



**PARK SAFARI  
ADVENTURE**



## **New Scout Sign-Up Event**

This New Scout Sign-Up Event gives prospective parents and youth an opportunity to Do Scouting. It will allow them to engage with leaders and Scouting families at a personal and face-to-face level. It also can fit right in with a Packs program plan. New Scout Sign-Up Events are intended to: be fun, answer questions and create excitement. If done correctly parents will envision their family in Scouting, no matter what that family may look like. If asked correctly as part of this New Scout Sign-Up Event, families often enroll their children right there on the spot.

This template is one a series of fun New Scout Sign-Up Events that are designed to be fun and get new families to join Scouting. They may be used as is or as an idea generator for your Unit. Please feel free to adapt this to an already planned activity. These New Scout Sign-Up Events can be facilitated by individual units or by several units in a community.

**Name of Event:** Park Safari

**Prominent Location of event:** Local Park or Forest Preserve

Make sure there is a clear meeting point or landmark in the park that people can easily find.

**Adventure Stations:** These should be spread out enough so there is room for each station to operate but close enough that they can all be seen and supervised.

**Station 1:** Check-in. Make sure all families are greeted and felt welcomed. Have new families sign in so you can capture personal and contact information. Go over the details of the safari to show families what things Scouts do and learn. Have a display of Pack photos and gear.

**Station 2:** Make your favorite [animal masks](#).

**Station 3:** Take a walk/hike and play [Nature Hike Bingo](#). Use crayons to mark things off on the Bingo Card.

**Station 4:** Do Wolf Call of the Wild Adventure, [Animal Identification](#). Have kids look for and identify animals or signs of animals like homes, tracks or sounds.

**Station 5:** Do Bear Necessities Adventure, What to Bring for an Overnight Campout. Have camping and household items spread out on a table. Have kids stand 30 feet away. One at a time they run to the table and grab an item that they think they need on a campout. They bring it back and explain why they think this is a good item to have. If correct they place the item down. If not correct they have to return the item to the table. When each kid retrieves and item the station volunteer should talk about why or why not it is needed on an overnight campout. It should be a teaching moment.

**Station 6:** After a group of families have done all the stations it's time to tell them the story of Scouting and your Pack. Use this time to follow up with families. All prospective families

should receive a Joining Packet at this time. If they are ready to join have them complete an application. If they are ready to join have them complete an application. Families that join should be given a Free Bobcat Adventure Box for each New Scout.

**Station Volunteers:** Use current Pack Scouts, Volunteers and Parents to help run stations.

**Station 1:** New Member Coordinator. Make sure all Scouting families know they should be mingling and meeting non-Scout families.

**Station 2:** Older Cub Scout or Scout working with the Cub Master or a Den Leader

**Station 3:** Any qualified volunteer or Scouting Parent.

**Station 4:** Any qualified volunteer or Scouting Parent.

**Station 5:** Any qualified volunteer or Scouting Parent.

**Station 6:** New Member Coordinator, Cub Master, Committee Chair. All Scouting families should be mingling with non-Scout families and sharing why they enjoy being in Scouts.

**Timeline:** Below is a suggested timeline to make sure your event is a success.

60 Days Out	Select park and make any necessary reservations.
60 Days Out	Put on unit calendar and promote to families.
50 Days Out	Review Recruitment Guidebook for how to promote event.
60 Days Out	Get Peer-to-Peer cards to families so they can invite non-Scout friends.
30 Day Out	Recruit and brief Volunteers, Parents and Scouts to help.
30 Days Out	Complete <a href="#">Recruitment Material Order Form</a> .
20 Days Out	Social Media Event Created (Council will create when the Material Order Form is completed).
14 Days Out	Get Recruitment packet/supplies from Scout Office.
14 Days Out	Prepare other needed Materials and Supplies.
10 Days Out	Put up Fliers and Yard Signs to promote event.
7 Days Out	Fliers and Cub Chats at local Schools if allowed.
5 Days Out	Confirmation and Reminders to Pack and those helping with the event.

**Supplies Needed:** Here is a suggested list of supplies for this Adventure.

- Recruitment Packet from Scout Office
  - Sign-in Sheet
  - Pens
  - Youth and Adult Applications
  - 2 Yard Signs
  - Recite Book
  - Printed Animal Masks
  - Elastic Cord
  - Printed Bingo Cards
  - Family Joining Packets
  - Bobcat Boxes
- Unit materials to add to Joining Packets like a printed Program Calendar.
- First Aid Kit
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Station Name/Number Signs
- Camping and Household Items for game.