

Webelos II (5th Grade) Cub Scouts

Summer between 4th and 5th grade: Distribute *Family Member Activity Badge* requirements and charts (below). Set a due date for completion. Participate in pack summertime activities, for the completion of the Summertime Pack Award. If any new boys have joined your den, make certain they complete the Bobcat Badge before beginning other advancement. Distribute the Parent and Family Talent Survey (in resource folder on this CD) to the parents of new boys, asking them to complete and return it to you at the next meeting.

A snack at den meetings is optional, depending on the time of your meeting. Den dues may be collected at each meeting or at the beginning of the year. You may wish to distribute a parent information letter (samples in resource folder on this CD) at the conclusion of each meeting. The letter informs parents what was completed at each meeting and provides information on upcoming den and pack meetings and activities.

Cub Scout Promise

I, _____ name _____, promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack.

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America
And to the republic for which it stands,
One nation under God, indivisible,
With liberty and justice for all.

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Meeting #1 *Aquanaut Activity Badge, Swimming Belt Loop, Family Member Activity Badge*

Preparation and materials needed:

We completed this at the end of the summer, just before the beginning of the school year. At the beginning of the summer, inform parents of your plan to do this, so non-swimmers can prepare. At least one month in advance make arrangements with an outdoor or indoor pool. Ask a lifeguard or water safety instructor to work with the boys. Give the badge and belt loop requirements to the lifeguard in advance. Arrange to have personal floatation devices and equipment for reaching and throwing rescues available. Submit a Local Tour Permit to your council two weeks prior to this activity. (See the Resource Folder on this CD to find a Local Tour Permit.) Remind boys to bring *Family Member Activity Badge* requirements to this meeting.

Gathering:

Collect den dues

Record attendance

Collect *Family Member Activity Badge* requirements

Opening ceremony:

Using the pool flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Ask your lifeguard or water safety instructor to join you.

Advancement:

Aquanaut Activity Badge, requirements 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8. Requirement 8 is the Sports Belt Loop for swimming.

Closing:

Snack

Hand out parent information letter

Meeting #2 *Sportsman Activity Badge, Ultimate Belt Loop*

Preparation and materials needed:

Obtain instructional video for Ultimate and access to a VCR to watch the video, bring Ultimate discs (Frisbees)

Gathering:

Discuss good sportsmanship during snack time.

Collect den dues

Record attendance

Opening ceremony:

Flag ceremony

Advancement:

Sportsman Activity Badge, requirement 1, 2, and 4 (Earned *Ultimate (Frisbee) Belt Loop*)

We have already completed requirement 3 by earning the *Physical Fitness and Swimming Belt Loops*. Each boy had previously completed one of the requirements for requirement 4 by earning a team sport belt loop on his own. After learning referee signals for other sports, discussing good sportsmanship, and viewing the Ultimate instructional video, we played Ultimate outdoors.

Closing:

Retire the Colors

Hand out parent information letter

Meeting #3 *Craftsman Activity Badge* (partial), *Handyman Activity Badge* (partial), *Craftsman Activity Badge* (partial)

Preparation and materials needed:

For each boy: 7"x 2" piece of soft leather, 1" – 1½" metal ring to which a key can be attached, cardboard pattern in the shape of an hourglass, 2" wide at the widest part and ½" wide at the narrowest part, ball point pen, sharp scissors. For the group: small bottle of leather glue, leather tooling letters and two mallets, small container of water and sponge or small cloth, camera and film to take a photo of each boy

Gathering:

Snack

Collect den dues

Record attendance

Opening ceremony:

Flag ceremony

Advancement:

Craftsman Activity Badge, requirement 4 (useful item #2): Make a leather key ring. Trace the cardboard pattern onto the rough side of the leather. Cut leather on the line. Using water and sponge or cloth, moisten the smooth side of the leather. Using the leather tooling letters and mallet, each boy tooled his first name onto one wide part of the leather. (For safety reasons, do not use last names.) With smooth side out, fold leather in half, so the two wide parts match. Insert metal ring at the narrow halfway point. Glue the two wide halves together, making sure the smooth sides are out, so the name can be seen. Keep glue away from the narrow part of the leather, so the key ring can turn freely. Allow glue to dry.

Handyman Activity Badge, requirement 1c: Ask the boys to do a household task in their home for two weeks.

Craftsman Activity Badge, (for requirement 3): Take a head and shoulders photo of each boy in his uniform. This photo will go into the frame made during meeting #6.

Closing:

Retire the Colors

Hand out parent information letter

Inform parents that boys are to do a household task in their home for two weeks.

Boys take key rings home

Meeting #4 *Handyman Activity Badge*

Preparation and materials needed:

Make arrangements to go to someone's home to complete the requirements. This could be the leader's home or the denner's home. Have equipment ready to wash a car, check tire pressure on a car, tools for making a repair on a bicycle, oil for a bicycle chain, pump to inflate bicycle tires, a light bulb.

Gathering:

Complete the Responsibility Character Connection (requirement 1) while eating snack.

Collect den dues

Record attendance

Opening ceremony:

Using flag on the denner's uniform, recite Pledge of Allegiance

Advancement:

Handyman Activity Badge, requirements 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10

Closing:

Thank the boys for washing your car

Hand out parent information letter

The west compass point for the Compass Points Emblem has now been earned and is to be presented at the next pack meeting.

Meeting #5 *Scientist Activity Badge, Science Belt Loop***Preparation and materials needed:**

Make arrangements for a field trip to work with an educator at a science museum or children's museum to complete this activity badge and belt loop. Provide educator with a copy of the requirements well in advance. Submit Local Tour Permit to your council two weeks prior to field trip.

Gathering:

Snack

Collect den dues

Record attendance

Opening ceremony:

Using a flag at the museum or the flag on your denner's uniform, recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Advancement:

Scientist Activity Badge, requirements 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 12 completed at science museum

Closing:

Hand out parent information letter

Meeting #6 *Craftsman Activity Badge*, requirement 3**Preparation and materials needed:**

Obtain wood moulding from a home improvement store or lumberyard. Have wood cut into proper lengths to make a frame, the opening of which is 3 ¾" x 5 ¾". Have the ends of each piece of wood cut at an angle, so the corners of the frames can be mitered. Bring photos of boys taken during meeting #3, small nails, hammers, safety glasses, 4"x 6" piece of window glass and a 4"x 6" piece of corrugated cardboard for each boy, scotch tape, packing tape, paint, 1" sponge brushes, smocks for all boys and adults. It is helpful to have extra parent helpers for this meeting.

Gathering:

Snack

Collect den dues

Record attendance

Opening ceremony:

Flag ceremony

Advancement:

Craftsman Activity Badge, requirement 3: Make a frame for a photo or painting. Each boy nailed his frame together, then painted it. We used hair dryers to dry the paint quickly. Each boy assembled his photo and frame by working from the back side and inserting the glass, then the photo of himself, then the corrugated cardboard. He taped the photo along its edges to the cardboard. Packing tape was used to fasten the cardboard backing to the back of the wood frame. These were given to the parents as holiday gifts in December. It was fun for the parents to have one photo of their son as a Wolf Cub Scout and another as a second year Webelos Cub Scout.

Closing:

Clean up

Retire the Colors

Hand out parent information letter

Send framed photos home with the boys

Meeting #7 Communicator Activity Badge, Computers Belt Loop and Pin**Preparation and materials needed:**

Make arrangements with a newspaper or radio or television station to visit the newsroom. Submit a Local Tour Permit to your council two weeks prior to the field trip.

Gathering:

Remind boys of appropriate behavior on this field trip

Collect den dues

Record attendance

Opening ceremony:

Using a flag at the newspaper or radio or T.V. station or the flag on your denner's uniform, recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Invite the news personnel to join you.

Advancement:

Communicator Activity Badge, requirements 7 and 4: Field trip to Fox 6 T.V. station, where our Webelos presented the weather forecast live on the air. After they were on the air, the boys discussed as many different methods of communication as they could. Requirements 6, 11, 12, 13, and 14, as well as the requirements for the *Computers Pin*, have been completed by the boys in school.

Closing:

Thank your host at the newspaper or radio or T.V. station

Hand out parent information letter

Meeting #8 Readyman Activity Badge**Preparation and materials needed:**

Contact your local council office or Center for Scouting to ask if they offer a workshop for completion of this activity badge. The American Red Cross may also be willing to conduct a workshop on this for you. There may be parents in your den qualified to work with the boys on these requirements. It is helpful to have several dens participating in this together. This activity badge requires 3-4 hours to complete. Advise parents of the date

for this activity well in advance. Ask boys to bring a home fire escape plan with them to the workshop.

Gathering:

Collect den dues
Record attendance
Collect home fire escape plan from each boy

Opening ceremony:

Flag ceremony

Advancement:

Readyman Activity Badge: Field trip to Council Scout Office. They conducted this badge workshop. The American Red Cross will also come to your meeting and complete this with your Scouts.

Closing:

Thank workshop instructors
Hand out parent information letter

Meeting #9 *Craftsman Activity Badge*, requirement 2, wooden object #2, requirement 4, useful item #3 and #4

Preparation and materials needed:

Purchase wood CD holder kits from BSA (BSA Supply No. 7205). Bring sandpaper, wood glue, clay that does not need to be fired, a clean, empty soup can for each boy and paper and materials to decorate the soup cans

Gathering:

Snack
Collect den dues
Record attendance

Opening ceremony:

Flag ceremony

Advancement:

Craftsman Activity Badge, requirement 2, wooden object #2: We made a wood CD holder, using kits from BSA. Requirement 4, useful items #3 and 4: We made clay pots, using clay that does not need to be fired. These do require time to try, so we left them at our meeting place and the den leader returned the next morning to get them. We also made pencil cans, by decorating empty soup cans.

Closing:

Clean up
Retire the Colors
Hand out parent information letter

The south compass point for the Compass Points Emblem has now been earned and is to be presented at the next pack meeting.

Meeting #10 The boys decorated their arrows for the Arrow of Light ceremony.

Preparation and materials needed:

A plain wood arrow with blue and yellow fletchings (feathers) for each boy, colored electrical tape and colored markers, each color symbolizing a different Cub Scout rank, badge, and achievement. Bring records of all advancement and awards for each boy.

Gathering:

Snack

Collect den dues

Record attendance

Opening ceremony:

Flag ceremony

Activity:

Based on a record of what each boy has completed during his years in Cub Scouting, have him work from one end of the arrow to the other, applying stripes to symbolize his accomplishments. Use the electrical tape and markers to make the stripes.

Meeting #11

Annual trip to an ice cream shop to reward year-long good behavior.

We completed the remaining Arrow of Light requirements during the fall and winter when we were invited to some Boy Scout Troop meetings. Parents are required to attend one of those meetings. We also attended the Klondike Derby with our Boy Scout Troop and went on a day hike. The *Arrow of Light Award* is to be presented in a special ceremony as part of the Blue and Gold Dinner at the end of February. The boys are then ready to join a Boy Scout Troop at the beginning of March.

Some boys earned the *Showman Activity Badge* by completing the requirements at school and in the community. Some boys also completed the *religious emblem* of their faith. (Each emblem may be earned only once.) Several also earned the *World Conservation Award*. (This may be earned only once.) Some earned the *Leave No Trace Awareness Award*. Most earned the *Summertime Pack Award* and the *Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award*. Several also earned additional *Sports and Academic Belt Loops and Pins*.