Webelos to Scout Transition Guide

August
- Get names, addresses, and telephone numbers of second-year Webelos.
- Plan a joint troop/Webelos den camping trip for October.
- Plan a program of upcoming events to present at a Webelos den meeting visit in November.
- Select a den chief for each Webelos den.

September
- Send an introduction from the troop to second-year Webelos Scouts to introduce them to the troop.
- Put second-year Webelos Scouts on the mailing list to receive the troop newsletter.
- Continue planning the joint camping trip for October.

October
- Conduct the joint camping trip with the Webelos den.

November
- Attend a Webelos den meeting to teach the Webelos Scouts how the troop works.

December
- Set a date for Webelos Scouts and their parents to visit a troop meeting in January.
- Send a greeting, letting Webelos know you look forward to them joining the troop.

January
- Host Webelos Scouts and their parents at a troop meeting.
- Plan a bridging ceremony for the blue and gold banquets in February to welcome graduating Webelos Scouts to their new troop.
- Attend a meeting for first-year Webelos Scouts to introduce them to Scouts BSA.

February
- Hold the bridging ceremony at the blue and gold banquet.
- Get new Scouts actively involved with the troop through troop activities.
- Recruit parents of new Scouts to become assistant Scoutmasters or troop committee members.

March
- Plan a troop activity for new Scouts to get them involved with their new troop.

April
- Conduct summer camp orientation to encourage troop involvement.
- Attend a meeting of Bear Cub Scouts to introduce them to Scouts BSA.
- Sponsor a troop activity for new Scouts.

May
- Work closely with new Scouts and parents during their transition to the Scouts BSA, ensuring their needs are met and that their move has been natural and fun.
- Work on rank advancement with new Scouts.

June
- Ensure that all new Scouts attend summer camp.

July
- Work closely with new Scouts and parents during their transition to the troop, ensuring their needs are met and that their move has been natural and fun.
- Work on rank advancement with new Scouts.
• Select Scouts to serve as den chiefs for each Webelos Scout den and Cub Scout den. Arrange for Den Chief Training.

• Serve as a resource for overnight activities. The troop can be of service to provide equipment, leadership, and logistics for Webelos parent-son campouts.

• Conduct an orientation in the Bear Cub Scout dens to explain the changing role as youth become Webelos Scouts, and then again as they become Scouts BSA members. Explain how being a Webelos Scout will help prepare them for Scouts B.

• Webelos den/Scout troop campouts 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.

• Arrange for Webelos dens to visit a troop meeting. This should be planned several weeks in advance.

• Provide each Webelos Scout a copy of the troop’s calendar for the upcoming year.

• Work with Webelos den leaders to encourage them to plan to move into the troop with their Webelos Scouts and to serve either as committee members or assistant Scoutmasters.

• Conduct a Scoutmaster conference under the guidance of the Scoutmaster or the assistant designated by the Scoutmaster. This conference should cover the meaning of the Scout Oath and Scout Law, the advancement program, troop camping, the patrol method, summer camp, and personal equipment.

• Work with the Cubmaster in planning a meaningful crossover ceremony at the pack’s blue and gold banquet. Coordinate the ceremony and arrange for each Webelos Scout to receive a troop neckerchief and Scouts BSA Handbook along with their Arrow of Light Award. Members of the Order of the Arrow may assist in the ceremony.
• Develop a working relationship with the leadership of a troop or troops in the community. Most troops should have either an assistant Scoutmaster or a committee member assigned to new Scouts.

• Compare calendars of troop and pack activities to coordinate the activities. Community events should be done together, and planning can help prevent conflicts in the use of equipment and facilities.

• Work with troop leaders to secure den chiefs for each Webelos den and Cub Scout den.

• Work with troop leaders to plan and conduct Webelos overnight activities.

• Work with troop leaders to plan visits to troop meetings. Never show up without first calling in advance.

• Invite the Scoutmaster and troop youth leaders to special pack activities. This will help create familiarity and a level of comfort for the Webelos Scouts and their parents as they ease into the troop.

• Plan a meaningful crossover ceremony at the pack’s blue and gold banquet. Have troop leadership be present to accept the Webelos Scouts as they graduate to Scouts BSA. The local Order of the Arrow chapter can often be a valuable resource in conducting ceremonies.

• Webelos leaders should be strongly encouraged to move into the troop with the scouts, either as assistant Scoutmasters or troop committee members. This will give the new Scouts a familiar face at troop meetings and a connecting link to Scouts BSA.

• If a troop does not exist in your community, discuss with the head of the pack’s chartered organization the possibility of organizing a troop. A graduating Webelos den can form the nucleus of a new troop.
Colors of the Wind

**Materials:** Holder with four candles or lights (blue, yellow, white, and red). Webelos den leader lights the candles. Have a trail ready if you are using one in this ceremony.

NARRATOR: Tonight, we are honoring some Webelos Scouts who are moving forward along the Scouting trail. Will the following Scouts please come forward. (*Call the names.*)

Today, you are making a giant step—that from Cub Scouting to Scouts BSA. As we present to you the colors of the four winds, remember them, and let them continue to guide you along the Scouting trail.

*(Light the blue candle or light.)* Blue stands for the Cub Scout spirit and the north wind. You are a true blue Cub Scout and live up to the Law of the Pack. It brings you only the warmest of winds.

*(Light the yellow candle or light.)* Yellow stands for the south wind that carries the story of your achievements far and wide. As a Cub Scout you have been eager, fair, and a credit to your den and pack.

*(Light the white candle or light.)* White stands for the east wind and the spirit of Scouting. The east wind carries the story of your fun and happiness to your Scouts BSA troop and tells others how you live up to the Cub Scout Promise.

*(Light the red candle or light.)* Red stands for the west wind and represents the families of these Webelos Scouts. It tells of the help and guidance that these Webelos Scouts receive from their families. Continue to help your child go and grow as they continue to walk the Scouting trail in Scouts BSA.

As you cross into Scouts BSA, we’ll give you the Cub Scout handshake one last time. (*The Cubmaster and Webelos leader shake hands with the Webelos Scout. The Scouts walk to the Scoutmaster, giving him/her and the senior patrol leader the Scout handclasp.*)

Seven Virtues of Life

**Materials:** Holder with seven candles or lights, graduation certificates, troop neckerchief (if one is going to be presented; if the neckerchief is not going to be presented, reword the ending of the ceremony).

NARRATOR: Will the following Webelos Scouts please come forward. (*Call the names.*) Today, we are honoring these Scouts who have brought honor to our pack as they climbed the Cub Scout trail. They are now ready to go into Scouts BSA. With the help of their families, they will soon start walking the Scouts BSA trail.

WEBELOS LEADER: The seven candles (lights) before you represent the rays in the Arrow of Light. As they are lighted, you will hear how they stand for the seven great virtues of life. (*The narrator lights the candles or lights.*)

1. **Wisdom** doesn’t mean that you are smarter than others. It means that you use what you know to lead a better life.

2. **Courage** doesn’t mean that you have no fear of danger. It means that you can face danger despite your fear.

3. **Self-control** means being able to stop when you have had enough of something, such as eating, playing, or even working too much.

4. **Justice** means being fair with others as you play and work with them.
5. Faith is belief in God and things you cannot see but feel are true.

6. Hope means to look forward to good things you believe will happen and work hard today to make them happen.

7. Many kinds of love are important: love of family, fellow humans, God, and our country.

NARRATOR: If you live by these virtues, you will be a happier person. It is my pleasure to present to you your graduation certificates. Scoutmaster [Name] is here to receive you into your troop. (Scoutmaster says a few words of welcome.)

SENIOR PATROL LEADER: As you remove your Cub Scout neckerchief, remember the things you learned in Cub Scouting. And as you wear this Scouts BSA neckerchief, remember that it represents the members of our troop who always try to do their best and be prepared. Welcome to our troop. (He gives each youth a Scout handclasp.)

**Cub Scout Trail**

**Preparation:** A Lion holds a Lion badge; a Tiger holds a Tiger badge; a Wolf holds a Wolf badge; a Bear holds a Bear badge; a Webelos leader holds a Webelos badge; a den chief holds an Arrow of Light Award; a Scoutmaster or senior patrol leader holds a Scouts BSA badge. Space the badges apart so that they form a trail. This ceremony can be done inside or outside (arrange them around the edge of a clearing).

NARRATOR: Tonight, we are honoring some Webelos Scouts who are moving forward along the Scouting trail. Will the following Scouts please come forward? (Call the names.) You are taking a giant step—that from Cub Scouting to Scouts BSA. We would like to think back on some of the steps you have taken along the way.

(Walk with the Scouts to the Bobcat station.) Remember when you first joined Cub Scouts? The Scout Law, Scout Oath, Cub Scout Sign, Cub Scout Salute, Cub Scout Handshake and Cub Scout Motto were new to you then.

(Walk with the Scouts to the Wolf station.) At this stop, you worked on achievements that included knowledge about the flag, fitness, tools, safety, and feats of skill.

(Walk with the Scouts to the Bear station.) While working on the Bear badge, you completed achievements in four areas: God, country, family, and self. You were able to choose which achievements to complete.

(Walk with the Scouts to the Webelos station.) As Webelos Scouts, you worked on activity badges. You learned the different parts of the Webelos uniform, the Outdoor Code, and furthered your knowledge about your duty to God. You began to discover the meaning behind the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

(Walk with the Scouts to the Arrow of Light station.) To earn the highest award in Cub Scouting, you committed yourself to living the Scout Oath and Scout Law. You learned about the Scouts BSA uniform and the parts of the Scout badge. You participated in a Webelos overnight campout [or day hike] and visited a Scouts BSA troop meeting [or activity].

(Walk with Scouts to the Scouts BSA station.) And now you have reached the beginning of a new trail. I would like to introduce your new Scoutmaster and senior patrol leader. (The Scoutmaster and senior patrol leader take a few moments to welcome the new Scouts.)