

## Ideas for Webelos Activity Badges

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- Check out all the POW WOW books for ideas. You can buy POW WOW CDs from the council. You can also get access to 10 years of Pow Wow books on [www.macscouter.com](http://www.macscouter.com).
- Make it fun.
- Make sure there is a fun element to every outing. For example after the boys have worked on Aquanaut have free swim time. If you do a service project make sure you play a game afterwards.
- Make up games for dry topics.
- Use outside community resources and your parents rather than you leading all the meetings.
- Make sure the boys are doing rather than listening.
- Many of the Activity Badges will take 2 or more meetings to complete. They are intended to be done one a month. The boys can earn a special "Twentier" patch if they do all 20 activity badges.
- Get the boys involved in deciding which items they want to do for the Activity Badge.
- Have the boys plan and present to the den some of the items from the Activity Badges.
- The boys should read the complete text in their Webelos books for each Activity Badge they earn. There is a lot of good information in the book.
- Fitness and Citizen are required for the Webelos Badge. Readyman and Outdoorsman are required for the Arrow of Light.
- Webelos is an OUTDOOR PROGRAM!!
- Take Outdoor Webelos Leader (OWL) Training to learn how to put the outdoor in your program. It will give you lots of great ideas!!!!
- Take your den to Webelos Resident Camp in the summer. They can attend the summer after they get their Bear rank. It is usually held in August. Check the BSA Council calendar. <http://www.sccc-scouting.org>

### Web sites for Webelos information

You can also a search on Webelos and come up with more great sites.

1. <http://www.macscouter.com/>
2. <http://www.usscouts.org/>
3. <http://insanescouter.com/> Has a great section on Webelos Resources

4. <http://www.cybercubber.org/> Has a excel spread sheet that works well for keeping track of what each boy has done on each activity badge.
  5. <http://www.creighton.edu/~bsteph/pack114/library/index.html> A lot of great work sheets.
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1. Aquanaut

- Belt Loop (optional) – Swimming
- Go to a swim club and use a lane to test in. If the boys are all good swimmers this can be completed in one 2 to 3 hour session.
- Be sure to have free swim time
- Make sure the boys know to do the elementary backstroke well. They will need it in Boy Scouts every year when they go to summer camp.

2. Artist

- Belt Loop (optional) – Art
- Do this in the winter months when the weather is not good.
- Blossom Hill Pottery [www.blossomhillcrafts.com](http://www.blossomhillcrafts.com) has been recommended as a great place. In Sunnyvale, Mother Earth Clay Art Center [www.mamasclay.com](http://www.mamasclay.com)
- Sunnyvale every May has a “Hands on the Arts” festival that lasts all day with over 20 different booths. Great fun!
- Open Ended projects (the end result does not have to look a specific way) are a lot of fun for the boys.
- The Cantor Museum ([www.stanford.edu/dept/SUMA/](http://www.stanford.edu/dept/SUMA/)) on the Stanford campus is a great place to go and there is no entrance fee.
- Triton Art museum will do classes for the boys.  
[www.tritonmuseum.org](http://www.tritonmuseum.org)

3. Athlete

- Have a sheet for yourself and for each boy to keep track of their progress.
- The Presidential Physical Fitness program can also be incorporated. See [www.fitness.gov/challenge](http://www.fitness.gov/challenge)

- If the boys cannot do a full pull up, have them do sitting pull ups.
4. **Citizen (Required for the Webelos Badge)**
- Belt Loop (required) – Citizenship
  - Costal Cleanup day – in September. [www.scvwd.dst.ca.us](http://www.scvwd.dst.ca.us).
  - Scouting for Food in November or Goodwill Good Turn in February.
  - A good website for US History: [www.ushistory.org](http://www.ushistory.org)
  - Earn the National Heritage patch – [www.nationstrails.com](http://www.nationstrails.com)
  - The SJ Mercury News prints a government guide listing all the elected officials in the San Jose area
  - Contact your city council officials. The City of Sunnyvale did a mock city council meeting in the council chambers for us. It was wonderful.
5. **Communicator**
- Belt Loops (optional) – Communicating and Computers
  - You can play a lot of fun games with the some of the activities listed.
  - Computer History Museum in Mountain View.  
<http://www.computerhistory.org/>
  - Intel Computer Museum [www.intel.com/intel/intelis/museum](http://www.intel.com/intel/intelis/museum)
  - San Jose Mercury New has a great tour but it is on Wednesdays. [www.bayarea.com/mlld/mercurynews](http://www.bayarea.com/mlld/mercurynews)
  - KRTY radio station: Very friendly - They played the den yell on the air! <http://www.krty.com/>
6. **Craftsman**
- Many of these items are done at Day Camp and Webelos Camp.
  - There are lots of ideas in Pow Wow books!
  - Outings: Home Depot, Southern Lumber (arrange for a tour)
  - Michaels have kid project days and the staff is helpful with ideas.
7. **Engineer**
- Belt Loop (optional) – Mathematics
  - Arrange a visit to a construction site. The boys love this.

- Have a bridge building contest. Build the bridges out of paper. Check out [www.exploratorium.edu/structures](http://www.exploratorium.edu/structures).
- Go on a bridge tour of the Bay Area. Visit the Golden Gate Bridge, the Bay Bridge, etc. Check out [www.lib.berkeley.edu/Exhibits/Bridge](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/Exhibits/Bridge)
- Catapults are fun! Check out [www.catapults.info](http://www.catapults.info)

8. Family Member

- Belt Loop (optional) – Heritages
- This one needs to be done in the family and can take up to a month.
- Outing – Sunnyvale SMART Station or BFI Museum in Fremont

9. Fitness (Required for the Webelos Badge)

- Provide menu recording and menu planning sheets to the boys
- This can be done at home or have the parents come to the den meetings and participate.
- Red Ribbon week and the DARE program in schools cover these topics.

10. Forester

- Forest Conservations Days in March at Sanborn Park. For more information [www.parkhere.org](http://www.parkhere.org) or call 408 741-5375.
- Go on a hike.
- Get copies of the Pacific Coast Tree Finder (\$3.50). Local bookstores or Amazon
- Our City Forests of San Jose sponsors tree plantings, [www.ourcityforest.org](http://www.ourcityforest.org). Our pack did a tree planting with them at a park in Milpitas. It was a lot of fun.
- Southern Lumber does tours - how about following it up with a hike to see the trees growing?
- Local Hike in neighborhood to see what trees the city has planted. Fall is a great time to collect the different leaves.
- Obtain tree cookies from companies that cut down trees and complete the diary of a tree found at [www.creighton.edu](http://www.creighton.edu)

11. Geologist

- Belt Loop (optional) – Geology

- Visit USGS in Menlo Park. They have open houses through out the year. Check their website at [www.usgs.gov/education](http://www.usgs.gov/education)
- Contact Arkansas Rock Hounds for rock sample kits. They are free you only need to pay postage. The website is at: [www.rockhoundingar.com](http://www.rockhoundingar.com) Chapter 12 - Pebble Pups has information specifically for Cub Scouts.
- Outings – Almaden Quick Silver Mining Museum – the interpretative program is great, Gem and Mineral shows, Pelican Beach just south of Half Moon Bay has fossils that you can dig out and take with you.

#### 12. Handyman

- Contact a bicycle store and ask if they will do a maintenance class at your den meeting. Have the boys bring their bikes.
- Have a den car wash. The boys love the car items.

#### 13. Naturalist

- Belt Loop (optional) – Wildlife Conservation
- Contact Don Edwards (408-262-5513) they will set up a program for Webelos (also Wolf and Bear programs).  
<http://desfbay.fws.gov/>
- Santa Clara County Parks has a Jr. Ranger Program that is free,  
<http://www.parkhere.org>

#### 14. Outdoorsman (Required for Arrow of Light)

- Go to Webelos Resident camp in the summer. It is a great camp.
- Most of this can be done on a 1 night camping trip.
- Ask a boy scout troop if you can go camping with them
- Remember you need one adult per boy when going camping.
- Bay Area Ridge trail – The scout shop has great patches that you can purchase for every quadrant of the trail that you hike. Ask the scout office for the brochure or get more information at <http://www.ridgetrail.org>

#### 15. Readyman (Required for Arrow of Light)

- This is basically first aid. Contact Red Cross  
<http://www.paarc.org/> in Palo Alto or in San Jose  
<http://chapters.redcross.org/ca/scv/> They have a special class

called Basic Aid Training (BAT) for 8 to 10 year olds. It costs \$20 per boy and they get a certificate and a patch.

16. Scholar

- Belt Loops (optional) – Language and Culture, Mathematics and Chess.
- This one needs to be done in the family.

17. Scientist

- Belt Loops (required) – Science, (optional) - Weather and Astronomy.
- There are lots of fun experiments that could be done for this one.
- This is a good one for the boys to do the presentations for.
- POW WOW has a great class for this.
- Outings: Tech Museum, SF Exploratorium, NASA Wind Tunnel, Model Airplane Group (Metcalf Rd in SJ, SJ State Aviation Dept has a plane at SJ Airport, Federal Express, Hiller Air Museum, Rocketry Group at De Anza College, etc..)

18. Showman

- Belt Loop (optional) – Music
- You can have a blast with this one. Check out Pow Wow books for ideas.

19. Sportsman

- Belt Loops (required) – 2 Individual Sports and 2 Team Sports.
- Have some the boys learn and teach the officiating calls.
- Brainstorm good sportsman. Boys can lead this also.
- You can do the team sports in the den or let the boys do this on their own as they participate in team sports.
- Outings – Earthquakes soccer, SJ Giants, Local High Schools

20. Traveler

- Belt Loops (optional) – Geography and Map and Compass
- Most of the items can be done at home. (# 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7) in the summer as they take family vacations.

- Outing – Take Amtrak to Sacramento to the train museum and state capitol or take the train to SF to see a Giants game or take the light rail downtown. Visit the NUMI plant in Fremont, <http://www.nummi.com/tours.html>.

### Webelos Badge and Arrow of Light

Make learning the Scout Oath and Law fun.

1. Make sets of cards, each with one of the 12 points of the scout law and then add in a few more that sound like they could be part of the law, i.e. polite, happy,.. Have the boys race to pull out the cards that don't belong and then put the cards in order – Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful...
2. Draw a grid on the ground with 12 numbered squares and have the boys throw bean bags at the squares and then they name that part of the scout law, And if they throw outside the grid they have to name all 12 parts of the scout law.
3. Teach them the song "Trustworthy Tommy"  
([www.macscouter.com](http://www.macscouter.com))

Go to Roundtable to find out where the troops are in your area. Call them early in the fall of your second year. Many troops have special meetings and outings to recruit Webelos.

### Other websites to put the outdoors in your Webelos Program

1. California Academy of Sciences [www.calacademy.org](http://www.calacademy.org)
2. Youth Science Institute [www.yisi-ca.org](http://www.yisi-ca.org)
3. Santa Clara County Parks [www.parkhere.org](http://www.parkhere.org) They have a 6 week Jr. Ranger program that is free and sounds great.
4. Midpeninsula Open Space [www.openspace.org](http://www.openspace.org) A lot of great hikes
5. Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley [www.wcsv.org](http://www.wcsv.org)
6. Coyote Point Museum for environmental education  
[www.coyoteptmuseum.org](http://www.coyoteptmuseum.org)
7. Santa Clara Audubon [www.scvas.org](http://www.scvas.org)
8. Ano Nuevo State Park [www.anonuevo.org](http://www.anonuevo.org)
9. Long Marine Lab and Aquarium [www.seymourcenter.ucsc.edu](http://www.seymourcenter.ucsc.edu)
10. Eco Kids [www.ecokids.com](http://www.ecokids.com)



# The Scouting Mystery



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The reason all of us are involved in Cub Scouting:

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