



4th Grade Webelos Scouts



Fourth-Grade Webelos Den Meeting #8

Citizen activity badge (completion)

Preparation and materials needed:

- Have a U.S. flag and a place to hoist and lower the flag.
- Read the Citizen chapter in the *Webelos Handbook*. Be prepared to teach the boys to hoist, lower, and fold the flag.

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:

Citizen activity badge requirements:

1. With your parent, guardian, or Webelos den leader, complete the Citizenship Character Connection.
 - a. **Know:** List some of your rights as a citizen of the United States of America. Tell ways you can show respect for the rights of others.
 - b. **Commit:** Name some ways a boy your age can be a good citizen. Tell how you plan to be a good citizen and how you plan to influence others to be good citizens.
 - c. **Practice:** Choose one of the requirements for this activity badge that helps you be a good citizen. Complete the requirement and tell why completing it helped you be a good citizen.
2. Know the names of the president and vice president of the United States, elected governor of your state, and the head of your local government.
3. Describe the flag of the United States and give a short history of it. With another Webelos Scout helping you, show how to hoist and lower the flag, how to hang it

horizontally and vertically on a wall, and how to fold it. Tell how to retire a worn or tattered flag properly.

4. Explain why you should respect your country's flag. Tell some of the special days we fly it. Tell when to salute the flag and show how to do it.
5. Repeat the Pledge of Allegiance from memory. Explain its meaning in your own words.
6. Tell how our national anthem was written.
7. Explain the rights and duties of a citizen of the United States. Explain what a citizen should do to save our natural resources.
9. Tell about two things you can do that will help law enforcement agencies.

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

Closing:

- Remind the Webelos Scout who will plan and lead the next meeting's flag ceremony.
- 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.)

Family Information Letter

The Webelos den will work on the Artist activity badge at the next meeting. If a family member has experience in art, drawing, painting, or sculpting, we would appreciate you sharing your knowledge at the next meeting.

Next Up:

- For den meeting #9, invite an artist to attend. An "artist" may be an art teacher or anyone who has talent in drawing, painting, sculpting, etc.
- Gather red, yellow, and blue paints; paper; paintbrushes; air-drying modeling material or clay; flag-sized fabric; and towels, soap, and water for cleanup.
- Bring a U.S. flag.
- Read the Artist chapter in the *Webelos Handbook*.

Webelos Scouts who have participated in den meetings #5, #6, #7, and #8 should now have earned the Citizen activity badge and the Citizenship belt loop. These should be presented to qualifying Webelos Scouts at the next pack meeting.

Webelos Scouts who have earned Citizen, Fitness, and one additional activity badge and completed necessary home assignments have earned the Webelos badge. This should be presented to qualifying Webelos Scouts at the next pack meeting.