

CUB SCOUT PACK 376

WEBELOS

Parent Guide

4th Grade • 2026–2027 Scouting Year

As of the 2024 program update, Webelos is its own rank tied strictly to 4th grade. (Fourth graders cannot start Arrow of Light work early.)

Welcome to the Webelos year! Fourth graders take on a two-mile hike with first aid, real-world citizenship, and a wider menu of electives. The program is more independent now — your Scout leads more of the work, with your support on a few at-home items. This guide covers the full year.

How Your Scout Earns the Webelos Badge

To earn the Webelos rank badge, your Scout completes all 6 required adventures below, plus at least 2 elective adventures of their choosing. Most of this is done together as a den at meetings and pack events. Your den leader tracks progress and gives final sign-off.

The 6 Required Adventures

Adventure	What your Scout will work on	Where
Bobcat <i>Character & Leadership</i>	Learn the Scout Oath and Law (and describe three points), help create a den Code of Conduct, learn the denner role and signs, and complete the child-protection booklet at home.	Den + Home
Webelos Walkabout <i>Outdoors</i>	Plan and take a two-mile walk with the Six Essentials, check the weather, and demonstrate first aid for blisters, sprained ankles, sunburn, and dehydration.	Den / Family
Stronger, Faster, Higher <i>Personal Fitness</i>	Plan, cook, and eat a balanced meal, do 30 minutes of stretching and moving plus 15 minutes of exercise and a relaxing activity, and review the health form with you.	Home + Den
My Community <i>Citizenship</i>	Learn how voting works, talk with an elected official, trace a federal law through the branches of government, and take part in a service project.	Den + Pack
My Safety <i>Personal Safety</i>	Watch the Protect Yourself Rules video, store hazardous items safely, learn home safety, and prepare for natural events.	Home
My Family <i>Family & Reverence</i>	Talk about your family's faith traditions, do an act of kindness, learn about another faith, and discuss what reverence means.	Family

Family & Reverence note: this adventure can also be earned by completing the religious emblem of your family's choosing.

Choosing Elective Adventures (pick at least 2)

Your Scout chooses at least 2 of these to round out the year. The den usually does a few of them together, and your Scout can add more for fun or to earn extra recognition:

Elective adventures

Aquanaut • Art Explosion • Aware and Care • Build It • Catch the Big One • Champions for Nature • Chef's Knife • Earth Rocks! • Let's Camp • Math on the Trail • Modular Design • Paddle Onward • Pedal Away • Race Time • Summertime Fun • Tech on the Trail • Yo-Yo

Shooting Sports (Archery, BB Gun, Slingshot): optional electives that can only be earned at a council camp with certified instructors — not at regular pack meetings.

Year at a Glance — What to Plan For

Here's the quick summary of the bigger commitments across the 10-month scouting year (roughly September through June):

Overnights	Not strictly required to earn the badge, but strongly encouraged. The "Let's Camp" elective is a full campout, and most Webelos do at least one pack campout this year to get ready for Arrow of Light.
Service project	One service project. No minimum hours. The pack organizes at least one each year.
Outdoor / hiking	One two-mile walk with hands-on first aid practice.
Swimming & water	Optional only — "Aquanaut" and "Paddle Onward" require the BSA swimmer test with qualified adult supervision.
Shooting sports	Optional only — Archery, BB Gun, and Slingshot are available at council camps with certified instructors.
Parent involvement	Not required at every meeting. Your Scout will take the lead more this year; please support the at-home items below.

What We Need From You at Home

A few items are done at home with your Scout. Everything else happens at den and pack meetings:

- Complete the "How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide" booklet activities (part of Bobcat).
- Watch the Webelos Protect Yourself Rules video together and check that hazardous items are stored safely.
- Review the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record together (part of Stronger, Faster, Higher).
- Talk about your family's faith traditions of your choosing.

Tips for a Great Year

- Come to den and pack meetings — that's where most adventures are earned.
- Watch for the pack calendar so you can plan around campouts, the Pinewood Derby, and service projects.
- Keep the handbook handy and celebrate each adventure as it's completed.
- Ask your den leader anytime you're unsure what's coming up next.

Questions? Reach out to your den leader or pack leadership — we're glad to help.