

How can your Pack have a successful Howlers' Council? (Pack Leadership Team)

Like any other Section, the leadership of a Cub Pack rests with the Cub Scouts themselves. Responsibilities for Cubs are more significant than in Beavers, and will progress further in more senior Sections. The Cubs have a say in their Pack's Adventures!

The Howlers' Council is made up of the Howlers—the Pack's third-year Cubs. Howlers are the leaders of the Pack's Lairs (the small teams that make up a Pack), but they also get together without the younger Cubs. In these meetings, they plan Adventures for the whole Pack.

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This Howlers' Council provides input, makes decisions and offers feedback to Scouters on the Cub Scout program. It also serves to develop leadership skills among the Howlers.

The Howlers' Council:

- is made up of all the Howlers. In Packs with few Howlers, Trackers (second-year Cubs) may be included in this team.
- includes a Scouter who supports the Howlers in their decision making.
- may choose a name they wish to call themselves.
- may be supported by a youth Scouter from an older Section who helps the Howlers brainstorm ideas and encourages participation, especially of those who may be more reluctant to offer ideas or take leadership roles.
- makes decisions by consensus. This means that when the final decision is reached, every Howler can live with the decision.
- holds meetings regularly as part of the Plan-Do-Review process.
- takes part in Scouts Canada's **FLEX leadership training** for Cub Scouts.

Here are some ideas of what the Howlers' Council does:

- shares ideas for Adventures generated by the Cubs in their Lairs
- brainstorms themes for Adventures
- plans linking activities with other Sections

A designated Scouter works consistently with the Howlers' Council. The role of this Scouter is to encourage youth input from all of the Howlers. (Note: the Two-Scouter Rule applies if the Howlers' Council meets in another room or out of sight of the whole Pack.)

The Scouter should also encourage the Howlers to be effective delegates for their Lairs. This means that Howlers collect ideas from their Lairs to share with the Council, and share the decisions of the Council with their Lairs. In this role, Howlers have an excellent opportunity to grow as strong leaders within the Pack.

