

Cascadia District New Den Leader Resources:

Hi! Are you a new Den Leader? I'm here to help you out!

Being a Den Leader can be fun and rewarding, but also a lot of work! So let's make it the easiest we can for you!

1. Register and pay your registration. You can't be linked to your Den in Scoutbook until you're registered. Your Pack may use paper applications, or through beascout.scouting.org.
2. Get your training at my.scouting.org. Go to Cub Scouts and the Den Leader Training. [Here is a nice \(but a little older\) quick start guide.](#)
3. Take your YPT if you haven't yet. (Also at my.scouting.org.)
4. Check out [Scoutbook!](#) You can find the Den Leader Guides for free in pdfs. Just make sure that you log into the Den Leader Experience. There are also songs there. You can try the meeting planner, but it's a little tricky and I haven't heard that many leaders like it enough to use it.
5. Plan out your meetings. You may find it easier to plan the whole year, or just a few meetings at a time.
6. Get familiar with the requirements of your Den. Each Den needs to finish a certain number of requirements and an elective. There are also other requirements to earn rank like the Youth Protection Pamphlet found in the front of every handbook as well as the Protect Yourself Adventure that is online. These may be done as a den or assigned as homework for families to do at home.
7. Find your [resources!](#) Ask your Cubmaster, other Den Leaders, or District volunteers. Here is a great resource you can find at scouterdeb.wixsite.com or pack351.com.
8. If you want to work with your Cubmaster and other Den Leaders, you can group adventures with similar themes and other events or holidays throughout the Scouting year. [Here is an example calendar.](#)
9. Have fun!!!

Need some ideas?

Like skits? Here's ["The Invisible Bench."](#) Here is a [collection of skits.](#)

Want a song? Here's the ["Penguin Song."](#) Here is a [song book](#) you can use.

Need a Bobcat Rank starter kit? Here's my [Bobcat folder](#) I send out to my new Scouts.

How about some games? [Sharks and minnows](#) is a favorite in my Pack! Here is an [old game book.](#)

Want a fun craft? I love to make neckerchief slides with my den! They can wear just about anything they like. I cut 1/2" PVC into 1/2" thick slices. Then we can stick stickers on them, I glue wood rounds and they can color them, we glue birthday favor toys on them, all kinds of things. We have made flags for Veteran's day, added pumpkins or spiders for fall/Halloween, and they even just like to color the wood rounds with markers. I also love to make tie slides for all of the new Scouts with their names on them.

How about a snack? [Have you ever heard about armpit fudge?](#) Do you need [snack ideas](#) for your meetings?

Have questions? Ask me! Deb 503-957-9489 talk or text, or email hilterbrand4@outlook.com

Remember, **Keep it Simple, Make it Fun!!**