

School Talk Sample Script

Make sure to check in with the office before proceeding to your presentation destination. If doing a cafeteria talk, wait for children to be out of the lunch line and settled before starting. Usually, someone from the staff will announce you at the proper time. If not, make sure to speak at least five to ten minutes before the lunch period ends. Always be in your complete uniform and be excited and upbeat. Bring a copy of the recruitment flyer with you. The entire presentation should be between 5 and 10 minutes.

“Good afternoon, Everyone” *(pause, usually the response is a very timid “Good afternoon”. Then, you say louder:)* “GOOD AFTERNOON!” *(Then pause for response which will be louder this time.)*
“That’s better, now I know you are awake! I’m *(your name)* and I’m here to talk to you about the Cub Scouts. Can I have a show of hands; who in the room, is a Cub Scout already? *(Pause and take note.)*
That’s great! I’m only going to be here for a few minutes, but after I leave, please talk to your friends in the room who are already Scouts and they can tell you more about the awesome things that Scouts do. Cub Scouts, what super-exciting, fun things do you do with your Pack that you would like to share with your friends? *(Pause and take a couple of answers.)* That’s awesome!

Who likes to camp, *(pause)*, take hikes *(pause)*, fish *(pause)*, race Pinewood Derby cars *(pause and explain, if necessary)*,.....These are all things that you can do as a Cub Scout!” *(List the exciting activities that your Pack does.)*

(FYI: It is best not to mention BB guns or Archery in a school presentations unless the kids bring it up, then we will say “yes, you can learn these skills at our day camps.”)

If you are presenting to first graders, you can say: “First Graders, you will be Tigers, how cool is that? Can I have a Tiger Growl?” (Growl)
For second graders, “Second Graders, you are Wolves, can I hear a Wolf howl?” (Howl)
For third grade: “Third Graders, you are Bears, can I have a Bear growl?” (Growl)
For fourth and fifth graders, you can skip this or say “You are part of a pack, can I hear a wolf howl?” (howl)

Then quickly to quiet the group, I say “I’m going to teach you the first thing that we learn in Scouts. Put the quiet sign up and say “These are the ears of the wolf, when the ears are up, we are listening and quiet!” (This usu-ally gets the appropriate response.)

We have a very special sticker for you. Did you all want this sticker? *(Wait)* great! I’ll make sure each of you gets a sticker before I go!! If you are interested in becoming a Scout, you will need to remember this sticker when you get home. We like to do things a little bit crazy in Cub Scouting.

OK, when you get home, take this sticker off and.....*(pause)* here’s the crazy part, *(pause and speak slowly)* PUT IT ON YOUR PARENT! *(Pause and wait for reaction and repeat)* Yes, put it on your parent! Do you think mom or dad will notice it on them? Of course they will, and you will say, mom, dad, I’d like to join the Cub Scouts.

Now we know that you are all busy and the nice thing about Scouting is that you don’t have to be there every week to be a Scout. We want you to be involved in sports and other activities, it’s OK and you can still be a Scout. We hope that you can join us on *(date/place of the rally)*, but if you can’t you can call the numbers on the sticker to join at any time.

Can I have one more Tiger growl? (Wolf howl or Bear Growl?)

Don't forget to put the stickers where? *(Pause and wait for response)* Thank you, you have been a wonderful audience. Have a great day and I hope to see you in Scouting!

There are usually a few questions, you should stay and answer them as time allows.