



# 5th Grade Webelos Scouts



## Fifth-Grade Webelos Den Meeting #4

*Handyman activity badge (completion)*

### Preparation and materials needed:

- Make arrangements to go to someone's home (or a mechanic's shop) to complete the requirements. This could be the leader's home or the denner's home.
- Have car-washing equipment, car tire pressure gauge, oil for a bicycle chain, a pump to inflate bicycle tires, tools for making a repair on a bicycle, a light fixture, and a light bulb.
- Bring a U.S. flag, the den flag, and a thank-you card for your host.
- Prepare permission slips for the science field trip at den meeting #5.

### Gathering:

- Collect permission slips for this meeting as boys arrive.
- Complete the Responsibility Character Connection (see below) while eating snack.
- 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:

Handyman activity badge requirements:

1. With your parent, guardian, or Webelos den leader, complete the Responsibility Character Connection.
  - a. **Know:** List all the tasks you can think of that are necessary in keeping a household in good shape. Name the tasks that are your responsibility. Tell what it means to be responsible for these tasks.
  - b. **Commit:** Talk about what happens when people don't do their jobs. Tell why it is important to be helpful and to be responsible. List ways that you can be more responsible on your own.
  - c. **Practice:** Choose one of the requirements and show how you are responsible by doing that task well for two weeks.
2. Wash the den leader's car.

5. Learn to check the oil level and tire pressure on a car.
6. Make a repair to a bicycle, such as tightening the chain, fixing a flat tire, or adjusting the seat or handlebars.
7. Properly lubricate the chain (and crank) on a bicycle.
8. Properly inflate the tires on a bicycle.
10. Replace a light bulb in a fixture or a lamp.

#### **Closing:**

- Thank the boys for washing your car and have all the boys sign a thank-you card for your host.
- Hand out family information letter. (A sample family information letter can be found at [www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Resources](http://www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Resources) and on the CD in the Resources folder on the main menu.)
- Hand out permission slips for the science field trip at den meeting #5.

**Webelos Scouts who have participated in den meeting #4 and fulfilled their household responsibilities for two weeks should now have earned the Handyman activity badge. This should be presented to qualifying Webelos Scouts at the next pack meeting.**

#### **Next Up:**

- For den meeting #5, make arrangements for a field trip to work with an educator at a science museum, children's museum, or high school to complete the Scientist activity badge and Science belt loop. Confirm arrangements with the scientist/educator for working on the activity badge and belt loop requirements. Provide the educator with a copy of the requirements well in advance.
- Submit a Local Tour Permit Application to your council service center two weeks before the field trip. (The Local Tour Permit Application can be found at [www.scouting.org/CubScouts/CubScoutingForms/forms](http://www.scouting.org/CubScouts/CubScoutingForms/forms) and on the CD in the Resources folder on the main menu.)
- If you do not have access to a museum, consider inviting a science teacher or parents who have science qualifications. The guest could be asked to discuss the scientific method. Also encourage the guest to come up with a few science experiments.
- Scientist activity badge requirements 1–3 could be incorporated into the den meeting with copies of Bernoulli's principle, Pascal's law, and Newton's first law of motion. Short experiments could be performed.
- Scientist activity badge requirement 10 on crystals (*Webelos Handbook* page 421) could be assigned, having jam jars available on the day of the meeting with craft sticks and string. While the scientific laws and principles are discussed and experiments are being performed, the water could be prepared with sugar. The Webelos Scout would take home the jar with plastic wrap over it secured with a rubber band.
- Bring a U.S. flag and the den flag.
- Prepare permission slips for a hike at den meeting #6.

**REMINDER: Schedule a visit to a Boy Scout troop meeting or Boy Scout-oriented outdoor activity (Arrow of Light Award requirement 4). After visiting at least one Boy Scout troop meeting and one Boy Scout-oriented outdoor activity, each Webelos Scout should identify a Boy Scout troop that he thinks he might like to join, visit it with his parent or guardian, and have a conference with the Scoutmaster (Arrow of Light Award requirement 6).**