

WEBELOS TRANSITION – CHECKLIST FOR SUCCESS

BASIC PRINCIPLES & REQUIREMENTS

TRANSITION – is a two-year program

SUCCESS – is measured by how many Fifth Grade Webelos join a Boy Scout Troop and are still members one year later.
– requires **planning** an outdoor skills oriented **FUN** program and **“working your plan.”**

WEBELOS LEADERSHIP POSITIONS – are filled with leaders who:

- ___ Have a positive attitude in general, especially toward the Scouting program.
- ___ Are **trained** for their position and **committed** to their Webelos until transitioned into Boy Scouts.
- ___ **Communicate early with the Webelos and their parents about differences in Boy Scout program.**
- ___ Den Leaders have no other leadership position and, ideally, have an Assistant Den Leader.
- ___ If more than one Webelos Den in a Pack, select one Den Leader to be the Pack Webelos Den Coordinator.

MARCH – WEBELOS LEADERS PREPARATION:

PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF FIFTH GRADE WEBELOS PROGRAM:

- ___ Have and review the **Webelos Leader Guide (No. 33853A)** and *Cub Scout Program Helps*. See “*Reading List for Webelos Scout Leaders*”
- ___ Understand basics of the Boy Scout program and differences from Cub Scout program.
- ___ Attend a Scout Troop meeting and/or Committee meeting.
- ___ Read through the *SCOUTMASTERS HANDBOOK, PP 11-22; The Boy Led Troop, The Boy Led Patrol.*

APRIL – OUTLINE BASIC PROGRAM: REF: 5TH GRADE WEBELOS SECOND YEAR SCHEDULE

- ___ Hold a meeting to inform Webelos parents of the **SECOND YEAR SCHEDULE** and recruit a **“team” of parent leaders**. Make the work lighter and more for all leaders. Provide a positive first impression for the parents.
- ___ Inform parents of what the Boy Scout program has to offer their son, differences between the Cub and Boy Scout programs. Ref: **“WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURES OF BOY SCOUTING” pamphlet.**
- ___ Attend Webelos Woods
- ___ Plan: **FUN** Webelos Den activities for spring and summer, in addition to or in place of Pack activities, including who will help with each activity (Ref: **Second Year Schedule**).
- ___ Schedule Den(s) to attend Webelos Adventure Days and/or Navajo Webelos Camp together. (Ref: Cub Camping Planning Packet for dates, fees, and detail information).

DEN LEADERS – attend one or both of the following outdoor training sessions:

- ___ Outdoor **Webelos Leader (OWL)**; on how to take Webelos Scouts outdoors to earn activity pins, go hiking and plan great campfire programs and overnight campouts. This will help Webelos Leaders complete basic training requirements. Information will be provided on Arrow of Light ceremonies and the Webelos-to-Scout Transition process.
- ___ Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (basic camp skills required in Boy Scouts).
(Note: May take Part 2 without taking Part 1 first).

AUGUST – ATTEND DISTRICT PROGRAM “KICKOFF”.

OBTAIN BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT “PARTNER TROOP” – From Unit Commissioner. *

- ___ Leaders names and phone numbers.
- ___ Meeting night and locations.
- ___ Number of Scouts in Troop.

CONTACT AND MEET WITH TROOP LEADER(S) ABOUT:

- ___ Camping program activity; short and long term.
- ___ Advancement history and program.
- ___ Meeting activities and emphasis.
- ___ Who will be the Troop Webelos Coordinator? – Should be and Assistant Scoutmaster.
- ___ Provide Troop Leaders with list of Webelos, their Leaders and phone numbers.
- ___ Make plans for Webelos & Leaders to attend the Fall Camporee plus other short term camps with the Troop.
- ___ Plan and set dates for Webelos visits and participation, where appropriate, in Troop meetings, court(s) of honor, other special activities plus Boy Scout visit(s) to Webelos Meetings to help with Advancement Badges, conduct uniform inspections, etc.
- ___ Request Troop to start mailing Troop Newsletter to Webelos in September.
- ___ Request Troop to provide “**Leader appointed**” Den Chief(s) that are, or close to, **First Class rank**.
Being a Den Chief should be a **privilege** recognizing Scouts that **set a good example for Scouting**.
Den Chiefs
 - (a) Have a **positive attitude** towards Webelos
 - (b) Understand the need for Webelos as necessary “**new life**” for the Troop.
 - (c) Agree to take Den Leader **Training** and fulfill DL responsibilities for **one year**.
- ___ Consider the possibility of Webelos and Scout Troop meeting at the same time and location with Webelos participating in opening and closing ceremonies.
- ___ Set date for September Parent’s Meeting; invite Scoutmaster and Troop Webelos Coordinator.

AUGUST THROUGHTRANSITION – FOLLOW:

***SECOND YEAR SCHEDULE – SENIOR, 5TH GRADE WEBELOS – and
ANNUAL WEBELOS TRANSITION PROCESS – Pack and Troop Leaders Action Steps and Timeline***

At the Parents’ Meeting:

- ___ Inform parents of planned joint activities and involvement with partner Troop.
- ___ Troop Leader provides information about Fall Camporee, weekend and summer camp.
- ___ Repeat information from April meeting about differences between Cub and Boy Scout programs relative to degree of parental involvement and leadership methods.

* NOTE: Start Webelos Program in early September regardless of when the Pack program begins.

AT TRANSITION:

- ___ One or more Webelos Leaders transition to Troop with Webelos and become Assistant Scoutmaster(s) for at least one year to provide continuity of leadership plus would be ideal Webelos Coordinator(s) for next year.
- ___ Den Chief is appointed as Patrol Leader for the new Scouts for a period of up to six months when the patrol elects one of its members to be Patrol Leader -or- integrates into other existing patrols.