

## How About Webelos?



Webelos dens are usually a group of six to eight boys, grade four or grade five, that meet once a week in what we call a **den meeting**. Webelos is a one and one-half to two year program. A den meeting is run by a **webelos den leader** and his/her **assistant webelos den leader**. Webelos work on **activity badges** in one of 20 different interest areas at each of the den meetings. Den meetings also include games, skits, songs, stunts, preparation for **pack meetings**, and work on other advancement requirements.

**Pack meetings** are a once a month meeting where several dens belonging to the pack get together to “celebrate” the achievement or successes of the scouts in all of the dens. They have all been working hard on all of their projects, requirements, theme related activities and it is time to share it with their family members. It is also time for them to be recognized for their hard work. All family members are invited to participate in the pack meeting.

In addition to these two types of meetings, Webelos Scouts have opportunities for overnight campouts and joint activities with a Boy Scout Troop. One of the purposes of the Webelos Den is to prepare the scout for Boy Scouts and graduate them into a Boy Scout Troop during their last half of their fifth grade year. This is called Webelos to Scout transition. They learn to become more responsible for themselves and are more involved in leadership roles under the guidance of adult advisers.

“The activity badges, the outdoor program, the opportunities for boy leadership, and the preparation for boys to leave Cub Scouting and transition to Boy Scouting are all wonderful steps to take on the road to becoming a First Class Boy Scout and then soar on to Eagle.”

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