



4th Grade Webelos Scouts



Fourth-Grade Webelos Den Meeting #14

Scholar activity badge (complete)

Preparation and materials needed:

- Bring paper, pencils, a U.S. flag, and the den flag.
- Read the Scholar chapter in the *Webelos Handbook*.
- Prepare permission slips for the outdoor activity at den meeting #15.

Gathering:

- Collect den dues.
- Record attendance.

Opening ceremony:

- A Webelos Scout should plan and lead the flag ceremony (Webelos badge requirement 6).
- Recite the Pledge of Allegiance, the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, Scout Oath, and/or Scout Law.

Advancement:

Scholar activity badge requirements:

1. With your parent, guardian, or Webelos den leader, complete the Positive Attitude Character Connection.
 - a. **Know:** Discuss with your parent or guardian, or your Webelos den leader, what it means to have a positive attitude and the “BEST” steps you can take to have a positive attitude. (**B**elieve it can happen, **E**xpect success, **S**et your mind, and **T**ry, try, try.)
 - b. **Commit:** Plan with your parent or guardian, or your Webelos den leader, how you will apply the “BEST” steps for a positive attitude in doing your schoolwork and in other areas of your life.
 - c. **Practice:** “Do your BEST” to have a cheerful and positive attitude while doing the requirements for this activity badge.
2. Have a good record in attendance, behavior, and grades at school.
3. Take an active part in a school activity or service.
5. List in writing some important things you can do now because of what you’ve learned in school.

10. Make a chart showing how your school system is run.
11. (Home assignment from den meeting #13:) Ask a parent and five other grown-ups these questions:
 - What do you think are the best things about my school?
 - What could be done to improve it?Tell what you think were the best answers and why. (Have boys share the responses with their den members.)
12. Ask each boy to list and explain some of the full-time positions in the field of education that he learned about from his home assignment.

In the boys' *Webelos Handbooks*, sign the requirements met.

Closing:

- Clean up.
- Remind boys to continue working on their Athlete progress charts and to return their charts at den meeting #16.
- Retire the colors.
- Hand out family information letter. (A sample family information letter can be found at www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Resources and on the CD in the Resources folder on the main menu. Also see the boxed text for suggested wording.)
- Hand out permission slips for the outdoor activity at den meeting #15.

Family Information Letter

- The Webelos den will work on the Outdoorsman and Forester activity badges at the next meeting/outing. If a family member has experience with camping, campfires, knot tying, or forest trees or plants, we would appreciate your sharing your knowledge at the next meeting.
- Please encourage your Webelos Scout to continue working on his Athlete progress chart.

Webelos Scouts who have participated in den meeting #14 and completed the home assignments should now have earned the Scholar activity badge. This should be presented to qualifying Webelos Scouts at the next pack meeting.

Next Up:

- Plan to hold den meeting #15 at a nature preserve, park, or wooded area (site of campout or evening campfire activity).
- If you choose to complete Outdoorsman activity badge requirement 3: Reserve the campsite many months in advance. It is recommended that the den leader complete Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders before the campout. Follow Youth Protection guidelines. Submit a Local Tour Permit Application to your council service center two weeks before the event. (The Local Tour Permit Application can

be found at www.scouting.org/CubScouts/CubScoutingForms/forms and on the CD in the Resources folder on the main menu.) Arrange transportation. See the Outdoorsman activity badge pages in the *Webelos Handbook* for packing lists. Borrow tents from Webelos Scout families or your Boy Scout troop. Plan meal menus; shop for food. Pack cooking equipment; firewood and matches; synthetic and cotton rope for fusing, whipping, and knot tying; a first aid kit; a U.S. flag; and the den flag. Be prepared to teach Outdoorsman knots.

- If you choose to complete Outdoorsman activity badge requirement 2: Choose the site for an evening activity. (Be sure campfires are permitted.) Make reservations in advance, if necessary. Submit a Local Tour Permit Application. Plan a menu, shop for food, and pack cooking equipment, firewood, and matches.
- Read the Forester and Outdoorsman chapters in the *Webelos Handbook*. Be prepared to teach the Outdoorsman knots.
- Prepare permission slips for the outing to an ice cream shop at den meeting #16.