



## 5th Grade Webelos Scouts



**Have you added new members to your Webelos den?** If any new boys join your den this year, make certain they complete the requirements to earn their Bobcat badge. Tell the parents they must complete at home Bobcat Requirement 8, using “How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide,” in the front of the *Webelos Handbook*.

### Helpful Hints for Den Leaders

The tone you set at the first meeting will determine, to a large extent, the success of your year. Wear your adult uniform to all meetings and remind boys to wear their uniforms. Be completely organized before the start of the meeting. Explain clearly to the boys the behavioral expectations. You may wish to use the “good conduct candle” approach (*Cub Scout Leader How-To Book*). Be friendly but firm with the boys.

Ask your assistant den leader (or parent helper) to arrive at least 15 minutes before the starting time of the meeting. He or she can help you with final preparations before the boys arrive.

During the summer between the fourth and fifth grade, at least two months before den meeting #1, distribute the Family Member activity badge chart (below). Set a due date for completion. Participate in pack summertime activities to earn the National Summertime Pack Award pin. You may choose to use the Scout Oath and Law as part of your opening, to allow the boys to learn them for the Arrow of Light Award requirements. Create a poster or purchase BSA item No. 34880B. Distribute the Family Talent Survey Sheet to the parents of new boys, asking them to complete and return it to you at the next meeting. (The Family Talent Survey Sheet 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).

Requirements for the Arrow of Light Award include visiting a Boy Scout troop meeting and each boy deciding which troop he wishes to join. Contact area Boy Scout troops for a list of events that your Webelos Scouts may attend. With the Webelos den, plan to visit at least one Boy Scout troop meeting and one Boy Scout-oriented outdoor activity. These activities must be different from the outings used to earn the Outdoorsman activity badge (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.)

These meeting plans include many suggested field trips. Depending on your circumstances, you may not be able to plan or have access to all of these field-trip opportunities. Webelos activity

badges can be earned in your regular den meeting location as long as the requirements are met. Inviting an expert in a chosen field to assist at your den meeting could be a great way to complete requirements.

At least two weeks before any field trip, a local tour permit should be filed with the council service center. A permission slip (informed consent agreement) should also be secured from the parent or guardian of each Webelos Scout.

In order for all of the boys to complete Webelos badge requirement 6 (plan and lead a flag ceremony in your den that includes the U.S. flag), each boy should be assigned a meeting for which he can plan and lead a flag ceremony. At the end of each meeting, remind the boy who will be planning the next meeting's ceremony so he can prepare. A flag ceremony can be as simple as reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and reciting the Cub Scout Promise. Wolf Achievement 2b in the *Wolf Handbook* offers examples of simple flag ceremonies.

A snack at den meetings is optional. Set the example with healthy, nutritious snacks. Be aware of any food allergies of den members and communicate these to parents who may be assisting with the snacks.

You may wish to distribute a family information letter the conclusion of each den meeting. (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.) The letter tells parents what was completed at each meeting and provides information on upcoming den and pack meetings and activities.

Encourage the boys to earn the religious emblem of their faith. Talk about earning the National Summertime Pack Award pin, the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award, the Cub Scout World Conservation Award (if not already earned), and Cub Scouting's Leave No Trace Awareness Award during the year. Distribute and review the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines before any field trip to a park or playground. (The guidelines can be found at [www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Resources/leavenotrace](http://www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Resources/leavenotrace) and on the CD in the Resources folder on the main menu.)

Open each den meeting by saluting the U.S. flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. While showing the Cub Scout sign, recite the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack. Optionally, you may choose to also show the Boy Scout sign and recite the Scout Oath and Scout Law. See *Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs* for detailed guidelines and ceremony examples.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America  
And to the republic for which it stands,  
One nation under God, indivisible,  
With liberty and justice for all.

## **Cub Scout Promise**

I, *(name)*, promise to do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country,  
To help other people, and  
To obey the Law of the Pack.

## **Law of the Pack**

The Cub Scout follows Akela.  
The Cub Scout helps the pack go.  
The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.  
The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

## **Scout Oath**

On my honor I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country  
and to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake, and morally straight.

## **Scout Law**

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

## **Outdoor Code**

*As an American, I will do my best to—*

*Be clean in my outdoor manners.* I will treat the outdoors as a heritage. I will take care of it for myself and others. I will keep my trash and garbage out of lakes, streams, fields, woods, and roadways.

*Be careful with fire.* I will prevent wildfire. I will build my fires only when and where they are permitted and appropriate. When I have finished using fire, I will make sure it is cold-out. I will leave a clean fire ring, or remove all evidence of my fire.

*Be considerate in the outdoors.* I will treat public and private property with respect. I will follow the principles of Leave No Trace for all outdoors activities.

*Be conservation-minded.* I will learn about and practice good conservation of soil, waters, forests, minerals, grasslands, wildlife, and energy. I will urge others to do the same.

