



LOOK AHEAD!

- *The Outdoorsman activity badge takes extensive planning!*
- *See Den Meeting 3!*

Arrow of Light Den Meeting 1

Family Members and Arrow of Light

Preparation and Materials Needed

- ▶ With pack leaders, confirm who is in your den, and reach out to parents.
 - Either distribute a talent survey, or ask about interests, abilities, etc.
- ▶ Read the Family Member chapter in the *Webelos Handbook*.
- ▶ For this activity badge to be completed today will require advance assignment of family member work, at least a month in advance. The den meeting plan is written to assign the home activities today and verify completion at later meetings. To be complete today, instruct Scouts and families to complete the following requirements at home at least a month in advance:
 2. Make a chart showing the jobs you and other family members have at home. Talk with your family about other jobs you can do for the next two months.
 - See the job chart at the end of this meeting plan.
 3. Make a list of some things for which your family spends money. Tell how you can help your family save money.
 4. Plan your own budget for 30 days. Keep track of your daily expenses for seven days.
 5. Take part in at least four family meetings and help make decisions. The meetings might involve plans for family activities, or they might be about serious topics that your parent wants you to know about.
 6. With the help of an adult inspect your home and surroundings. Make a list of hazards or lack of security that you find. Correct one problem that you found and tell what you did.
 8. Tell what your family does for fun. Make a list of fun things your family might do for little or no cost. Plan a family fun night.
 9. Learn how to clean your home properly. With adult supervision, help do it for one month.
 - If you assign these today, check on completion of these achievements at a future meeting.
- ▶ Materials checklist (add to your den Cub tub of U.S./den flags, paper/pencils, other supplies):
 - Ropes (4 feet long) for each Scout to practice the square knot.
 - Family Member activity badge pins for each of your Scouts (so they can be awarded if completed today), and compass emblems or points (if those will be completed today).

Before the Meeting

- ▶ Make final preparations with assistance from any assistant den leader or other parent helper, den chief, and/or denner. Organize the space (seating, flags, advancement charts, activity materials, handouts, etc.). If you're snacking, organize space for that and the cleanup.

Gathering

- ▶ Welcome new and returning Scouts and parents.
- ▶ Get to know parents/engage them in the meeting.
- ▶ Have a gathering activity (games, puzzles, other) that will keep Scouts interested and busy and that others may join as they arrive. If the den desires, serve a healthy snack during this time.
- ▶ If you have background materials for the activity badge, Scouts may be interested in reviewing those.
- ▶ Collect dues, record attendance and any advancement completed at home (a good job for an assistant den leader).

Opening

- ▶ Flag ceremony (rotate planning and leadership to complete **Webelos requirement 6**), with Pledge of Allegiance; maybe recite the Cub Scout Promise or sing a patriotic song; perhaps add a roll call, uniform recognition, or den yell.
- ▶ Provide index cards printed with the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack for any new boys.
- ▶ If you have a guest, give a formal introduction, including what the guest will do for you.

Business Items

- ▶ This meeting will have lots of organizational and getting-to-know talk.
- ▶ Have each Scout (and attending parent) introduce themselves.
- ▶ Discuss/remind what a den is, and how it fits in with a pack. Discuss your goals for the year and highlight/promote the cool activities. Discuss a den name, den yell, and other den identity elements (could include flag, totem, or neckerchief slide).

- ▶ Remind boys of behavioral expectations at den meetings. This is an opportunity to create your den’s code of conduct for how the den should govern itself during meetings.
- ▶ Use this time also to discuss participation in upcoming pack meetings or events as needed.
- ▶ Explain that today’s meeting is to work on the **Family Member activity badge** to promote better understanding within families, and to gain a better understanding of what is meant by “duty to family.”



Activities

- ▶ **Review Bobcat Requirements** (*if needed*): See Tiger Cub Den Meeting Plan 1.

Many of the requirements of **Family Member** need to be done in a family environment. See the home assignment in the Closing section of this meeting plan.

- ▶ **Family Member Activity Badge:** Requirements are to do the first six requirements, and then two of 7 through 13 (This meeting plan covers 1, 8 and 9. Requirements 2–6 are completed at home.):
 1. Tell what is meant by family, duty to family, and family meetings.
As a discussion meeting, with reporting about home activities, the den meeting activity has to involve discussion of the key concepts of the activity badge, and sharing of family ideas among den members.
 - Discuss the meaning of “family,” “duty to family,” and “family meeting.”
 - You might have them demonstrate their skills at identifying safety hazards inside and outside the home by doing an inspection of safety hazards at the den meeting site.
 - Invite the Scouts to discuss their family heritage and why it is important to them.
 8. Tell what your family does for fun. Make a list of fun things your family might do for little or no cost. Plan a family fun night.
And since you’ve covered “what your family does for fun,” use time to do “what your den does for fun.”
 - Have the den decide what game or activity to do just for fun. You might pick a game or relay from another portion of this *Den & Pack Meeting Resource Guide*, or something from the den’s emergency fun box.
 9. Learn how to clean your home properly. With adult supervision, help do it for one month.

Other Ways to Complete the Activity Badge

Alternative **Family Member activity badge** requirements that could be done in lieu of 8 or 9 are these are:

7. With the help of an adult, prepare a family energy-saving plan. Explain what you did to carry it out.
 10. Show that you know how to take care of your clothes. With adult supervision, help at least twice with the family laundry.
 11. With adult supervision, help plan the meals for your family for one week. Help buy the food and help prepare three meals for your family.
 12. While you are a Webelos Scout, earn the **Academics belt loop for Heritages**. Requirements are:
 1. Talk with members of your family about your family heritage: its history, traditions, and culture.
 2. Make a poster that shows the origins of your ancestors. Share it with your den or other group.
 3. Draw a family tree showing members of your family for three generations.
- ▶ **Arrow of Light Award:** This meeting can introduce the requirements (See page 63 of the *Webelos Handbook*.), with Scout participation—later meetings can be used to reinforce and confirm completion.
 2. Show your knowledge of the requirements to become a Boy Scout by doing all of these:
 - Repeat from memory and explain in your own words the Scout Oath or Promise and the 12 points of the Scout Law. Tell how you have practiced them in your everyday life.
 - If not done in the opening, have all recite and perhaps go around the circle of the den to explain how each has practiced the Oath or Promise in everyday life.
 - Or, do a “Scout Law Dart Board” game: A dart game can be used to help teach the points of the Scout Law. You will need a dart board with spaces numbered 1 through 12, and some darts. Each boy, in turn, throws a dart at the board and scores one point if he can recite the point of the Scout Law represented by the number in which his dart sticks. Permit the boy to continue throwing until he either misses or makes an error in the point of the Scout Law.



- No darts? Use dice instead (but divide into two segments, first points 1 to 6 and then 7 to 12 so there is an even chance of each point of the Scout Law coming up!). When a Scout rolls, he has to recite (reading if needed) all 12 points of the Scout Law.
- Give and explain the Scout motto, slogan, sign, salute, and handshake.
- Understand the significance of the First Class Scout badge. Describe its parts and tell what each stands for.
- Tell how a Boy Scout uniform is different from a Webelos Scout uniform.
- Tie the joining knot (square knot). The square knot is also known as the joining knot because it can join two ropes together and because it is the first knot Scouts learn when they join the BSA. It has many uses—from securing bundles, packages, and the sails of ships to tying the ends of bandages.
 - To tie the square knot: hold one rope end in each hand.
 - Pass the right end over and under the rope in your left hand . . . and pull it snug (now you're holding that end with your left hand, and you've switched the other to your right).
 - Next, pass that same end of the rope (the one that is now in your left hand) over and under the one that is now in your right hand . . . and pull it tightly snug.
 - Remember: right over left, left over right.



7. Complete the Honesty Character Connection.

- a. **Know:** Say the Cub Scout Promise to your family. Discuss these questions with them. What is a promise? What does it mean to keep your word? What does it mean to be trustworthy? What does honesty mean?
 - b. **Commit:** Discuss these questions with your family. Why is a promise important? Why is it important for people to trust you when you give your word? When might it be difficult to be truthful? List examples.
 - c. **Practice:** Discuss with a family member why it is important to be trustworthy and honest. How can you do your best to be honest even when it is difficult?
- In the boys' *Webelos Handbooks*, sign the requirements met (and update your records).

Closing

- Award (or recognize) any advancement completed today (ideally, award the activity badge, belt loop or compass item completed today, and recognize later at the pack meeting); thank hosts, guests, helpers.
- Closing ceremony (rotate planning and leadership to complete **Webelos requirement 6**): Retire the colors; maybe with the Boy Scout Oath and/or Law, or the Law of the Pack and/or den yell. Den leader may add a den leader's minute comment.
- Remind the Webelos Scout who will plan and lead the next meeting's flag ceremony.
- Hand out or send family information letter.

- **Home Assignment: Complete Family Member requirements 2–6** at home. Requirement 4 is due back at meeting 4. All others are due back at meeting 2.
- **Home Assignment:** Remind boys to review the Aquanaut chapter in their *Webelos Handbook* before the next meeting.

After the Meeting

- If you've changed the sequence of den meetings, double-check to make sure you will still advance your boys appropriately and check with the Cubmaster to make sure you stay coordinated with the pack.
- Refreshments: If appropriate
- Cleanup: Recruit enough help to do a good job. Scouts always leave an area as clean, or cleaner, than they found it.

Plan for Arrow of Light Requirements 4–6

- To earn the Arrow of Light, a Scout must, with your Webelos den, visit at least one Boy Scout troop meeting and one Boy Scout-oriented activity (the outdoor activity with the troop must not be the same one used to earn the **Outdoorsman activity badge**).
- Contact area Boy Scout troops for a list of events that your Webelos Scouts may attend. Determine which Boy Scout troop meeting(s) and Boy Scout-oriented outdoor activity your den will attend, and communicate that to parents.

Webelos Family Member Activity Badge, Requirement 2

On this chart, record the jobs that you and your family do at home. After jobs are recorded, talk to your family about other jobs that can be completed in two months.



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