

Webelos-to-Scout Transition

Purpose

- Help make the Webelos-to-Scout transition seamless.
- Give all Webelos Scouts a chance to experience the fun and excitement of Boy Scouting.

Key Leadership

- Cub Scout Pack
- Unit Commissioner
- Boy Scout Troop
- District Webelos Transition Chair
- Den Chief

Cub Scout Pack

- The goal of the Cubmaster and Webelos den leaders are to graduate every Webelos scout into a Boy Scout troop. Promote Boy scouting when Cub Scouts are still in their, Wolf and Bear dens, sell the sizzle of the great outdoors. Scouting should be looked as a ongoing adventure, and progression should be as normal as moving from elementary school to middle school.

Pack Responsibilities

- Identify troops in the area for Webelos to join
- Coordinate activities of packs and troops in the community
- Work with troop leaders to identify den chiefs
- Coordinate with troop leaders to conduct a webelos overnight
- Coordinate with troop leaders opportunities for the webelos to visit troops

Pack Responsibilities(Cont.)

- Invite the scoutmaster and troop youth leadership to attend special pack activities
- Plan a meaningful crossover ceremony with Boy scout troop involvement.
- Consider the Webelos leadership joining the troop as a troop committee members or assistant Scoutmasters
- If a troop is not available discuss with IH on establishing one.

Boy Scout Troop

- Boy Scout troops should assign an assistant Scoutmaster to be responsible for new Scouts. Serve as a resource during Webelos overnight activities and builds enthusiasm among boys and their parents

Troop Responsibilities

- Select Scouts to be den chiefs for each Webelos den
- Arrange that all Den Chiefs take training
- Serve as a resource for Webelos overnight activities
- Encourage Bear Cub Scout dens to progress on becoming Webelos and what they have to look forward to as Webelos and Boy Scouts

Troop Responsibilities(Cont.)

- Webelos den/Scout troop campouts should show Webelos Scouts and their parents what to expect when they join the troop
- Arrange for Webelos dens to visit a troop meeting
- Provide each Webelos Scouts a copy of the troops calendar
- Encourage Webelos den leaders to move into the troop with their Webelos Scouts

Troop Responsibilities(Cont.)

- Conduct a Scoutmasters conference with Webelos to discuss
 1. Meaning of Scout Oath and Law
 2. The advancement program
 3. Troop camping
 4. The patrol method
 5. Summer camp
 6. Personal equipment

Troop Responsibilities(cont.)

- Work with Cubmaster in planning a meaningful crossover ceremony at the Packs special event possibly the packs Blue and Gold.

Unit Commissioner

- Unit Commissioner is the connecting link in the chain between the troop and the pack.

Unit Commissioners Responsibilities

- Make sure that a relationship is developed between packs and troops
- Promote communication by scheduling a meeting of key volunteers
- Help plan a Webelos den visit to a troop meeting and other activities
- Keep the pack and troop on schedule as they plan for crossover
- Attend crossover ceremony



Unit Commissioners Responsibilities (cont.)

- Be sure new Scouts have
 1. completed a Boy Scout application
 2. They have copies of the troop activities
 3. They know when and where the troops meets
- Make sure youth are moved from the pack to troop in the renewal process



Unit Commissioners Responsibilities (cont.)

- Work with the Webelos transition chair to follow up on the boys who did not join a troop
- Make sure boys who did not join are invited to join a troop
- Make sure Webelos Scouts join a troop in time to go to summer camp



District Webelos Transition Chair

- Key person to a successful Webelos graduation is the District Webelos transition chair. This person is a member of the District membership committee. To make sure every Webelos Scout is given a chance to join a troop



District Webelos Transition Chair

- Contact all packs in the Fall to update a list of all fifth-grade Webelos
- Report to membership committee and keep District Committee updated
- Coach Cubmasters and Webelos den leaders in the transition process at
 1. Roundtables
 2. Training courses
 3. Through personal contacts



District Webelos Transition Chair Responsibilities (cont.)

- Track and maintain records of Webelos graduation by using charts that list transaction record of each pack
- Work with unit commissioners to follow up on Webelos scouts who have not joined a troop
- Work to do better in district Webelos to scout transition over last year.



Den Chief Responsibilities

- Be an ambassador for Boy Scouting
- Work to make Webelos want to be Boy Scouts
- Take Den Chief training
- Be a friend to the Webelos dens
- Show strong leadership skills



Resources

- Webelos to Scout Transition Brochure 18-086
- Scouting.org/scoutsources/BoyScouts
- Info.netbsa.org (membership recruitment)



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