Purpose of the Adventure: This adventure will give Cub Scouts an opportunity to become comfortable speaking in front of others. It will also serve as a foundation for organizing and performing a campfire or pack meeting program.

Takeaways for the Scout:

• Working together to share ideas
• Being part of a team
• Learning to cope with stress, fear, and anxiety
• Participating in a campfire or pack meeting program
• A Scout is helpful, cheerful, trustworthy.

Complete the following Requirements (Wolf Handbook, page 68)

1. Show you can communicate in at least two different ways.
2. Work with your den or family to create an original skit.
3. Work together with your den or family to plan, prepare, and rehearse a campfire program to present at a den meeting or pack program.
4. Perform your role for a den meeting or pack program.
Requirement #1:

Show you can communicate in at least two different ways.

First, invite your Scout to howl like wolves. Then say: “Howling is one way that wolves communicate. Let’s find other ways to communicate with each other.”

Activity 1: Mini Obstacle Course at Home (could be done in living room)

• Have your Scout go through an obstacle course around the room or outdoors, using the items you collected.
• Place a blindfold over your eyes and have your Scout lead you through the course.
• The first time around, seeing players each hold their partner’s arm and can speak directions. Then they switch roles and go through the course again. This time, seeing players DO NOT speak and use only their hand to guide their partner.
• Remind your Scout that a Scout is helpful and trustworthy. Blindfolded Scouts should be able to trust that they are being led in the right direction.
• After having gone through the course twice, ask these questions:
  “What did it feel like to close your eyes not knowing where you were going?”
  “How did you feel when you had to be the ‘eyes’ of your buddy?”

Activity 2: Silent Howl

• Now it’s time for the “silent howl”—speaking with our hands. Pass out copies of the Cub Scout motto in American Sign Language (ASL) from the Wolf Handbook. Talk about times when this language is needed (communicating when one person is deaf or hard of hearing). Then learn together how to say the motto using ASL. (page 166 Wolf Handbook).
There are four different ways to communicate:

1. Verbal communication is when you use your voice to communicate, like when you talk or sing.
2. Non-verbal communication uses facial expression, body language, and motions to communicate without words.
3. Written communication is just that. People write in letters, emails, books, magazines, newspapers, and material on the internet.
4. Visual communication includes graphs, charts, maps, photographs, and art to tell stories.
Requirement #2:

Work with your family to create an original skit.

- Skit ideas can come from your imagination, jokes from books or Boys’ Life magazine, and Scout skits.
- Skits are very short, somewhere between 90 seconds and five minutes long. Each member of your family should take part in some way!

Requirement #3:

Work together with your den or family to plan, prepare, and rehearse a campfire program to present at a den meeting or pack program.

- With your Wolf Scout, plan, prepare, and present their own campfire program to be performed at the event you have chosen such as a campfire, den meeting, or pack meeting.
- Start a discussion about this by asking, what do we need to do first? Chart their ideas on the poster board or whiteboard the key takeaway should be to have an opening, skits and/or songs, and a closing.
- Opening – when you gather around a campfire, you will need a way to get everyone’s attention so the campfire program can begin. Openings can be as simple as reciting the Scout Oath and Scout Law.
  - Note: First time through, just sing the song, to be sure all know it, then when the word up is sung, everyone stands up, and when the word down is sung, everyone sits down. Go through the song several times, getting faster each time.

  The Grand Old Duke of York,

  He had ten thousand men.

  He marched them up the hill, and

  then he marched them down again.
And when they're up they're up.

And when they're down they're down,

But when they're only halfway up,

They're neither up nor down.

- for a list of Cub Scout-appropriate songs, visit http://usscouts.org/usscouts/songs.asp

Requirement #4:

Perform your role for a den meeting or pack program.

- Have your Wolf Scout share a run-on. Here are some examples:
  - Run-On 1
    Scout 1 (running on stage, yelling): They’re after me, they’re after me!
    Scout 2: Who is after you?
    Scout 1: The squirrels, of course.
    Scout 2: Why are squirrels after you?
    Scout 1: They think I’m nuts. (Runs off stage.)

  - Run-On 2
    Scout 1: Hey, [Scout 1’s name], do you know why the Cub Scout put a trumpet in the freezer?
    Scout 2: No, why did the Cub Scout put a trumpet in the freezer?
    Scout 1: The Cub Scout wanted to play cool music.

  - Run-On 3
    Scout 1: Hey, [Scout 1’s name], do you know the quickest way to double your money?
    Scout 2: No, what’s the quickest way to double your money?
    Scout 1: Fold it in half!
(Scout 2 shakes head, looking annoyed.)

Congratulations! By completing these four requirements you have completed your *Howl at the Moon* Adventure. Please make sure to mark down your completed requirements in your Handbook or in Scoutbook and let your Den Leader know you have finished the badge.