Webelos to Scout
A Transition Guide for Parents and Leaders

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The next step in your outdoor adventure
WEBELOS
To Scout Transition

Webelos who have achieved Arrow of Light or are 11 years old are eligible to join a Scouts BSA Troop. The adventure of Scouting is only beginning.

For Leaders

Every pack should have a troop into which your Webelos Den transitions. Between now and February when you crossover into Scouts BSA, your den should be in regular contact with a troop to make the transition as smooth as possible. This includes:

- Joint pack/troop campout
- Troop meeting visits
- Scouts teach adventure requirements at your den meetings
- Scouts visit a den meeting to talk about summer camp
- Plan a meaningful bridging ceremony
- Have fun!

A Scouts BSA Troop is made up of several patrols, each having 6-8 Scouts. Scouts choose their own patrol leader to lead their patrol.

Unlike Cub Scouts, Scouts work on rank advancements at their own pace. Scouts often reach the rank of First Class within their first year. After that, Scouts choose from over 100 merit badges that interest them on their Trail to Eagle. To obtain the rank of Eagle, the highest rank in Scouts BSA, Scouts must earn 21 merit badges and complete a project benefiting the community.

Scouts go camping each month. Skills learned at weekly troop meetings will help them prepare for these outings. Many high adventure programs are also available for youth as they mature into the Scouting program including backpacking, canoeing, sailing, rock climbing, whitewater rafting, and more!

Scouts with five or more years tenure are more likely than non-scouts to:

- Assume a leadership role
- Put the needs of others first
- Make the most honest, not the easiest decisions.

JOIN THE ADVENTURE!