

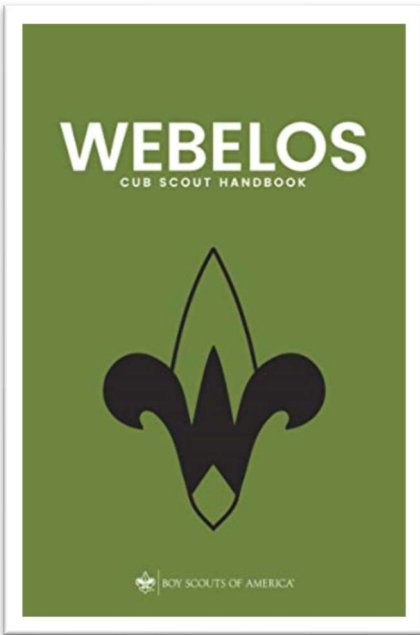
WEBELOS

Boys and Girls in Fourth or Fifth Grade or 10 Years Old

Welcome to the Boy Scouts of America! Bear Cub Scouts is the beginning of what we hope will become a lasting relationship between your Scout and the Boy Scouts of America. Webelos comes from “**WE**’ll **BE LO**yal **S**couts.”

The Webelos program is designed to involve your Scout in a group of kids his or her own age where they can earn status and recognition. It will also provide your Scout with a variety of new experiences that will help them assume responsibilities and gain maturity, knowledge and skills. This is a transitional program that shifts the emphasis from home-centered Cub Scout activities to group-centered activities found in Scouts BSA Troops.

This document is designed to give you a closer glimpse into the Webelos program and handbook. For more information please visit www.cubscouts.org.



Your Scout is a Member of a Webelos Den...

- The Webelos den is made up of no more than eight boys or girls who are in fourth or fifth grade or are ten years old. If there are enough Scouts, the den is often divided into a fourth grade Webelos den and a fifth grade Webelos den.
- The den meets two to three times a month. One den meeting each month is a field trip, a visit to a local Scouts BSA Troop or an overnight camping trip.
- Parents and guardians of Webelos are encouraged to attend meetings and assist the den leader.
- The Webelos den has a Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader.



Your Scout is a Member of a Cub Scout Pack...

- A Pack consists of several dens with boys and girls from different age groups. All dens meet once a month for a Pack meeting.
- The Cubmaster leads the monthly pack meeting, but each den will have a part in the Pack meeting.
- Some months, the Pack meeting will have special themes, such as a Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold Banquet or guest speakers. Other months may be devoted to recognizing Scouts for the projects they have completed by the presentation of belt loops and activity pins or rank advancements.



Building a strong foundation...with fun!

Kids want to join Scouting because it is fun. But you'll love it for all the other benefits your child receives. Scouting teaches leadership and character. It builds confidence and social skills. It teaches the value of service and citizenship. And it brings families closer together.



WEBELOS UNIFORM



- **Shirt:** The official tan uniform shirt is available with long or short sleeves and has button-flap pockets.
- **Pants:** The official green shorts, long pants, skorts, and roll up pants.
- **Belt:** Official navy-blue web belt with metal buckle or the green web belt with BSA buckle is acceptable for the 2018-19 program year.
- **Socks:** Official green socks are available in three lengths: ankle, crew, and knee.
- **Hat:** Official green hat with Webelos plaid front and Webelos emblem.
- **Neckerchief:** Webelos plaid triangular neckerchief with Webelos logo. Official BSA neckerchiefs are the only neckerchiefs that are part of the uniform.
- **Neckerchief slide:** Official gold-tone metal slide with Webelos emblem. Cub Scouts may wear handmade neckerchief slides.

Webelos Colors: The Webelos Colors is an optional uniform piece that is worn on the right sleeve to display the Webelos Adventure Pins that have been earned. If the Webelos Colors are not used, Webelos Adventure Pins may be worn on the Webelos hat.

WEBELOS ADVANCEMENT

In Scouting, advancement is the process by which a member meets certain requirements and earns recognition. Boys and girls in Cub Scouting completed advancement activities with their families and at den meetings.

Much of your Scout's activities as a Webelos will take place through activities centered around adventures focused on specific subjects such as physical skills, mental skills, community, technology and the outdoors.

CUB SCOUTS EARN BOBCAT BADGE FIRST...

The first advancement earned by a Cub Scout is the Bobcat Badge. The requirements for Bobcat rank are meant to demonstrate that the youth is making a commitment to participate in the scouting program. Scouts learn the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, Cub Scout Handshake and Sign, then share what each of those mean.



WEBELOS REQUIRED & ELECTIVE ADVENTURES...

Once a Scout has completed the Bobcat badge, they will work on completing the requirements for earning the Webelos badge.

To earn the Webelos badge, a Scout must:

- Be an active member of a Webelos den for three months
- Complete five Webelos Adventures, such as Cast Iron Chef and First Responder
- Complete two Webelos Elective Adventures



WEBELOS ARROW OF LIGHT AWARD...

Once a Webelos has earned their Webelos badge, they begin working towards their Arrow of Light Award. The Arrow of Light Award is the highest rank honor a Cub Scout can earn. It is often the final step before a Webelos Scout crosses over to a Scouts BSA Troop.

To earn the Arrow of Light Award a Webelos must:

- Be an active member of a Webelos den for at least six months since completing fourth grade or since turning 10 years old
- Complete four required Adventures that include Building a Better World and Scouting Adventure
- Complete three Webelos Elective Adventures
- Earn the Cyber Chip Award

The Arrow of Light Award is the only badge that stays on a Scout's uniform when they join a Troop.

A PATH TO A SCOUTS BSA TROOP...

Scouting offers a continuous program that becomes progressively more challenging.

Cub Scouting takes place largely in the family. The Scouts BSA program is designed for boys ages 11 through 17, who are old enough to be on their own in the out-of-doors. While adults serve as key leaders, Scouts hold leadership positions and plan the troop's program.

A Webelos Scout who has earned the Arrow of Light rank has now completed all the requirements for the Scout badge and may join a Scout troop.

Bay-Lakes Council offers several resources to Cub Scouts Packs and families to help them navigate the transition from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA. Once your Webelos Scout reaches this stage in their Cub Scout journey more information will be available, however, one very fun way to learn more about adventures in a Scouts BSA Troop is to attend the Webelos Rendezvous.

WEBELOS RENDEZVOUS

Webelos Rendezvous is a fun weekend held each Spring that offers fourth grade Webelos a glimpse of Scouts BSA and offers an exciting, quality outdoor experience.

Some activities include but are not limited to: Archery; BB guns; Crafts and Talking Stick; Fire Safety & Egg Frying; Wood Carving & Tool Demonstration; Logging Camp & Branding; Knots and Lashings; Tomahawk Throwing Range; Mountain Man Campsite; Shelter Building; Blacksmith.

