



WORKING TOGETHER PACKS AND TROOPS



Samoset Council Boys Scouts of America

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Pack Responsibilities

It should be the goal of the Cubmaster and Webelos den leaders to graduate every Webelos Scout into a Scout troop. The key to accomplishing this is to begin promoting the full Scouting journey when Cub Scouts are still in their Tiger, Wolf, and Bear dens, and to sell the sizzle of the great outdoors. Scouting should be viewed as an ongoing adventure, and the progression should be as normal as moving from elementary school to middle school.

1. Develop a working relationship with the leadership of a Scout troop or troops in the community. Most troops should have either an assistant Scoutmaster or a committee member assigned to new Scouts. Your Unit Serving Executive can help put you in contact with troop leaders.
2. Compare calendars of troop and pack activities to coordinate activities. Community events can be done together, and planning can help prevent conflicts in use of equipment and facilities.
3. Work with troop leaders to secure den chiefs for each Webelos den and Cub Scout den.
4. Work with troop leaders to plan and conduct Webelos overnight activities.
5. Work with troop leaders to plan visits to troop meetings. Never show up without first calling in advance.
6. Invite the Scoutmaster and troop youth leaders to special pack activities. This will help create familiarity and a level of comfort for the Webelos Scouts and their parents as they ease into the troop.
7. Plan a meaningful crossover ceremony at the pack's blue and gold banquet. Include troop leadership to be present to accept the Webelos Scouts as they graduate.
8. Webelos leaders should be strongly encouraged to move into the troop with their Scouts, either as assistant Scoutmasters or troop committee members. This will give them a familiar face at troop meetings and a connecting link.
9. If a troop does not exist in your community, discuss with the head of the pack's chartered organization the possibility of organizing a troop. A graduating Webelos den can form the nucleus of a new troop.

Scouts BSA Troop Responsibility

Scout troops should assign an assistant Scoutmaster or a troop committee member to be responsible for new Scouts, which would include developing a relationship with the Cubmaster and the Webelos den leaders. This person serves as a resource during Webelos overnight activities and builds enthusiasm among scouts and their parents for the exciting challenges that await them in Scouts BSA.

Assistant Scout Master

1. Select Scouts to serve as den chiefs for each Webelos Scout den and Cub Scout den. Arrange for Den Chief Training.
2. Serve as a resource for overnight activities. The troop can be of service to provide equipment, leadership, and logistics for Webelos parent-scout campouts.
3. Conduct an orientation in the Bear Cub Scout dens to explain the changing role as Cub Scouts become Webelos Scouts and then again as they become members of a troop. Explain how being a Webelos Scout will help prepare them for joining Scouts BSA.
4. Webelos den/Scout troop campouts should show Webelos Scouts and their parents what to expect when they move into the troop. The troop should cook and camp by patrol, and use skills that the Webelos Scouts can participate in.
5. Arrange for Webelos dens to visit a troop meeting. This should be planned several weeks in advance.
6. Provide each Webelos Scout a copy of the troop's activities for the upcoming year.
7. Work with Webelos den leaders to encourage them to plan to move into the troop with their Webelos Scouts and to serve either as committee members or assistant Scoutmasters.
8. Conduct a Scoutmaster conference under the guidance of the Scoutmaster or the assistant designated by the Scoutmaster. This conference should cover the meaning of the Scout Oath and Law, the advancement program, troop camping, the patrol method, summer camp, and personal equipment.
9. Work with the Cubmaster in planning a meaningful crossover ceremony at the pack's blue and gold banquet. Coordinate the ceremony and arrange for each Webelos Scout to receive a troop neckerchief and *Scouts BSA Handbook* along with his Arrow of Light Award. Members of the Order of the Arrow may assist in the ceremony.

Webelo Den Leader/Pack Membership Chair

1. Be a catalyst in developing good relationships between troop and pack leaders.
2. Promote communication by scheduling a meeting of key volunteers.
3. Help plan a Webelos den visit to a troop meeting and other joint activities.
4. Keep the pack and troop on schedule as plans develop for the crossover ceremony at the blue and gold banquet.
5. Attend the crossover ceremony.
6. Be sure new Scouts have completed a Scouts BSA application, that they have a copy of the troop's activities, and that they know when and where the troop meets.
7. Work with the pack and troop in their charter renewal process to help ensure Webelos Scouts are moved from pack rosters to troop rosters.
8. Work with the Webelos transition chair to follow up on youth who have not yet joined a troop. Make sure they are invited to join a troop.
9. Be sure Webelos Scouts join a troop in time to prepare for Scout summer camp.

Samoset Council Webelo Staff Leaders

Phoenix Bise and Nicholle Miller are the Samoset Council's Webelo Staff Leaders. They are charged with making sure every Webelos Scout is given an opportunity to join a troop.

1. Contact all packs in early fall to update a list of all fifth grade Webelos Scouts.
2. Coach Cubmasters and Webelos den leaders in the transition process.
3. Report to the Council membership committee and keep staff leader informed.
4. Track and maintain records of Webelos graduation.
5. Work with Den leaders/Cub Master to follow up on Webelos Scouts who have not joined a troop.
6. Work toward 100 percent Webelos transition.

