

TROOP INVOLVEMENT IN THE TRANSITION PROCESS

KEY LEADERS:

WEBELOS DEN LEADER - "Key" Leader to successful Transition; needs to learn about Boy Scout Program.

TROOP WEBELOS COORDINATOR - PREFERABLY AN ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER

Appointed to serve as a liaison between the Troop and the Webelos Den(s). He or she helps the Webelos Den Leader to plan joint Pack and Troop activities, including the graduation/Transition Ceremony. His or her principal responsibility is to ensure a smooth transition of Webelos Scouts into the Troop by working closely with the Webelos Den Leader, Den Chief and Scoutmaster.

Ideally, a "new" ASM that may have joined the Troop the previous year that knows and is known by the Pack Leaders

DEN CHIEF

A registered Boy Scout, active in the Troop and SELECTED by the Scoutmaster to serve the Webelos Den as a program assistant to the Den Leader. He should be at least a First Class Scout who will set a good example for Boy Scouting, have a positive attitude toward Webelos, is able and willing to teach Scouting skills, give demonstrations, lead activities and help the Webelos with advancement.

He attends Den Chief Training (3 hrs.) conducted by District, Troop Leaders or the Webelos Den Leader. Should be assigned as Patrol Leader or Guide for new Patrol for the first six months.

KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION:

Begin communication with the Den Leader EARLY- NOT LATER THAN April prior to Transition.

Meet with Webelos Den Leader and Webelos Parents - explain differences between Cub and Boy Scout programs, expectations of Scouts, parental involvement.

Familiarize Den Leader and Parents with the Patrol Method/Boy-Led Patrol and Troop (Ref.SM Hdbk.)

*Obtain roster of all Second Year (In April of the 4th Grade) Webelos and Leaders in the Partner Pack

Promote and serve as a resource to help prepare for Boy Scout and overnight activities:

(Ref: Webelos Leaders Guide): Webelos Woods - provide a Boy Scout as PL and equipment.

Webelos Adventure Days.

Navajo Camp - ideally the same week the Troop attends TSR.

Fall Camporee - Webelos attend with the Troop.

Plan, with Webelos Den Leader, some joint summer activities for Webelos to become acquainted with the Boy Scouts and the Troop in a "near home" situation. Coordinate with Scoutmaster.

* Mail the Troop Newsletter to the Webelos starting in September or October.

"Mentor" the Webelos Den(s) by providing Scouts to assist with Activity Badges, Webelos Woods and other outdoor activities. Have SPL attend some Pack meetings, set positive example for Scouting.

Participate in the Key Leader Meeting - by mid-October.

Promote and conduct a Webelos and parents Information/Orientation /Camp Promotion Meeting.

Plan for and make Webelos visits to the Troop a "welcoming" experience:

Present a positive "first impression" to both Webelos and parents.

Meeting must be planned, organized and use the Patrol Method to set the best Scouting example.

Select challenging and fun activities for participation by both Webelos and Boy Scouts.

Follow up with Den Leader about Webelos commitment to join the Troop.

HELP WITH THE GRADUATION/TRANSITION CEREMONY - Have Adult and Scout Troop members attend.

Equipment & Arrangement

Ceremony (Ref: "Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens & Packs")