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The Cub Scout Angle New Adventure Program Implementation: Webelos Leaders, Start Planning Now

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The biggest changes to Cub Scouting in a generation are scheduled to take place in June 2015. Although there will be changes in the way advancement is organized to simplify the program for leaders, the focus for boys will still be on fun, adventure, and learning by doing. For details, see www.scouting.org/programupdates.

For most dens, the change will be simple—boys begin using a new handbook as they move to the next rank. For dens currently in their first year of the Webelos Scout program, however, there will be options as the boys move into the second year of the program.

Option 1. Boys who earn their Webelos rank by June 1, 2015 may continue using the current handbook and complete the Arrow of Light requirements as stated there. However, they must finish all requirements for the Arrow of Light by June 1, 2016. For elective activities beyond the Arrow of Light requirements, boys may choose to work on additional activity badges—or, after June 1, 2015, some of the new adventure pins. The new requirements are posted at www.scouting.org/programupdates.

Option 2. Beginning June 1, 2015, boys may begin using the new *Webelos Handbook* with new Arrow of Light requirements. The new requirements call for boys to complete four specific “adventures” (Building a Better World, Camper, Faith in Action, and Scouting Adventure) plus three additional adventures of their choice. For the transition year *only*, current Webelos activity badges earned beyond the three counted for the Webelos rank (Fitness, Citizen, and one more) may substitute for the “three additional” adventure pins.

The new *Webelos Handbook* and *Webelos Den Leader Guidebook* will be available in early 2015 to facilitate more detailed planning and implementation of the new program.

Planning Ahead in 2014

Webelos leaders should begin now to “*be prepared*” for the 2015-16 program year by taking the following steps:

1. Assess your den's current readiness for making the transition to Boy Scouts under the current requirements.
2. Review the new Webelos Scout and Arrow of Light requirements (see www.scouting.org/programupdates), and estimate your den's readiness when the new program will take effect.
3. Choose the right path for your den.

One adventure pin required for the Arrow of Light, "Scouting Adventure," is designed to help Webelos Scouts make a smooth transition to Boy Scouting. When planning troop visits, Webelos den leaders should share the requirements for the new Scouting Adventure pin with the Scoutmasters to ensure the troops are aware of the changes and ready to help with an effective orientation to Boy Scouting.

Whichever way your den decides to go in the coming year, the emphasis right now should be on continuing to provide a great experience for the boys using the current program.

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