



4th Grade Webelos Scouts



Fourth-Grade Webelos Den Meeting #15

Outdoorsman activity badge (complete); Forester activity badge (completion)

Preparation and materials needed:

- Plan to hold this den meeting 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.

Gathering:

- Collect permission slips as boys arrive for this outdoor activity.
- Collect den dues; record attendance.

Opening ceremony:

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

Advancement:

Outdoorsman activity badge requirements (note that you may choose either requirement 2 *or* requirement 3):

1. Present yourself to your Webelos den leader, properly dressed, as you would be for an overnight campout. Show the camping gear you will use. Show the right way to pack and carry it.
2. With your family or Webelos den, help plan and take part in an evening outdoor activity that includes a campfire; **OR**
3. With your parent or guardian, take part in a Webelos den overnight campout or a family campout. Sleep in a tent that you have helped pitch.
5. During a Webelos den meeting, discuss how to follow the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines during outdoor activities. (See the *Webelos Handbook*; the guidelines can also be found at www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Resources/leavenotrace and on the CD in the Resources folder on the main menu.)
7. Discuss with your Webelos den leader the rules of outdoor fire safety. Using these rules, show how to build a safe fire and put it out.
8. With your accompanying adult on a campout or outdoor activity, assist in preparing, cooking, and cleanup for one of your den's meals. Tell why it is important for each den member to share in meal preparation and cleanup, and explain the importance of eating together.
10. Demonstrate how to whip and fuse the ends of a rope.
11. Demonstrate setting up a tent or dining fly using two half hitches and a taut-line hitch. Show how to tie a square knot and explain how it is used.

Forester activity badge requirements:

3. Identify six forest trees common to the area where you live. Tell how both wildlife and humans use them. (If you don't live in a region that has forests, read about one type of forest and name six of its trees and their uses.)
4. Identify six forest plants (other than trees) that are useful to wildlife. Tell which animals use them and for what purposes.
9. Describe both the benefits and the harm wildfires can caused in a forest ecosystem. Tell how you can help prevent wildfire.

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

Closing:

- Clean up.
- Remind boys to continue working on their Athlete progress chart and to return the chart at den meeting #16.
- Have boys recite the Outdoor Code.
- 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 outing to an ice cream shop at den meeting #16.

Family Information Letter

It has been a pleasure to work with your Webelos Scouts this year. Our next meeting is the last one—a fun trip to an ice cream shop. If you are interested in being a den leader, an assistant den leader, or an involved parent helper, or in getting more training to help with your son's Scouting program next year, we can talk about it at the ice cream shop!

Please have your boys complete their Athlete progress charts and return them at the next meeting.

Webelos Scouts who have participated in den meetings #5 and #15 should now have earned the Forester and Outdoorsman activity badges. These should be presented to qualifying Webelos Scouts at the next pack meeting.

Next Up:

- For den meeting #16, take a trip to an ice cream shop to reward yearlong good behavior.
- Prepare a family information letter outlining the Webelos activities planned for the summer. (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.)
- Submit a Local Tour Permit Application to your council service center two weeks before the field trip to the ice cream shop.