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WEBELOS TO SCOUT
TRANSITION

Presented by the
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Webelos to Scout Transition (WeST) Committee

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Agenda

- The Mission of Scouting
- Cub & Boy Scouts...a Comparison
- Preparing Webelos for Boy Scouts
- Preparing Families for Boy Scouts
- Guidelines for Webelos Leaders

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The Mission of Scouting

“It is the mission of Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and in other ways to prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime in achieving their full potential.”

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The Path of Boy Scouts

- Scouting is for the Life of the Boy
- Cub Scouting is the First Step
- Arrow of Light is NOT the Final Step
- Without a Crossover to Boy Scouts...

...We Have Only Traveled Half The Journey

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Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts Comparison

UNIT ORGANIZATION

CUB SCOUTS

BOY SCOUTS

Pack

Troop

Den

Patrol

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UNIT COMPOSITION

CUB SCOUTS

1st through 5th

Grades;

Grouped by Age

Levels

BOY SCOUTS

6th Grade through

High School;

Can Be All Age Levels

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UNIT LEADERSHIP

CUB SCOUTS

Adult Lead

Denner

Den Leader

Cubmaster

BOY SCOUTS

Boy Lead

Patrol Leader

Asst. Scoutmaster

Scoutmaster

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Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts Comparison

PARENT/GUARDIAN ROLE

CUB SCOUTS

Signs Off Book

Provides Direction

May Share Lead

BOY SCOUTS

May be MB Counselor

Provides Guidance

Allows Boys to Lead

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MEETINGS

CUB SCOUTS

Weekly as a Den

Outings as a Den

Monthly as a Pack

Monthly Awards

BOY SCOUTS

Weekly as a Troop

Outings as a Troop

Monthly as a Patrol

Quarterly Court of Honor

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RANK ADVANCEMENT

CUB SCOUTS

BOY SCOUTS

Accomplished in

Often Accomplished

Groups;

Individually;

Confirmed by

Confirmed by

Den Leader/Parent

Scoutmaster/Board

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ACTIVITY ACCOMPLISHMENT

CUB SCOUTS

BOY SCOUTS

Belt Loops,

Merit Badges

Activity Pins;

Group Interests

Individual Interests

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Ideas for Gradual Change - First Year

- Set goals boys can understand
- Plan on failure, have a back-up plan
- Have boys do calling/presentation/game
- Have boys meet outside of den meetings
- Have boys select an activity badge
- Establish Denner role

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Ideas for Gradual Change - Second Year

- Plan on success, no back-up plan
- Have boys be main communicators
- Have boys plan an outing, teach skill
- Have boys plan/lead group activity badge
- Have boys do an activity badge individually
- Establish activities with Troops

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Preparing 2nd Yr. Webelos for Boy Scouts

- Practice Scout Oath, Law, Promise
- Complete Webelos Rank, Arrow of Light
- Discuss differences between Cub/Boy Scouts and new adventures to come
- Reinforce their readiness to move up
- Compare/contrast troops visited

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Preparing Families for Boy Scouts

- Involve families in troop visits/decision
- Prepare family for boy's desire to move up
- Inform family of parental role in Boy Scouts, financial/time commitments
- Prepare family for “boy lead” organization
- Set expectation of “chaotic maturation”

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Guidelines for Webelos Leaders

- Plan Cross-Over ceremony...now!
- Integrate Boy Scout topics into meetings
- Set firm schedule to accomplish remaining activities for den, allow individual progress
- Encourage boys to earn the Arrow of Light, the only Cub emblem allowed on uniform

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How to Learn More

- Recruit a Den Chief for your den
- Contact local troop leaders
- Contact your Unit Commissioner
- Attend District Roundtable
- Attend WeST Fair
- Use contacts made today!