



2007 WEBELOS TO SCOUT TRANSITION

Northern Star Council's Webelos Transition Plan

February - March 15

JANUARY

- * Troops host Webelos and their parents at a Boy Scout troop meeting
- * Packs and troops together plan a bridging ceremony for transitioning Scouts
- * All troops recharter by January 31

FEBRUARY

- * Webelos Leader mailing
 - Webelos to Scout Transition letter
 - Webelos to Scout Tracking sheet
 - District lists of troops with contact information
 - "Webelos to Scout Transition" brochure
 - Summit Achievement Award progress card
 - Sample Crossover Ceremony
- * Troop Leader mailing
 - Webelos to Scout Transition letter
 - Two Report/Turn-In Envelopes
 - List of current Webelos who are eligible to transition
 - Summit Achievement Award progress card
 - Webelos to Scout Transition Unit Visits Program Plans/Ideas
- * Packs and troops together hold a bridging ceremony for transitioning Scouts
- * Webelos transition into troop (February – March 15)

MARCH

- * Webelos transition into troop by March 15 (before pack charter expires)
- * Packs recharter by March 31
- * Troops form a new Scout patrol and get new Scouts actively involved in troop

APRIL

- * Troops follow up with every un-transitioned Webelos Scout

Our goal: Ensure that every Scout and their parents have a smooth transition from the Webelos den to the Boy Scout troop. Make the Scouts and their parents feel welcome and at ease in the new troop environment, and recruit parents of the new Boy Scouts to become assistant Scoutmasters and troop committee members. The key factor to improved Webelos transition is the ongoing working relationship of the leaders of a Cub Scout pack and a Boy Scout troop.

Make sure every Webelos Scout is given an opportunity to join a troop – Give all Webelos Scouts a chance to experience the fun and excitement of Boy Scouting.



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“Welcome to the Adventures of Boy Scouting!”

February 2007

Dear Webelos Leaders:

Congratulations on providing a Webelos program that has proven success in the development of the boys of your community. Soon, you will be releasing your Webelos into the Boy Scout program as they continue on with their Scouting adventure. Scouting really is a journey and we are striving to make the transition process seamless and natural next step not unlike advancing from Tiger to Wolf to Bear to Webelos.

Hopefully, you have a solid relationship with a troop that is willing and able to invest itself into your Webelos program; this is a key point in making transition happen and in keeping boys in the program. Enclosed is a list of the troops and troop leaders in your geographic area meant to assist you in encouraging your Webelos in their journey. Families of transitioning Webelos should be encouraged to choose a troop that provides the greatest chance of success for their son. This success can depend upon a number of factors including geographic location, troop structure, troop leadership, and the troop calendar. Finding a troop that is a perfect match for a Webelos can be a daunting task and we encourage you to assist those families that have not yet made the decision about which troop to transition into. An important point to remember is which particular troop a boy joins comes secondary only to the fact that he does choose to stay in Scouting.

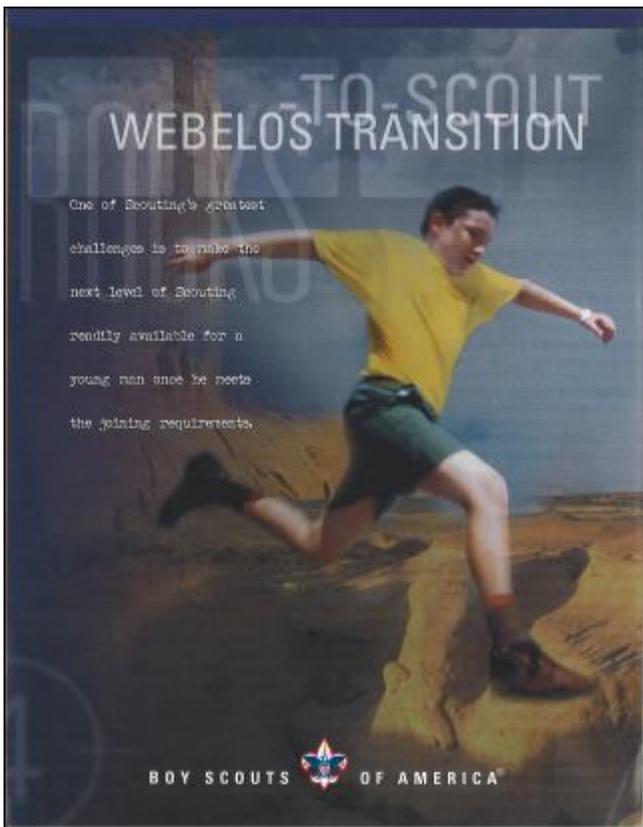
Enclosed is the Summit Achievement Award that Webelos Scouts can be working on. Additional cards can be found on the council website, at roundtable, and at both council offices. Also enclosed is a Webelos tracking sheet. If you would please take the time to complete the necessary information it would aide us greatly in tracking boys and determining success in our program. Please turn this list into your District Executive at your March District Roundtable.

Thank you again for your tireless efforts in providing the families of your community with a program that they can rely on to provide the values and ideals that they uphold.

Sincerely,

Jim Nye
Council Webelos Transition Chair

Scott Woolery
Council Vice President Membership



Scouts can earn this patch by completing the Summit Achievement Award progress card.

UPON COMPLETION

Mail or fax the completed card to Northern Star Council's Membership Committee. Patches will be mailed to the Troop Scoutmaster for presentation.

To inspire the younger boys of the pack, it is recommended this award be presented at the Scout's former pack.

The **NEW** Summit Achievement Award patch will also be available at both council service centers. Present this card to the Customer Service Counter to receive your patches.

Please note: The Northern Star Council Summit Achievement Award patch is not available at the Scout Shop.



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Fax: 651.224.7239

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5300 Glenwood Avenue
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Northern Star Council BSA



**SUMMIT ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD**

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State/Zip _____
Pack # _____ **Troop #** _____

Summit Achievement Award Progress Cards are available at both council service centers, on the council website, and from your District Membership Committee members and District Executives.



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Sample Crossover Ceremony

Setting: A bridge is in the center stage. One side of the bridge represents Cub Scouts and the other side, Boy Scouts. Use of Boy Scouts with candles lighting the path is very impressive. Standing on either side of the bridge are the Cubmaster and Scoutmaster.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we mark a great occasion, the graduation of our Webelos into Boy Scout Troop _____. We are sad to see them leave, but we are happy for them because they are going on to the great adventure of Boy Scouting. These Webelos have worked hard and have advanced through the ranks of Cub Scouting. As a symbol of their hard work, each Webelos will be given an arrow. As I call your name, will each Webelos come forward with your parent(s)?

(Call each boy's name off.)

Reader: The arrow alone gives meaning to each of these Scouts. The wooden shaft gives the arrow strength; just like the strength the Scout Promise gives each boy. The fletching helps guide the arrow on a straight and true path; just like the Scout Law guides the Scout on a straight and true path. The arrowhead points the way to the target; just like the Webelos badge and Arrow of Light requirements have pointed the Scout to the ways of Boy Scouting. Each arrow has these parts, but each arrow is different, it is individual. Each arrow represents his individual trail through Cub Scouting.

(Give each boy his arrow.)

It has been a long trail. As you look at the arrow you can look back and see how far you have traveled. Your first trail led you across the Bobcat Ridge, where Akela took you into the Pack as a Bobcat. The yellow mark tells that this boy completed his Bobcat requirements. You may have then climbed the steep Wolf Mountain. The red mark means he has completed the Wolf badge. After that there may be gold and silver marks for the arrow points that you may have earned. After finding your way through Bear Forest, you may have earned your Bear rank. The green mark shows you have gained your Bear achievements, and again you may have earned a gold and silver arrow points. Your trail next may have led you to Webelos Rank...first earning three activity pins shown by three black marks, then your Webelos badge, which is marked in blue. The Arrow of Light trail may have been hard and rugged. You first earned another four activity pins. Then came the highest Cub Scout Achievement, the Arrow of Light, which is signified by the white marking on the arrow. The twelve beads will remind you of the twelve points of the Scout Law. The red and white feathers not only stand for the troops colors, but also for devotion and honor.

Your trail in Scouting does not end in Cub Scouting; it is only the beginning, for all of you have prepared yourself for the crossing over to Boy Scouts. The bridge before you is a symbol of your crossing from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting. The bridge is a structure carrying a pathway or roadway over a depression. It is a means of connection or transition from one side to another, as this bridge represents how our Pack is connected to our Troop. As I call each boys name, please come stand before your Cubmaster where he will remove your Webelos neckerchief.

(Cubmaster is calling over to the Scoutmaster.)

CUBMASTER: Hello, Boy Scouts of Troop _____.

SCOUTMASTER: Hello, Cub Scouts of Akela. What do you desire?

CUBMASTER: We have several Webelos who have prepared themselves for entrance into your Troop.

SCOUTMASTER: Bring them and their parents forward to the bridge that joins our Pack and Troop. I will send two of my Scouts over to escort the boys and their parents over the bridge.

(Boy Scouts cross over to Pack side and escort the new Scouts and their parents to the other side.)

Webelos leader (Speaking to the Scoutmaster): These are your new Scouts, ready for the adventures ahead of them.

Webelos leader (speaking to the boys): As I call each of your names, please come forward to your Scoutmaster, where he will place on you the Neckerchief of your new Troop.

(One at a time, place troop neckerchief on new Scout)

SCOUTMASTER: I'd like to welcome the new patrol and their families to our Troop. *(Lights on)*



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Dear Boy Scout Troop Leaders:

Soon, you will have a wave of new Scouts joining your troop. Hopefully, you have had Webelos visiting your troop on a regular basis during the past fall and they are well prepared and eager to continue their Scouting journey. I wish to congratulate you on providing a program that is both appealing and fulfilling for the boys of your community. As a Scoutmaster myself, I do believe that we are a part of the absolute best program in America for developing boys into young men of character, integrity, and leadership ability.

This packet of information is part of a new effort to better track the transitioning of Webelos into a Boy Scout troop. Enclosed are two envelopes to be used exclusively for the applications of transitioning Webelos. The first envelope is to be filled with completed applications and turned in to your District Executive **by March 15, 2007**. This should coincide with your March Roundtable. Remember, this is for the applications of transitioning Webelos only and is separate from your troop re-charter which should have been completed in January. The second envelope is to be used for any applications that you receive after March 15 and should be turned into your District Executive no later than April 30. It is vitally important for troops and packs to work together to ensure the continued registration status of these Webelos Scouts. If they do not transition before March 31, they must reregister with the pack at the full registration fee. If they transition before their registration with the pack lapses on March 31, they only need to pay the transition/transfer fee.

Also included in this packet are some program plans and ideas for Webelos Transition and a copy of the Summit Achievement Award. These are meant to be tools for troop and pack leaders to use to enhance and improve our Webelos program.

Thank you again for the work that you do on behalf of the families of your community. Your persistent work and tireless efforts are what make Northern Star Council one of the most productive in the nation.

Sincerely,

Jim Nye

Jim Nye
Council Webelos Transition Chair



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Unit Visits Program Plans/Ideas

Activity	Description	Run By	Time
Pre-Opening 10 Minutes	Hand out copies of your troop's annual program plan; introduce Webelos to troop members, exchange email addresses, Highlight past troop activities.	Senior patrol leader, Den Chief	6:55-7:05
Opening 5 Minutes	Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, Scout Law	Senior patrol leader	7:05-7:10
Skills Instruction 25 Minutes	Skills instruction round robin. 1. Allow the boys to try and start a cotton ball on fire using a hot spark kit. 2. Allow the boys to set up a tent. 3. Have boys build a stretcher and have a stretcher relay by first putting a splint on the "victims" leg.	Select Boys within the troop	7:10-7:35
Patrol Meetings 15 Minutes	Show summer camp promotion video to Webelos. Talk about what the Webelos can expect from Summer Camp.	Senior patrol leader, den chief	7:35-7:50
Inter-Patrol Activity 10 Minutes	Select a game out of " <i>Troop Program Resources.</i> "	Senior patrol leader	7:50-8:00
Closing 5 Minutes	SPL thanks Webelos for attending meeting. Leads in closing Flag Ceremony.	Senior patrol leader	8:00-8:05
After the meeting	Scoutmaster thanks Webelos for attending.	Scoutmaster	

- **Program ideas for when the Troop visits a Den meeting.**
 - Help the Webelos Den Leader teach requirements of the activity pin for the month.
 - Bring a *Power Point* slide show showing pictures of the fun and adventure your troop does throughout the year.
 - Show Boy Scout Summer Camp promotion video.
- **Program ideas for joint Webelos/Troop Campout.**

Time	Activity	Run By
Friday evening	Load gear at meeting location, leave for campsite.	Senior Patrol Leader
	Arrive at campsite. Off-load equipment. Set up patrol sites. Stow gear and set up camp. (Have troop guide and an ASM help Webelos and their parents set up their patrol site.)	Patrol Leader / Senior Patrol Leader
Saturday 6:30 a.m.	Cooks and assistants up. Prepare breakfast. (Cooks should be working on First and Second Class requirements). The older boy patrol also makes breakfast for Webelos and their parents.	Cooks, assistants
7:00 a.m.	Everyone else up. Take care of personal hygiene, air tents, and hang out sleeping bags.	
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast	
8:00 a.m.	Clean up	Cooks
	Patrols set up gear for morning activities, clean up patrol site	
8:30–11:30 a.m.	Conduct athletic skills events (See page 27-28 in <i>Troop Program Features Volume # 1</i>).	SPL
11:30 a.m.	Sack Lunch	
Noon	Continue Events	
4:30 p.m.	Start Dinner preparation	Cooks
5:30 p.m.	Meal	
6:00 p.m.	Clean up	Cooks
8:00 p.m.	Campfire	Senior Patrol Leader
9:00 p.m.	Cracker barrel	
10:00 p.m.	Lights out	
Sunday 6:30 a.m.	Cooks and assistants up. Prepare breakfast. (Cooks should be working on First and Second Class requirements).	Cooks
7:00 a.m.	Everyone else up. Take care of personal hygiene, air tents, and hang out sleeping bags.	
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast	
8:00 a.m.	Clean up	Cooks
8:30 a.m.	Worship service	
9:30 a.m.	Break camp	



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TURN IN ENVELOPE

1. **TROOP #:** _____ **DISTRICT:** _____

Unit Leader: _____

Name, Phone number and Email address

2. **WEBELOS TRANSITION:**

The transition of Webelos to Boy Scouting should occur after the troop recharter in January and before the pack charter lapses on March 31. If a Scout holding a current registration card desires a transfer/transition to another unit, they may do so for a \$1.00 transfer fee. If the transition does not occur before March 31, the Scout will need to pay the full registration fee of \$10.00. He may choose to continue with the pack and transfer at a later date for the \$1.00 transfer fee.

Please enclose in this envelope all applications and fees for Transitioning Webelos Scouts. Make sure all applications have parent and unit leader signatures.

3. **WEBELOS TRANSITION RESULTS:**

Number of applications enclosed: _____

Boy Scouts _____ x \$ _____ = \$ _____

Boys' Life _____ x \$ _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

FEE SCHEDULE	
Before March 31 - Transfer fee:	\$1.00
After March 31 - Registration fee:	\$10.00
BOYS' LIFE	
If you are currently receiving Boy's Life:	\$10.00
For a new Boys' Life subscription:	\$12.00

4. Turn your results in to your **District Executive** at your **March Roundtable** or to the Council Office before **March 15, 2007**.

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION: To ensure that all Webelos Scouts who are eligible to transition hold a current registration card, they **MUST** transfer from a pack to a troop **BEFORE** March 31, 2007 **OR** re-register with the pack for the \$10 registration fee. They may transfer to a troop at a later date for the \$1 transfer fee.