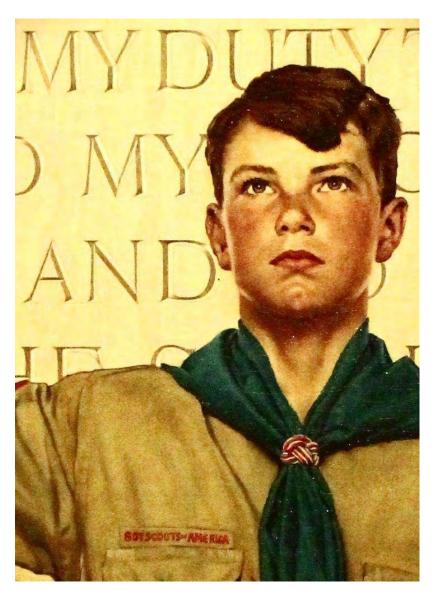




### **BSA Mission Statement**

To prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.



## Webelos Program

### Webelos Badge

- I. Be an active member of your Webelos den for three months.
- 2. Complete each of the five required adventures.
  - Cast Iron Chef
  - Duty to God and You
  - First Responder
  - Stronger, Faster, Higher
  - Webelos Walkabout
- 3. In addition to the five required adventures listed above, complete at least one elective adventure of your den's or family's choosing (for a total of at least six adventures).
- 4. With your parent, guardian, or other caring adult, complete the exercises in the pamphlet How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide.
- 5. Earn the Cyber Chip award for your age.

## Webelos Program

- Boys are preparing for Boy Scouts
- Need to balance Direct Instruction and Learning
- We should have age appropriate progressive responsibility (Web I -Web II) in the planning process.
- Goal to have more BOY Led opportunities by Webelos II (Adventures)



#### **ARROW OF LIGHT**

- I. Be active in your Webelos den for at least six months since completing the fourth grade or for at least six months since becoming 10 years old.
- 2. Complete each of the four required adventures.
  - Building a Better World
  - Duty to God in Action
  - Outdoorsman (formerly Camper)—Option A (including a campout) OR
     Option B (including an outdoor activity)
  - Scouting Adventure
- 3. In addition to the four required adventures listed above, complete at least one elective adventure of your den's or family's choosing (for a total of at least five adventures).
- 4. With your parent, guardian, or other caring adult, complete the exercises in the pamphlet How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide.
- 5. Earn the Cyber Chip award for your age. (The Cyber Chip portion of this requirement may be waived by your parent or guardian if you do not have access to the internet.)

### Arrow Of Light



- The "Eagle of Cub Scouting
- One of 2 Cub Scout awards that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform.
- This achievement merits a special ceremony and tradition.

#### Ideas:

- Have the ceremony at a special place
- Slide Show of Scouts
- Gift of Achievement



## Webelos to Scout Transition

- Once the scout earns the Arrow of Light, he is ready to join the Boy Scout Troop
- If the Cub Scout does not earn the Arrow of Light, he must wait until the end of 5th grade.
- Webelos Leaders should encourage and plan visits to local Scout Troops to find a good "fit".
- What do I look for?



# Webelos to Scout Transition

What is a "Good Fit"

 This means something different to every person (Organized, Active, Open-minded, etc.)

### Join a Troop with a FRIEND



 What are the keys to a successful transition? When visiting a Boy Scout Troop there are some things that you will want to look for to help identify a well-run troop. All Scout programs should work toward the three aims of Boy Scouting. The methods are designed to accomplish these aims.

Here is a list of items you should look for and examine when you visit a Boy Scout Troop. The Scout program is for Youth from ages 11-18, so your decision is an important one. Talk it over with your Son!

- •Troop Meeting run by Youth The troop is a real life opportunity for Scouts to learn leadership through participation. It is unfortunately a well kept secret that the Scout program is a leadership training program with the outdoors as a laboratory.
- •Patrol Method Used The Patrol Method gives Scouts an experience in group living and participating in leadership activities. The patrols determine troop activities through their elected representatives.
- •Trained Youth & Adults Understanding the concepts of leadership helps each person accept the leadership roles of others and guides them toward the citizenship aim of Scouting.
- ·Uniformed Youth & Adults The uniform makes the Scout troop visible as a group. It shows each Youth and Adult's commitment to the aims of Scouting.
- •Troop Meetings Planned by Youth Patrol Leaders' Council of the Troop should plan the Troop meetings, campouts and activities. It is an important part of the leadership experience.
- •Troop Calendar Planned by Youth Ask who planned the calendar. It should be planned by the Patrol Leaders' Council and approved by the Troop Committee.
- •Troop Calendar Published It needs to be planned and published or it does not exist.
- •Troop Roster Published Look and see if you find someone you know and then call them. Ask them about the program, leaders and activities.
- •Troop Program Explained During Visit Each Scout program should plan programs that work towards the three aims of Scouting.
- •Dues and Fees Explained You should know how the Troop program is financed and what the money you are paying is used for. Find out what the campouts and activities cost.
- •Troop Fundraising Assists Youth We believe the purpose of fund raising is to help you and your son participate in Scouting. Most of the profits go to items that benefit the Scouts.
- ·Enthusiasm of Youth & Adults If the youth and adults are not excited by their program, why should you join!
- ·Were you asked to Join Not only should you be made to feel welcome at the Troop Meeting.

How does your Son Feel - What was your son's impression of the visit? When he joins a program, you also become a part of it.

## Keys to a Successful Transition

### Cub

- Achievement of the Arrow of Light
- Engage all Local Boy Scout Troops
  - Not just "Feeder" Troops
  - Webelos are the "Lifeblood" of every Troop!!!!!
- Partner with the Local Scoutmasters
- Get the Scouts outdoors!!
  - Outing is part of Scouting

### Scout

- Engage with all Local packs
  - Fall Cub Event
  - -Council, Arby, Webelos Coordinator
- Keys to Retention
  - "First Class in the First Year"
  - Balance Advancement with Troop inclusion
  - Summer Camp 1st year

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