



Arrow of Light Badge

Webelos Workbook



The work space provided for each requirement should be used by the Webelos Scout to make notes for discussing the item with Akela, not for providing the full and complete answers. Each Webelos Scout must do each requirement.

No one may add or subtract from the official requirements found in the **Webelos Handbook** (Pub. 33452)

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Webelos Scout's Name: _____ Pack No. : _____

Do these:

- 1. Be active in your Webelos den for at least six months since completing the fourth grade (or for at least six months since becoming 10 years old), and earn the Webelos badge.
- 2. Show your knowledge of the requirements to become a Boy Scout by doing all of these:
 - Repeat from memory and explain in your own words the Scout Oath or Promise and the 12 points of the Scout Law.
 - Scout Oath or Promise

- 12 points of the Scout Law.

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- Tell how you have practiced them in your everyday life.

- Give and explain the Scout motto, slogan, sign, salute, and handshake.

- Scout motto

- Scout slogan

- Scout sign

- Scout salute

- Scout handshake

- Understand the significance of the First Class Scout badge. Describe its parts and tell what each stands for.

- Tell how a Boy Scout uniform is different from a Webelos Scout uniform.

- Tie the joining knot (square knot)

- 3. Earn five more activity badges in addition to the three you already earned for the Webelos badge. These must include:

- ✓ ● Fitness (already earned for the Webelos badge)

- ✓ ● Citizen (already earned for the Webelos badge)

- Readyman

- Outdoorsman

- At least one from the Mental Skills Group _____

- At least one from the Technology Group _____

- One more of your choice. _____

- ✓ ● (Plus the one other badge of your choice that was already earned for the Webelos badge) _____

See page 74 (*in the Webelos Handbook*) for the activity badge groups.

- 4. With your Webelos den, visit at least

- one Boy Scout troop meeting, and

Troop Date:

- one Boy Scout-oriented outdoor activity.

Date: Activity:

(If you have already done this when you earned your Outdoorsman activity badge, you may not use it to fulfill requirements for your Arrow of Light Award requirements.)

- 5. Participate in a Webelos overnight campout or day hike.

Date: Activity:

(If you have already done this when you earned your Outdoorsman activity badge, you may not use it to fulfill requirements for your Arrow of Light Award requirements.)

- 6. After you have completed all five of the above requirements, and after a talk with your Webelos den leader, arrange to visit, with your parent or guardian, a meeting of a Boy Scout troop you think you might like to join. Have a conference with the Scoutmaster.

Date: Scoutmaster's Name:

- 7. Complete the **Honesty Character Connection**.

- a. **Know:** Say the Cub Scout Promise to your family.

Discuss these questions with them:

- What is a promise?

What does it mean to keep your word?

What does it mean to be trustworthy?

What does honesty mean?

b. **Commit:** Discuss these questions with your family.

Why is a promise important?

Why is it important for people to trust you when you give your word?

When might it be difficult to be truthful?

List examples.

c. **Practice:** Discuss with a family member why it is important to be trustworthy and honest.

How can you do your best to be honest even when it is difficult?

Requirement resources can be found here:
http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Arrow_of_Light_award#Requirement_resources

Important excerpts from the [Guide To Advancement - 2013](#), No. 33088 (SKU-618673)

[1.0.0.0] — Introduction

The current edition of the *Guide to Advancement* is the official source for administering advancement in all Boy Scouts of America programs: Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, Venturing, and Sea Scouts. It replaces any previous BSA advancement manuals, including *Advancement Committee Policies and Procedures*, *Advancement and Recognition Policies and Procedures*, and previous editions of the *Guide to Advancement*.

[Page 2, and 5.0.1.4] — Policy on Unauthorized Changes to Advancement Program

No council, committee, district, unit, or individual has the authority to add to, or subtract from, advancement requirements. There are limited exceptions relating only to youth members with special needs. For details see section 10, "Advancement for Members With Special Needs".

[Page 2] — The "Guide to Safe Scouting" Applies

Policies and procedures outlined in the *Guide to Safe Scouting*, No. 34416, apply to all BSA activities, including those related to advancement and Eagle Scout service projects.

[4.1.0.3] — Who Approves Cub Scout Advancement?

A key responsibility for den leaders is to implement the core den meeting plans as outlined in the Den & Pack Meeting Resource Guide, No. 34409. For the Bobcat trail and Tiger Cub achievements, parents (or adult partners) should sign in the boy's handbook; the den leader then approves as progress is recorded in the den's advancement record. For Wolf, Bear, and Webelos advancement, den leaders take the lead in approving requirements, though their assistants, and also parents who help at meetings, may be asked to play the role of "Akela" and assist. Parents sign for requirements that, according to meeting plans and instructions in the handbooks, take place at home.

[4.1.0.4] — "Do Your Best"

Cub Scouts—even those of the same age—may have very different developmental timetables. For this reason, advancement performance in Cub Scouting is centered on its motto: "Do Your Best." When a boy has done this—his very best—then regardless of the requirements for any rank or award, it is enough; accomplishment is noted. This is why den leaders, assistants, and parents or guardians are involved in approvals. Generally they know if effort put forth is really the Cub Scout's best.

In the same spirit as "Do Your Best," if a boy is close to earning a badge of rank when the school year ends, the pack committee, in consultation with the den leader and the Cub Scout's parent or guardian, may allow him a few weeks to complete the badge before going on to the next rank. Earning it will give him added incentive to continue in Scouting and carry on and tackle the next rank.

[4.1.2.2] — Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program

More than just a recognition opportunity, this program develops new skills, improves those existing, and otherwise enriches Cub Scouting. Details can be found in the Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide, No. 34299. Activities include subjects like science, video games, collecting, and chess; and sports such as baseball, skateboarding, and table tennis. Each has two levels—a belt loop and a pin. Belt loops are awarded when each of three requirements is met. Cub Scouts may then continue with additional requirements and earn the pin. Belt loops and pins may be earned more than one time. Archery and BB gun shooting are included, but can only be conducted at a council-presented activity with certified supervisors.

4.1.2.3 More on Webelos Activity Badges

Activity badges help Webelos Scouts develop interests in areas that may lead to hobbies or career choices. The projects involved help accomplish the purposes of Cub Scouting while providing the foundation for exciting and worthwhile den meetings. Some badges may occupy a den for a few weeks; others may take longer. Families are encouraged to work at home with their boys on projects begun at den meetings, but the Webelos den leader approves completed work.

The Webelos den leader and assistant(s), and the den chief, may handle portions of instruction during meetings. But the badges will have more meaning when a knowledgeable activity badge counselor teaches most of the requirements, provides resources, leads field trips, and gives other useful service. A parent or family member, pack leader, teacher, coach, or other adult with talents or skills related to the specific badges may serve in this capacity. A local Scoutmaster or the district advancement chair can help identify merit badge counselors who might also work with related activity badges.

Note that except for the references to merit badge counselors, the policies and procedures for activity badges offered through non-Scouting organizations or businesses, and those regarding charging fees for activity badge opportunities, are the same as those described in section 7, "The Merit Badge Program," topics 7.0.4.9 and 7.0.4.10.

Additional notes of interest:

- Webelos Scouts may complete requirements in a family, den, pack, school, or community environment.
- "Akela" (Pronounced "Ah-KAY-la") — Akela is a title of respect used in Cub Scouting—any good leader is Akela, who is also the leader and guide for Cub Scouts on the advancement trail. (See "Law of the Pack.")
- "Law of the Pack" —
 - The Cub Scout follows Akela.*
 - The Cub Scout helps the pack go.*
 - The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.*
 - The Cub Scout gives goodwill.*