

NEIC RECOMMENDED TIMELINE FOR WEBELOS-TO- SCOUT TRANSITION

- **April of 3rd grade** - begin signing up graduating 3rd graders for Webelos Weekend Summer Camp
- **June after 3rd grade** - Continue to meet 1-2 times per month and begin working on Webelos adventures.
- **Sept-Feb of 4th grade** - meet 3-4 times per month to work through Webelos requirements and electives. Mix in Arrow of Light adventures when possible.
- **Mar of 4th grade - Feb of 5th grade** - Continue working on Arrow of Light requirements, setting up several opportunities for 5th graders to meet with, and participate in, troop activities.
- **Feb of 5th grade** - Scouts should have completed Arrow of Light and be ready to cross over to a troop.



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WEBELOS TO SCOUTS BSA TRANSITION

SCOUTS BSA JOINING REQUIREMENTS

Webelos can join Scouts BSA if they have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10 years old, OR have earned the Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old.



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PARENTS & WEBELOS

Key questions to ask when visiting a Scouts BSA Troop

- When and where does the troop meet?
- Why should we join your troop?
- How many Scouts are registered? What is the age distribution? Where do they go to school?
- Does the troop have an annual calendar?
- How do you communicate with parents and Scouts?
- Can my Scout participate if he/she is involved in other activities? How does that affect their advancement?
- How are the patrols organized in your troop?
- How often does your troop camp?
- Do you provide a year-round program?
- What council and district events does your troop participate?
- What Scout camps do you attend?
- Does your unit participate in High Adventure trips?
- What is expected from parents?
- What are your unit dues? Does this include National dues?
- What fundraisers does the troop participate in? What is expected from each Scout?

CUBMASTER & DEN LEADER

Key areas to prepare Webelos for crossover

- Work with troop leaders to secure den chiefs for Cub Scout and Webelos dens.
- Plan ahead – make an 18–20 month schedule for Webelos to ensure Scouts can cross over in Feb. of 5th grade to acclimate to the troop before Summer Camp.
- Develop a working relationship with the leadership of troops in your area.
- Work with troop leaders to plan visits to troop meetings.
- Compare calendars of pack and troop activities to allow for Webelos to hike, camp, and visit as many troops as possible.
- Plan a meaningful crossover ceremony at the pack's Blue and Gold Banquet. Do your best to have leadership and Scouts from each troop your Scouts are crossing to.
- Encourage all Webelos to transition to the tan uniform by the time they earn Webelos rank.
- Talk with parents to prepare them for crossover.

SCOUTMASTER & TROOP

Suggestions to support the transition to Scouts BSA

- Arrange for Webelos dens to visit a troop meeting by contacting the den leader several weeks in advance.
- Select Scouts to serve as den chiefs for each Webelos Scout den and Cub Scout den. Arrange for Den Chief Training.
- Webelos den/Scouts BSA troop campouts and hikes should show Webelos Scouts and their parents what to expect when they move into the troop. The troop should cook and camp by patrol, and use skills in which the Webelos Scouts can participate.
- Welcome new Scouts by appointing an Assistant Scoutmaster to lead the transition team. (Scouts should be ready for a Scoutmaster conference as Scouting Adventure is Scout Rank)
- Host a troop open house, ask for help from the council for advertisement.

