



5th Grade Webelos Scouts



Fifth-Grade Webelos Den Meeting #9

Sportsman activity badge (completion), Marbles belt loop, Readyman activity badge (completion)

Preparation and materials needed:

- Research the rules of Ringer or another marbles game and be prepared to teach them to the Webelos Scouts.
- Bring a set of marbles for each Webelos Scout.
- Bring the U.S. flag and the den flag.

Gathering:

- Snack.
- Collect den dues; record attendance.
- Check for completion of the home assignment: posting an emergency phone list (Readyman requirement 3).
- Check for completion of individual Sports belt loop requirements (Sportsman requirement 3).

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:

Sportsman activity badge requirements:

3. While you are a Webelos Scout, earn Cub Scout Sports belt loops for two individual sports (marbles and one other).

Earn the Marbles belt loop:

- Explain the rules of Ringer or another marbles game to your leader or adult partner.
- Spend at least 30 minutes practicing skills to play a game of Ringer or another marbles game.
- Participate in a game of marbles.

Closing:

- Clean up.

- 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.) The letter should include:
 - Remind parents that boys who wish to complete the Sportsman activity badge need to choose an individual Sports belt loop to earn outside the den (other than Marbles, which was completed as a den). Options include badminton, bicycling, bowling, fishing, golf, gymnastics, physical fitness, ice skating, roller skating, snow ski and board sports, swimming, table tennis, or tennis. Requirements for each may be found in the *Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide*.
 - Parents should also complete with their Webelos Scout requirement 7 for the Arrow of Light Award: the Honesty Character Connection. See the *Webelos Handbook* for details.

Next Up:

- For den meeting #10, have a plain wooden arrow with blue and yellow fletching (feathers) for each boy, colored electrical tape, and colored markers, each color symbolizing a different Cub Scout rank, badge, and achievement. A variety of colored tapes can be obtained from sign shops or auto supply shops.
- Bring records of all advancement and awards for each boy.
- Prepare permission slips for the visit to an ice cream shop at den meeting #11.

Webelos Scouts who participated in den meetings #2, #3, and #9 and completed requirements for an individual Sports belt loop at home should now have earned the Sportsman activity badge. The activity badge and the individual Sports belt loop should be presented to qualifying Webelos Scouts at the next pack meeting, along with the Marbles belt loop and the other team Sports belt loops (Ultimate and Soccer) earned.

REMIND WEBELOS SCOUTS: 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).