



## ARROW OF LIGHT DEN / BOY SCOUT TROOP 2014 PILOT PROGRAM (Six Pilot Districts Listed Below)

**OBJECTIVE:** Determine the most effective means to retain Webelos Scouts and enhance their opportunity and afford them new challenges. Solution proposed is to pilot a One Year Webelos Program, with transition into a Boy Scout Troop as the New Boy Patrol and all stay together.

### POSITIVE IMPACT

1. Transition to the Boy Scouts earlier, thus increasing retention
2. Achieve Webelos Badge within the one year framework
3. Increase transition to more Scouting adventures
4. New challenges and opportunities at a younger age
5. Cub Scouts that want to advance are not held back
6. Advancement is a consistent flowing process
7. More seasoned campers
8. No Scout left behind
9. Seamless transition
10. Den Chiefs transition with the New Boy Patrol
11. Reduce duplication of efforts in the Boy Scout requirements for Arrow of Light and Boy Scout Badge
12. Den Leaders transition with Webelos to become New Boy Patrol and trained as Assistant Scoutmasters



### FAQ

1. *Why would the Boy Scouts even consider such a change?* The Boy Scouts had a one year Webelos program in the 1960's and it successfully transitioned young Scouts to the troops
2. *How do the boys benefit?* The boys are given new adventures in Boy Scouts at an earlier age and will work with their Den Leaders in the New Boy Patrol for 3 months to complete their Arrow of Light interacting with the Troop. They receive their Arrow of Light at the Fall Pack Meeting. The boys in the Pack see the seamless transition to Boy Scouts and are anxious for their turn. Successful completion of the Summit Award
3. *How do the parents benefit?* The parents have a more engaged son, experiencing new challenges and opportunities.
4. *How does the Council benefit?* The Council retains more Scouts and increases the interest of youth in Scouting.

### TIMELINE

- April/May –Cub Scouts transition from Bear to Webelos
- Summer -Attend Akela summer camp
- September 4<sup>th</sup> Grade- Begin new school year as Webelos and begin working on Webelos Badge
- April/May – Complete Webelos Badge and all necessary Pins. Begin working on Arrow of Light
- Summer -Attend Navajo Summer camp
- September - Become a member of New Boy Patrol at Troop
- Attend District Webelos Woods with the troop
- November – Receive Arrow of Light at Pack Meeting
- December – Continue work on Scout Badge and on to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

**Participating Districts: Eagle River, Kaposia, Many Waters, Metro Lakes, Mustang, and Prairie Lakes**