



Leader Series – Step 1 Planning the Webelos Years

*** Post 2014 Requirements ***

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Webelos Leader Series

- **Step 1 – Planning for the Webelos Years**
 - How to put together a successful Webelos/ Arrow of Light plan
 - For upcoming Webelos Den Leaders
- **Step 2 – Transition to Boy Scouts**
 - What to expect in Boy Scouts and what to do to prepare
 - For Webelos Den Leaders and Webelos parents
- **Step 3 – How to Move to Arrow of Light and Keep Them Interested**
 - How to find a good Troop and keep the interest prior to joining it.
 - For Webelos Den Leaders and Webelos parents

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Objectives

- Preparation for Boy Scouts
- Have Fun
- Advancement

All three work together when properly planned.

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Objective: Preparation for Boy Scouts

- **Requirements for Webelos and Arrow of Light (AOL) mirrors the Scout, Tenderfoot, and some Second Class Boy Scout requirements**
 - So proper achievement leads to the potential of quick success as a Boy Scout
- **Finding a Troop that provides a firm “Scouting career” basis and meets the boy’s (and parent’s) needs.**

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Objective: Have Fun

- **Webeles are able to do more adventuresome “age appropriate activities” many with a Scout troop.**
 - Plan on attending events with several Scout Troops
- **This is a great time to let them try new things and learn new skills all leading to getting excited about what they can do in Boy Scouts**
 - Scout Troops can help and host a campout or more
 - Cub Pack Camping is a great way to let them have fun also
 - Cub “Summer Camp” at Akela Camp can also generate significant excitement

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Objective: Advancement

- **Earning their Webelos and Arrow of Light badges**
 - Planning to support this advancement
- **Learning the skills that will carry them forward in to Boy Scouts and life in general**
 - Webelos and AOL requirements set the stage for Boy Scouts through the new “Adventures”
- **“NEW” Webelos/ Arrow Light Requirements**
 - The new requirements revolve primarily around “Adventures” which are essentially “enhanced” versions of the prior Activity Badges.
 - There are 14 Adventures required versus 8 Activity Badges previously required.

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Plan Considerations

- **The things you should have the boys do anyway can make planning easy.**
 - Den meeting themes
 - Webelos Adventures – Have to earn 11 in total, 5 required plus 1 elective for Webelos and 4 required plus 1 elective for AOL
 - Webelos College (Webelos Adventures)
 - Camping and Adventure
 - Akela Camp – 4 day “mini” taste of Boy Scout summer camp at Camp MaKaJaWan
 - Troop Camping
 - Pack Camping

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Plan Considerations

• Webelos

1. Be an active member of your Webelos den for three months.
2. Complete each of the following Webelos required Adventures with your den or family:
 1. Cast Iron Chef
 2. Duty to God and You
 3. First Responder
 4. Stronger, Faster, Higher
 5. Webelos Walkabout
3. Complete one Webelos Elective Adventures of your den or family's choosing.
 1. elective (Aquanaut for example)
4. With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide*, and earn the Cyber Chip award for your age.

• Arrow of Light

1. Be active in your Webelos den for at least six months since completing the fourth grade or for at least six months since becoming 10 years old.
2. Complete each of the following Arrow of Light Core Adventures with your den or family:
 1. Building a Better World
 2. Outdoorsman
 3. Duty to God in Action
 4. Scouting Adventure
3. Complete one Webelos Elective Adventures of your den or family's choosing.
 1. elective (Into the Wild for example)
4. With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide*, and earn the Cyber Chip award for your age.

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Plan Considerations

- **Adventure Considerations**

- Some Core Adventure requirements can/ should be planned to be done at home.
 - Especially the religious oriented Adventures
 - *Webelos – “Duty to God and You”*
 - *Arrow of Light – “Duty to God in Action”*
 - Set your plan as to what requirements should be done by the family at home with their Webelos and by when.

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Plan Considerations

- **Adventure Considerations**

- Some Core or Elective Adventure requirements can be done as part of a Den Meeting or outdoor activity including but not limited to a Pack or Troop campout or Akela Camp
 - Set your plan as to what requirements should be done by the Webelos or the Den and by when.

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Plan Considerations

- **Adventure Considerations**

- Ideas for many of the shown Adventures can be found by asking Webelos Leaders who are now in a Troop.
- Also, coming to a monthly Round Table and asking others for ideas is a great way to gain information.

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Plan Timing – Webelos Year Suggestions

- **This section shows a plausible plan that could be used for both the Webelos and Arrow of Light year.**
 - It is NOT a mandatory plan but can be used as a basis for planning both years.
 - It incorporates all of the Core Adventures and suggests sufficient Elective Adventures to obtain both ranks and a manner in which to achieve them.
- **The 9 Required and 2 (potential) Elective Adventures are shown in bold**

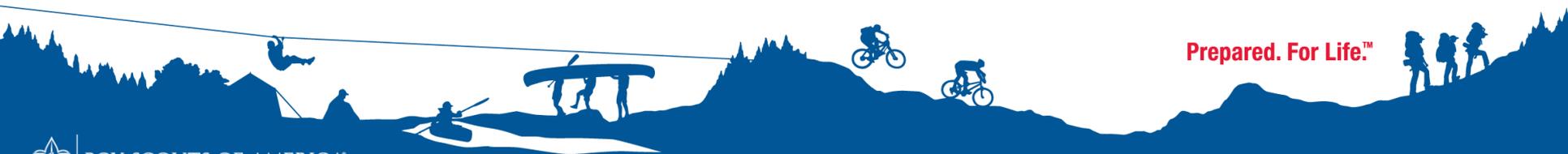
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Plan Timing – Webelos Year Suggestions

- **Family**
 - **Duty to God and You** – Core Adventure
- **Summer**
 - Akela Camp (optional prior to AOL Year as well)
 - First major “away” adventure
 - Fun activities for 4 days
 - **Aquanaut** - Elective Adventure at Akela Camp or local pool



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Plan Timing – Webelos Year Suggestions

- **Fall**

- **Webelos Walkabout** – Core Adventure while Camping with your Pack or a target Troop



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Plan Timing – Webelos Year Suggestions

- **Winter**

- **Stronger, Faster, Higher** - Core Adventure at a couple of Den Meetings
- **First Responder** - Core Adventure first aid at a Den Meeting or alternatively at Fall Webelos College

- **Spring**

- Troop campout – further exposure to camping and to Boy Scouts
- **Cast Iron Chef** - Core Adventure on your Pack campout or a Target Troop campout

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Plan Timing – Arrow of Light Year Suggestions

- **Family**
 - **Duty to God in Action** - Core Adventure
- **Summer**
 - Akela Camp (unless already went year before but still consider it!)

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Plan Timing – Arrow of Light Year Suggestions

- **Fall**

- **Scouting Adventure** - Core Adventure at Den Meetings – should do and reinforce at multiple meetings as this learns Boy Scout “joining requirements”
- **Outdoorsman** - Core Adventure for a Pack or a Troop campout
- Webelos College or at Den Meetings (one of following)
 - **Engineer** - Elective Adventure
 - **Build It** - Elective Adventure
- Begin to visit Troops to determine where individual Webelos want to go, give them several options
- Camp with one (or more) Troop(s)

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Plan Timing – Arrow of Light Year Suggestions

- **Winter**
 - **Building a Better World** - Core Adventure at Den Meeting
 - Polish AOL skills
 - Review Boy Scout “Scout Rank” requirements and make sure the boys know how to do them (they are “mirrored” in Webelos and AOL requirements also)
 - Continue visiting Troops
 - Get to know the Troops and leaders, is the program truly “boy led”? Do you know? Avoid “herd mentality”.

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Plan Timing – Arrow of Light Year Suggestions

- **Spring**

- Individual Webelos cross over to a Troop
 - Alert the Troops early as to who is joining which Troop and have the appropriate Troop(s) attend the cross-over (B&G?)
 - NOTE: Webelos must hold Arrow of Light rank to join a Scout Troop prior to their 11th birthday.
- As new Boy Scouts, the former Webelos should earn Scout and Tenderfoot prior to Summer Camp if possible. This should be a goal for the Webelos to know prior to even joining a Troop.

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Communicate the Plan

- **Doesn't have to be “cast in stone”**
- **However, an early “draft plan” communicated to the parents can make the plan easy to execute**
 - Have the parents know what requirements they are needing to do with their Webelos
 - Let the parents know about camping
 - Communicate about Akela Camp and have participation planned and organized early

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