

Scoutmaster's Role

Knowing that 70% of all boys who join boy Scouts were Webelos first, it makes good sense to “go after” those Webelos. New members have *vitality, new ideas, and add new parents* to the troop! You can play a critical role in recruiting new Scouts to your Troop through the Webelos Transition Plan.

- Sept/Oct** → Meet with your Unit Commissioner and let him/her know your desires for increasing the troop size.
- Appoint good scouts to be Webelos Den Chiefs to help get Webelos in nearby Packs interested in joining your troop.
- Identify a Webelos Resource Chairman for your troop to help nearby packs.
- November** → Invite Webelos to visit a regular troop meeting, outing or camp out.
- Hold a Webelos parents' night to promote the troop's summer camp plans and get the Webelos ready to participate. Prepare and give them an information sheet with schedule, fees, and general camp information.
- December** → Plan to be a part of the pack's February meeting and Webelos' graduation.
- February** → Attend the pack meeting in February; help conduct the graduation ceremony.
- Webelos should register (transfer in) as scouts with your troop.
- Mar/Apr** → Invite the Webelos leader(s) to become a mentor to the new Scout's patrol. This will help the new boys get adjusted and it provides an excellent prospect for a new Assistant Scoutmaster or Committee Member for the troop.
- Be sure all new Scouts have the troop schedule so that they can begin participating in troop activities. (This is very import – and often overlooked.)
- Hold a spring campout for the troop emphasizing basic Scout skills for new boys (e.g. cooking, camping, and patrol methods). This will build confidence in new Scouts and help prepare them for summer camp.
- Have a troop parent's meeting for final details on summer camp.
- Encourage new parents to join the troop committee.

NOTE: **Pack contact information is available from your District Executive, Unit Commissioner, or District Transition Chair. Ask for a list Webelos Den Leaders, Cubmasters, and/or Pack Committee Chair.**

ALSO: You should receive a list of eligible Webelos before November to invite to your troop. If you do not, contact your Unit Commissioner, District Executive, or District Transition Chair.