

WEBELOS-TO-SCOUT GRADUATION PLAN

Fifth Grade Webelos Leader's Role



Your ultimate success in helping boys in Scouting is getting your Webelos to join a Boy Scout Troop in February. Your efforts have made a major contribution towards the Scouting Trail for all boys in your den/patrol. You are the key to a smooth transition for your Webelos.

Target Date	Task
September	<input type="checkbox"/> Have your den select a Scout patrol name, get patrol patches to wear, make a patrol flag, and elect a Patrol Leader. Check the Scout Handbook for ideas. <input type="checkbox"/> Make sure that your parents have a copy of the Thunderbird District Webelos to Scout Plan Parents Responsibilities. A copy is included with this packet. This packet (and many other resources) are also available online on the Thunderbird District website at http://www.thunderbird-district.com .
October	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete and return your Webelos Roster (tracking sheet) to the Scout Service Center or bring it to the November Rountable. This is very important so that Troops can send your Webelos information and invite them to Scout orientation and camp promotion meetings. <input type="checkbox"/> Visit local Troops in your area personally and meet their Scoutmasters. You can find Troop contact information at http://www.thunderbird-district.com/troops.htm .
November	<input type="checkbox"/> Take your Webelos and their parents to visit Troop meetings for at least 2 different Troops. <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage your Webelos to make a final decision on joining a Troop. Make sure that they understand that they need to have their choice completed by January so that Scoutmasters can be attendance at Blue & Gold in February.
December	<input type="checkbox"/> Assist the Cubmaster in planning a top-notch, personalized graduation for the Blue & Gold Banquet in February.
January	<input type="checkbox"/> Assist your Webelos in the completion of their Arrow of Light requirements.
February	<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate your Webelos into Boy Scouts. Have them complete a Scout application and register with a Troop. New Scouts should have a Scout Handbook by this time.
March	<input type="checkbox"/> Be sure that new Scouts have a schedule and begin attending Troop meetings in their new Troop(s). Encourage parents to get involved as Patrol advisors or in the Troop Committee. <input type="checkbox"/> Talk to the Scoutmaster of your Troop and volunteer to work with the new Scouts as a New Scout Patrol advisor. This will help boys become comfortable in the new Troop. <input type="checkbox"/> Follow up with any of your Webelos as to why they did not join a Troop.

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The Parent's Role

You are the most important factor in the future success of your Webelos Scout. He has made great progress so far but needs your continued support to make a successful transition into Boy Scouting. The following are things that you can do in concert with your Webelos Leader and Scoutmaster to help make this an awesome experience for your Webelos.

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September

- Meet with your Webelos Leader and discuss the Webelos-to-Scout transition process. Make sure you understand when things will happen so that you can help prepare your Webelos. Volunteer to assist in any way.
- Refer to the Webelos-to-Scout transition often and tell your Webelos how proud you are that he will soon become a Boy Scout. Use positive terms that convey an expectation that your Webelos will continue in Scouting.

October

- Assist your Webelos in the completion of his Arrow of Light requirements.
- Provide your Webelos leader with the birth date of your Webelos as well as your latest address, phone number, and email. Your Webelos leader will need this information to help local Troops prepare for Webelos recruiting.
- Talk with your Webelos leader about the Troop visits that happen in November or December. Find out about the local Boy Scout Troops in our area using a Thunderbird Troop Directory available from your Webelos leader or by visiting the directory online at <http://www.thunderbird-district.com/troops.htm>. Make sure that the Troops you want to visit are included or visit them separately.

November

- Encourage your Webelos to make a final decision on joining a Troop. Make sure that they understand that they need to have their choice completed by January so that Scoutmasters can be attendance at Blue & Gold in February.

December

- Consider providing your Webelos with a Boy Scout Handbook during the holiday season. Encourage him to read the handbook and find out what Boy Scouts do.

February

- Graduate your Webelos into Boy Scouts. Have them complete a Scout application and register with a Troop. New Scouts should have a Scout Handbook by this time.

March

- Make sure that your new Scout has a Troop schedule and is attending Troop meetings. Volunteer your time as a Patrol advisor or in the Troop Committee.
- Pay attention to your Webelos involvement and his level of enthusiasm for Scouting. Most boys fit into a particular Troop seamlessly but others do not. If you believe that your Webelos would do better in a different Troop, use the Troop directory listed above to begin your own Troop visits to other Troops. Once your registration dues are paid you can transfer to another Troop for \$1 just by completing another Boy Scout application. It's that easy.