

WEBELOS LEADERS – CHECKLIST FOR SUCCESS

BASIC PRINCIPLES & REQUIREMENTS:

TRANSITION – is a two-year program. Success is measured by how many Fifth Grade Webelos join Boy Scout Troops and are still members one year after joining.

SUCCESS – requires planning a 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 them until the Webelos transition into Boy Scouts.
- _____ Communicate with the Webelos and their parents.
- _____ Den Leaders have no other leadership position and, ideally, have an Assistant Den Leader.
- _____ For more than one Webelos Den, select one Den Leader to be Webelos Den Coordinator for the pack.

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.

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

- _____ Hold a meeting to inform Webelos parents of the SECOND YEAR SCHEDULE and to obtain a “team” of parent leaders. Provide a positive first impression to the parents.
- _____ Inform parents of what the Boy Scout program has to offer their son, differences between the Cub and Boy Scout programs, especially parental involvement, Troop adult and boy leadership methods, etc.
- _____ Plan: FUN Webelos Den activities for spring and summer, in addition to or in the place of any 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 2002 Planning Packet for dates, fees, and detail information).
- _____ Attend Webelos Woods.

DEN LEADERS:

- _____ Attend one or both of the following outdoor training sessions:
 - _____ Webelos Outdoor Leader Fundamentals (WOLF); on how to take Webelos Scouts outdoors to earn activity pins, go hiking and plan great campfire programs and overnight campouts. This session will help Webelos leaders complete basic training requirements. Saturday and Sunday, April 27 & 28 at Phillippo Scout Reservation. Information will be provided on Arrow of Light ceremonies and Webelos-to-Scout Transition process.
 - _____ Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (basic camp skills required in Boy Scouts) Saturday, April 6 AND May 4, (8AM – 7PM) at Phillippo Scout Reservation OR Friday, (6pm) through Sunday (2:30pm), April 26-28, at Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp.

AUGUST – ATTEND DISTRICT PROGRAM “KICKOFF”

- ___ Obtain basic information about primary “partner” troop – from Unit Commissioner*
- ___ Leaders names and phone numbers
- ___ Meeting night and location
- ___ Number of Scouts in Troop

*Obtain information about alternate partner troop(s) to contact and visit, if desired.

CONTACT AND MEET TROOP LEADER(S) ABOUT:

- ___ Troop: camping program activity, short and long terms;
- ___ advancement history and program;
- ___ meeting activities and emphasis.
- ___ Who will be the Troop Webelos Coordinator – should be an Assistant Scoutmaster.
- ___ Provide Troop Leaders with List of Webelos, their leaders and phone numbers.
- ___ Obtain list of primary Troop Leaders, including Webelos Coordinator, names 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 mail Troop Newsletter to Webelos starting 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:

- ___ Have a positive attitude toward Webelos;
- ___ Understand the need for Webelos as necessary “new life” for the Troop.
- ___ Agree to take Den Leader Training and fulfill DL responsibilities for one year.
- ___ Consider possibility of Webelos and Scout Troop meeting at 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 THROUGH TRANSITION – FOLLOW:

SECOND YEAR SCHEDULE – SENIOR, 5TH GRADE WEBELOS – AND ANNUAL WEBELOS TRANSITION PROCESS – PACK AND TROOP LEADERS ACTION STEPS AND TIMELINE (For Webelos Leaders, Troop Webelos Coordinators and Unit Commissioners).

AT PARENTS MEETING:

- ___ Inform parents of planned join activities and involvement with partner Troop.
- ___ Provide information about Fall Camporee, weekend summer camp plans.
- ___ Repeat information from April meeting about differences between the 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.