



8 Ideas for an Easy *Webelos-to-Scouts BSA* Transition

The **transition from *Webelos-to-Scouts BSA*** is an important stage in a Cub Scout's journey. It is crucial that leaders in Scouting do everything they can to make the process as seamless and inviting as possible for Webelos and their parents. To make sure Scouts make the move from *Webelos-to-Scouts BSA*, follow these **8 steps for a successful transition**.

1. Select Scouts who represent your Troop well, to serve as **Den Chiefs** for Webelos Scout Dens, while also arranging for den chief training.
2. Serve as a resource for **overnight activities**. The Troop can be of service to provide equipment, leadership, and logistics for Webelos parent-son campouts to show how Troops operate in the outdoors.
3. **Invite Dens and parents to a Troop meeting** to show and explain the difference between Cub Scouting and Scouts BSA, and to see the Methods of Scouting and its Aims. Provide each Webelos Scout a **copy of the Troop's calendar** for the upcoming year.
4. **Conduct an orientation** for parents and Webelos led by youth leaders, using the New Scout Parent orientation resource on Scouting.org.
5. **Work with Webelos Den Leaders** to encourage them to plan to move into the Troop with their Webelos Scouts, and to serve as either Committee Members or Assistant Scoutmasters.
6. **Conduct a Scoutmaster conference** under the guidance of the Scoutmaster, covering the meaning of the Scout Oath and Law, the advancement program, Troop camping, the patrol method, summer camp, and personal equipment.
7. Work with the Cubmaster to implement a **meaningful Webelos-to-Scouts BSA crossover ceremony** at the Pack's Blue & Gold Banquet. Arrange for each Webelos Scout to receive a unique form of recognition, like a Troop t-shirt or neckerchief and a BSA Scout Handbook, along with the Arrow of Light Award.
8. Make sure to **highlight the benefits of the Scouts BSA program**, and emphasize why it is so important for Webelos to join a Troop.

[For more information about the transition of Webelos-to-Scouts BSA, contact your District Executive at www.prairielandsbsa.org or 217-356-7291 or 1-800-464-7291.]