

Many Waters District
Northern Star Council

Webelos-to-Scout Transition Plan

Purpose

To maximize the number of boys that transition from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts in the Many Waters District.

Discussion

The Scouting program has a positive effect on the boys in our district. This positive effect continues every year that the boys stay in the program. As they move from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts, they can experience the personal growth and leadership of a Boy Scout troop.

The Plan

- Unit Commissioners will facilitate a meeting or meetings between the Webelos and Arrow of Light Den leaders and the partner troop each spring before the units have completed their annual planning. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss when and how the Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts will interact with the troop.
- Following is a list of the ways a Pack and Troop could interact to promote Webelos-to-Scouts transitions.
 - Use of Den Chiefs
 - Appointing Troop/Pack liaisons
 - Invite the Pack to the Courts of Honor
 - The Troop participates in the Arrow of Light and bridging ceremonies
 - The Troop helps at the Pinewood Derby
 - Invite the Troop to the Blue & Gold Dinner
 - The Troop helps at Pack meetings
 - The Webelos are invited to regular troop meetings. They could act as a patrol and participate where appropriate thereby gaining an understanding of how a Troop works.
 - The Webelos are hosted at Camporees/Klondikes
- Promote Webelos parent transition by holding information meeting(s) and inviting the parents to register as Troop Leaders. At the meetings, explain how a Troop is run and how it is different from a Pack.
- Provide Den Chief Training for the Den Chief and Den leader at Fall Merit Badge Day.
- Hold Roundtable breakouts about Den Chiefs, what they are and how a Pack can use them.
- Add a discussion point about Webelos-to-Scout transition plan to the Review and Reflection guidelines.
- Expand District events such as Camporee and Klondike to include all Cub Scouts.