



Transition From Webelos to Boy Scouts

What to Expect and What is Expected



Sir Robert Baden-Powell

- “There is no teaching to compare with example.”
- “A boy carries out suggestions more wholeheartedly when he understands their aim.”



Agenda

- Purpose of Webelos
- Transition to Boy Scouts
- Compare and Contrast
- Advancement Overlap with Boy Scouts
- Interaction with Boy Scouts
- Adult Interaction
- Final Thoughts



Welcome

- Thanks for attending
- First, how many of you were in Boy Scouts and/or have a son in Boy Scouts?



Purpose of Webelos

- WEBELOS
 - **WE'll BE LOyal Scouts**
- Interim period between Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts



Purpose of Webelos

- Webelos learn about Boy Scouts
 - Requirements are designed to provide a glimpse of how the Boy Scout program works and get a “leg up”
- Time to get excited about Boy Scouts
 - Webelos get to interact with Boy Scouts while still being a part of the Pack so they are not “overwhelmed” by the “big guys”
- Allows “early” entry to Boy Scouts via Arrow of Light



Purpose of Webelos

- The Key Purpose
 - Transition to Boy Scouts
- This overview provides a glimpse into Boy Scouts and how Webelos and Boy Scouts can and should overlap in preparing the Webelos.
- Done correctly, the Webelos transition sets the boy up for a easy transition to and success in Boy Scouts



Transition to Boy Scouts

Scouting trail

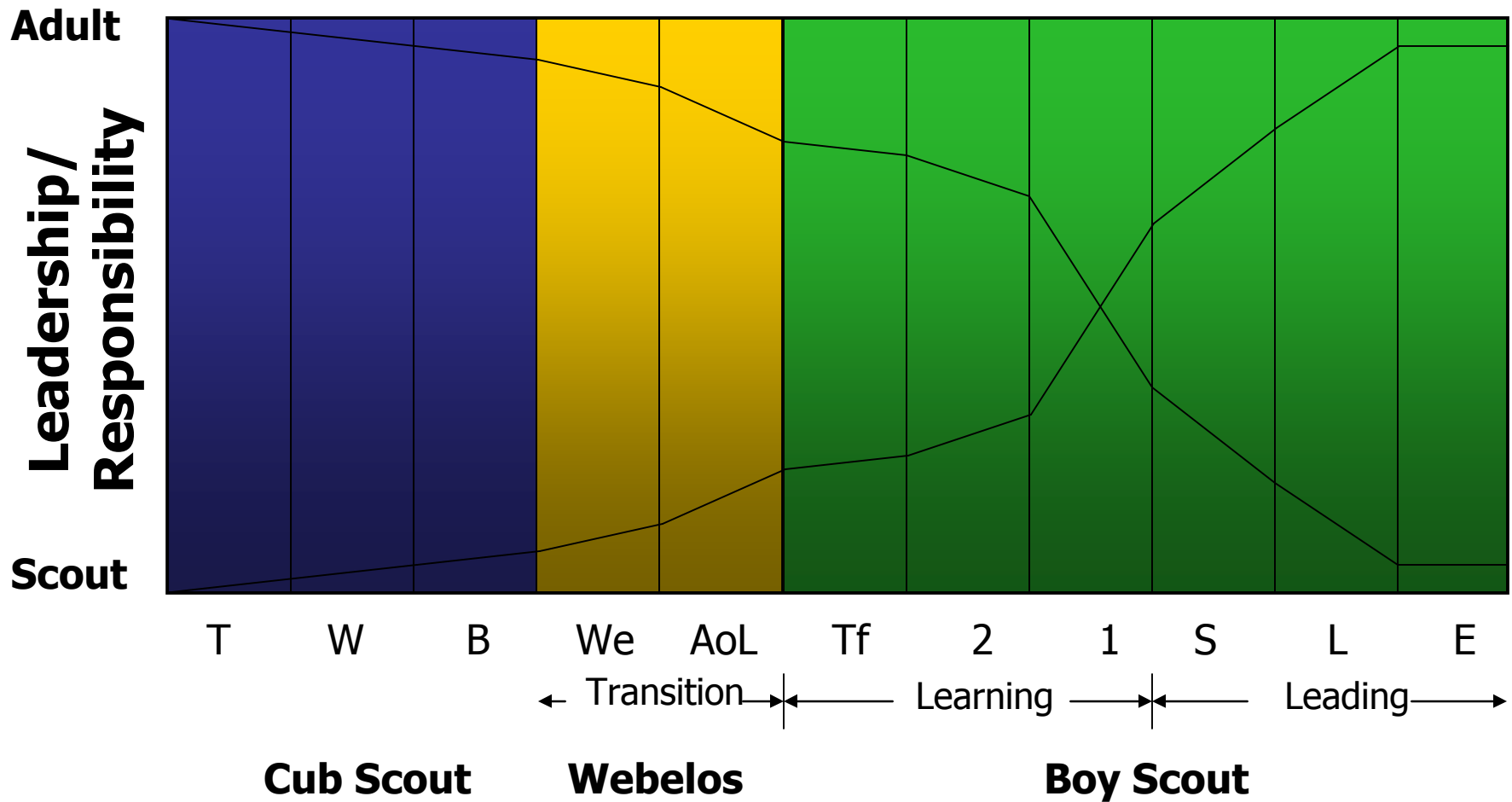
- The Ranks of Boy Scouts are:
 - Scout
 - Tenderfoot
 - Second Class
 - First Class
 - Star
 - Life
 - Eagle



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Scouting trail

Ranks in Scouting





Transition to Boy Scouts

Webelos Provides the First Steps

- Scout
 - Joining rank
- Tenderfoot
 - Becoming a Scout
- Second Class
 - Learning camping skills / taking personal responsibility



Transition to Boy Scouts Webelos Provides the First Steps

- The requirements for Scout and Tenderfoot are mirrored requirements for Webelos and Arrow of Light
- Proper achievement of these should enable the boy to quickly attain these first Boy Scout ranks and easily move to begin Second Class rank



Transition to Boy Scouts Webelos Provides the First Steps

- Many Webelos and AoL requirements match the Second Class rank requirements as well
- Webelos provides the “transition” to Boy Scouts and a “jump start” to advancement



Transition to Boy Scouts Expectations

- Boy Scouts show leadership
 - Expectation is that Webelos show leadership in the Pack and attend pack events
- Boy Scouts work independently
 - Expectation that Webelos will choose his Activity Badges and initiate working on them
 - Den Leaders do not have to “do it all” for Webelos
 - Webelos should ask for help (parents or DL)



Transition to Boy Scouts Expectations

- Boy Scouts are Prepared
 - Webelos begin to learn to take responsibility and take care of themselves



Transition to Boy Scouts Expectations

- Webelos will continue to be involved with their Pack while learning to be Boy Scouts
- Webelos will provide the example for the younger Cub Scouts



Transition to Boy Scouts Expectations

- Webelos will explore a Troop(s) to determine which unit best suits their style
- Webelos will understand the requirements for Webelos and Arrow of Light and take responsibility for their attainment



Compare and Contrast Organization

- Troop
 - Weekly meetings
- Patrols
 - Different ages
 - Different ranks
 - Teamwork
 - Set own goals

- Pack
 - Monthly meetings
- Dens
 - Same age
 - Same rank
 - "Den work"
 - Adults control



Compare and Contrast Advancement

- Scout
- Tenderfoot
- Second Class
- First Class
- Star
- Life
- Eagle

How far is up to the boy

- Tiger Cub – 1st grade
- Wolf – 2nd grade
- Bear – 3rd grade
- Webelos 4th grade
- Arrow of Light – 5th grade

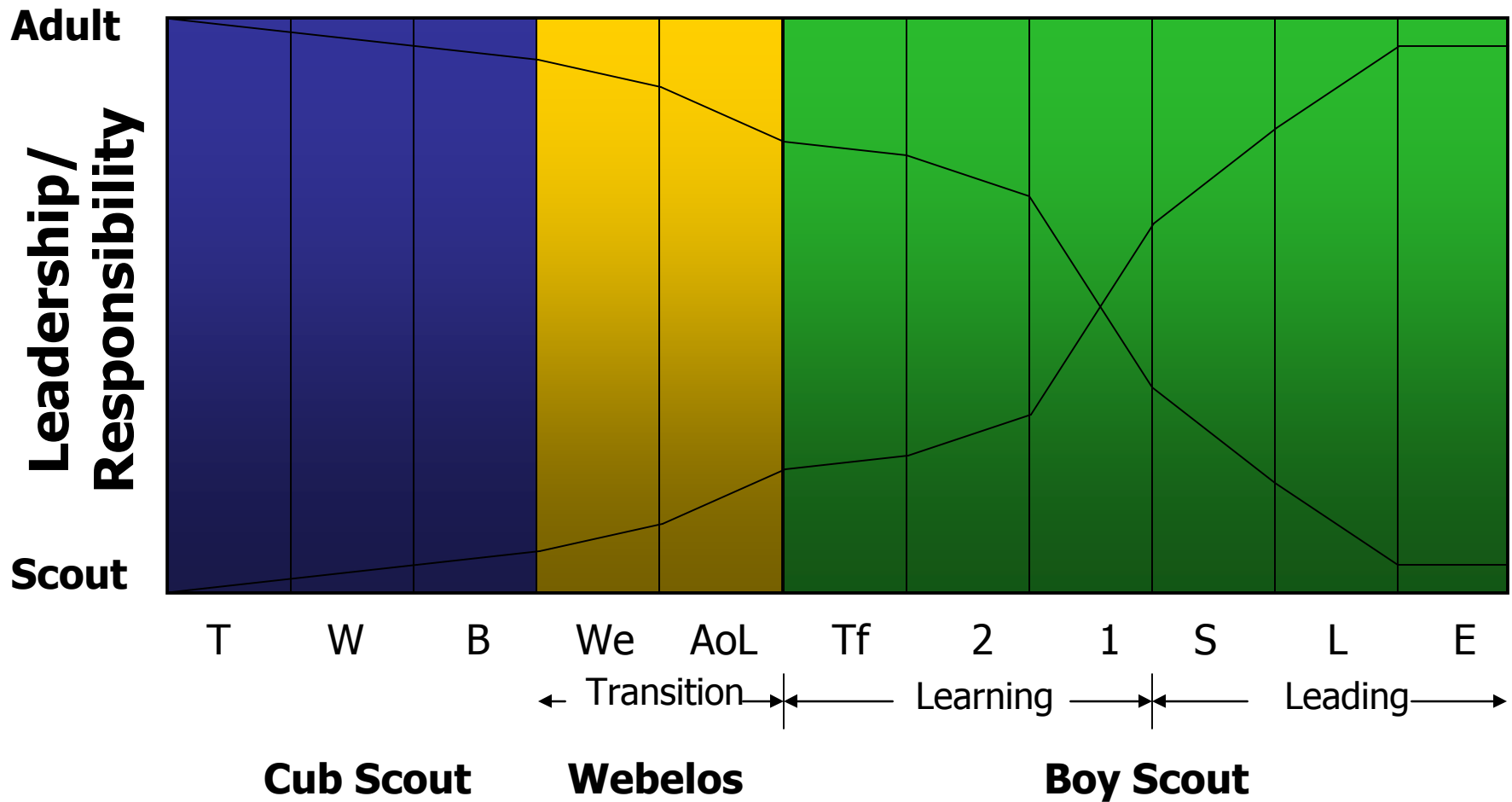
Don't have to earn a rank
to move with Den



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Ranks in Scouting





Compare and Contrast Advancement

- Complete rank before work on next rank
 - Attain ranks at own pace and responsibility
 - Don't have to obtain Eagle or any rank to be in Boy Scouts
 - There is a reason 1 of 50 make Eagle
- Move up with Den even if don't achieve rank
 - Level "age dependent"
 - Don't have to attain AoL but changes the timing of when the boy can join Boy Scouts



Compare and Contrast Advancement

- Achievements signed off by Older Boys or Councilor, not parent
- Must demonstrate knowledge/ ability/ mastery
- Need Scoutmaster Conference (also required for AoL)
- Board of Review to validate

- Achievements signed off by parent or DL (Akela)
- Boy does their best and is provided the achievement
- No Cub Master verification
- No Pack review, it is "do your best"



Compare and Contrast Leadership

- Boys Lead
 - Patrol Leaders Council
 - Senior Patrol Leader
 - Patrol Leader
 - Other staff
 - Adults Guide
 - Scoutmaster
 - Asst Scoutmaster
 - Patrol Guides
 - Committee
- Adults Lead
 - Cub Master
 - Den Leaders
 - Committee
 - Parents



Compare and Contrast Annual Activities

- Monthly Camping
- Outdoor skills
- Service projects
- High Adventure
- Summer Camp

- Typically Action/ Boy Oriented
- Skills for life

- 1-2 Family Campouts
- "Go See Its"
- Service projects
- Summer Day Camp
- Introduction to Boy Scout camping (Akela Camp can be helpful)
- Typically Family Oriented



Advancement Overlap with Boy Scouts Webelos Requirements

1. Active member
2. Meaning of the Webelos badge
3. Point out and explain the three parts of the Webelos Scout uniform
4. Earn the Fitness and Citizen activity badges and one other activity badge from a different activity badge group
5. Plan and lead a flag ceremony
6. Show that you know and understand the requirements to be a Boy Scout.
 1. Demonstrate the Scout salute, Scout sign, and Scout handshake
 2. Explain the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout motto, and Scout slogan.
 3. Explain and agree to follow the Outdoor Code
7. Faith

All requirements and "how to" are in Webelos Book



Advancement Overlap with Boy Scouts Scout against Webelos

1. Find a Scout troop near your home.
2. Repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Demonstrate the Scout sign, salute, and handshake.
4. Demonstrate tying the square knot (a joining knot).
5. Understand and agree to live by the Scout Oath, Law, motto, and slogan, and the Outdoor Code.
6. Describe the Scout badge.
7. Participate in a Scoutmaster conference.

1. AoL Requirement 6
2. Requirement 5
3. Requirement 6
4. AoL Requirement 2
5. Requirement 6
6. Requirement 2
7. AoL Requirement 6



Advancement Overlap with Boy Scouts Arrow of Light Requirements

1. Be active in your Webelos den for at least six months
2. Show your knowledge of the requirements to become a Boy Scout by doing all of these:
 1. Repeat from memory and explain in your own words the Scout Oath or Promise and the 12 points of the Scout Law.
 2. Give and explain the Scout motto, slogan, sign, salute, and handshake.
 3. Understand the significance of the First Class Scout badge. Describe its parts and tell what each stands for.
 4. Tell how a Boy Scout uniform is different from a Webelos Scout uniform.
 5. 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, Citizen, **Readyman,**
Outdoorsman
4. With your Webelos den, visit at least one Boy Scout troop meeting and one Boy Scout-oriented outdoor activity.
5. Participate in a Webelos overnight campout
6. 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

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Advancement Overlap with Boy Scouts Tenderfoot against Arrow of Light

1. Go on an overnight camping trip
2. Spend at least one night on a patrol or troop campout
3. On the campout, assist in preparing and cooking your patrol's meals
4. a. Demonstrate how to whip and fuse the ends of a rope.
b. Demonstrate that you know how to tie the following knots and tell what their uses are: two half hitches and the taut-line hitch
5. Explain the rules of safe hiking, both on the highway and cross-country
6. Demonstrate how to display, raise, lower, and fold the American flag
7. Repeat from memory and explain in your own words the Scout Oath, Law, motto, and slogan.

1. AoL Requirement 5
2. Similar to AoL Requirement 5
3. Outdoorsman Activity Badge
4. Outdoorsman Activity Badge
5. Outdoorsman Activity Badge
6. Webelos Requirement 5
7. AoL Requirement 2



Advancement Overlap with Boy Scouts Tenderfoot against Arrow of Light

8. Know your patrol name, give the patrol yell, and describe your patrol flag
9. Explain the importance of the buddy system as it relates to your personal safety
10. Record your best in the following tests (list)
11. Identify local poisonous plants; tell how to treat for exposure to them
12. Demonstrate how to care for someone who is choking. Show first aid for the following (list)
13. Demonstrate Scout Spirit by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law in your everyday life.
14. Participate in a Scoutmaster conference

8. NA
9. Outdoorsman Activity Badge
10. Fitness Activity Badge
11. Readyman Activity Badge
12. Readyman Activity Badge
13. General Webelos/ AoL
14. AoL Requirement 6



Advancement Overlap with Boy Scouts

Activity badges

■ Merit Badges

- For Star, Life, Eagle ranks
- 11 required, 10 optional for Eagle
- Approx. 120 to choose from
- Work with Merit Badge Councilor

■ Activity Badges

- For Webelos and Arrow of Light
- 5 required, 3 optional
- 20 to choose from
- Work with Den Leader or Parent



Advancement Overlap with Boy Scouts Activity badges

- Akela Camp
 - 4 Day – 3 Night “Webelos Summer Camp”
 - Opportunity to see a “lite” version of Summer Camp as Boy Scouts would do it
 - Opportunity to work on Webelos Activity Badges that can be outdoor specific



Interaction with Boy Scouts Troop meeting

- Meetings should include time for the Patrol to meet and plan outings
- Preparation time for outdoor activities and other Troop activities
- Younger boys learn Scout skills from adults and older boys
- Ability to meet with Merit Badge counselors and Scoutmaster for advancement



Interaction with Boy Scouts Camping

- Camping is by patrol
- Boys run their patrol and work together for success on the campout
- Adults only provide advice when needed, boys follow their own plan
- Can be site camping, backpacking, summer camp, or high adventure
- Many outdoor activities can be done
- Webelos allowed on some campouts to be with Troop and will become "part of patrol" but overnight with parent.



Interaction with Boy Scouts Role of the Scoutmaster

- Provides leadership to Troop adults
- Provides advice to Patrol Leaders Council
- Works to advise boys on their rank advancement during "Scoutmaster conference"



Interaction with Boy Scouts

Role of the Troop Adult Leaders

- Provide support/ guidance to boy leaders
- Infrastructural roles
 - Assistant Scout Master
 - Committee
 - Patrol Guides
- Merit badge councilors
- “New Boy Patrol” guide



Interaction with Boy Scouts

Role of the Troop Boy Leaders

- Senior Patrol Leader
 - Elected by Troop
 - Leads Troop
 - Chairs Patrol Leaders Council
- Patrol Leader
 - Elected by Patrol
 - Leads Patrol



Interaction with Boy Scouts Troop Activities

- As many as boys imagination, safety, and ability to execute will allow
- Camping, hiking, canoeing, climbing, building, competitions, skills development, etc.
- Webelos allowed to participate in age-appropriate Troop activities when invited



Adult Interaction

Role of the Den Leader of Webelos Den

- Provides guidance to boys
- Provides activities that can support some Activity Badges
 - Several Activity Badges are “family focused”
- Encourages interaction with Boy Scout Troop(s)



Adult Interaction

Role of the Parent for Webelos Den

- Responsible for working with their son to assist him in attainment of the requirements (not do it for him)
- Parents need to read and understand the Webelos and Arrow of Light requirements and What to Expect in Boy Scouts
 - Do not need to be "Scout Expert" since all requirements and "how to" are in the Webelos book



Adult Interaction

Role of the Parent for Webelos Den

- Should help their son interact with and explore Troops to join
- Need to support the Den Leader



Final Thoughts Preparation

- A goal of many Boy Scouts is attainment of Eagle Scout
- Key to this is proper record keeping
- You and your son need to keep all cards from Ranks and Merit badges to be able to fill out the Eagle Scout application
 - THIS IS CRITICAL and often not understood by parents and boys who then must scramble for records years later
 - DO NOT assume that your unit will keep your records



Final Thoughts Boy Scouts

- Can be some of the most fun a boy has in their life
- Proper preparation at a Webelos level can help pave the way for this fun



Final Thoughts Boy Scouts

- Boy Scouts is also about learning and responsibility. As parents we must help them learn to learn and to have proper responsibility.
- Remember the Scout Oath:
 - Duty to God
 - Duty to Country
 - Duty to Self