Cub Club Induction Guide



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After organizing a new Cub club, the sponsoring Lions club can arrange a Cub club induction ceremony. This ceremony should be a memorable meeting for everyone. Consider inviting local civic or school officials. You can also make it a joint meeting with members of the Lions club. The event will vary according to local customs and conditions.

Schedule

The following schedule is a guideline only. Clubs can delete or add items as desired.

- Meeting called to order
- Suitable opening, such as
 - Salute to the flag
 - Invocation
 - Song
- Introduction of presenters
- Brief description of Cub club (given by Cub club leader or Lions club officer)
- Induction of new members
- Presentation of Cub patches
- Presentation of gift (the Lions club may present a gift to the Cubs)
- Program or entertainment
- Adjournment

Details

In a meeting such as this, the small, often overlooked details can add much to the final success of the function. Consider the following for in-person events:

- A printed program which could include the agenda as well as the names of each officer and member of the Cub club. This provides a fine souvenir.
- Designate a greeting committee to greet members and guests as they arrive. Greeters also assure that each guest is properly seated.
- Provide a meal or snacks and drinks.
- Decorate the space including welcome signs and/or flowers on the speakers' table.
- If the meeting is in a large room, make sure that all guests will be able to hear the speakers by using a public address system.

Induction Ceremony for New Members

The Cub club leader or a specific Lions club officer can be the presiding officer who performs the ceremony for the induction of new members.

The presiding officer calls the meeting to order with these words:

“We are about to begin the induction ceremony where we will welcome new members to the Cub Club of _____. This is a most important occasion for these members and for our Lions club, and I sincerely request the attention and silence of the audience during the ceremony. Please withhold any applause or demonstrations until it is complete. I will now call the names of the new members and as I do, I request that they rise and come forward.”

The presiding officer calls the names of the new members. When all the Cubs are standing, the officer says:

“On behalf of the officers and members, I welcome you to the Cub Club of _____. You have been invited to become members, and we are all happy and proud of your decision to accept.

“Cub goals include personal responsibility, an attitude of cheerfulness and understanding, and lending a helping hand to those in need.

“You are not alone in your efforts. At all times, you can count on the encouragement and cooperation of your fellow Cub club members and the Cub club leader. They will be happy to help you achieve the high goals of your club.

“Once again, I express my congratulations to you for having joined this Cub club. I now ask that you repeat after me the promise of membership: ‘I (each Cub should state their name)...in the presence of the members of the Cub club...agree...to attend all meetings regularly...and to support and further the interests of the club. ...I promise that I will assist in maintaining, building and strengthening...the membership of the club...That I will help the club...by actively helping where my efforts are needed...And finally...that I will develop in myself...those qualities...of cheerfulness, service and loyalty...which should always characterize a Cub club member.’

“You are now members of the Cub Club of _____.”

The presiding officer now hands a Cub patch to each new Cub club member.



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