



LOOK AHEAD!

How are your Boy Scout visits and activities going?

Arrow of Light Den Meeting 6

Arrow of Light Hike

Scientist activity badge (complete). Science belt loop (complete).

Preparation and Materials Needed

- ▶ Read the Scientist chapter in the *Webelos Handbook*.
- ▶ Confirm which elements from the **Scientist activity badge** described in Den Meeting 5 have not been completed, and provide for completion of those on today's hike, or before or after the hike.
- ▶ Identify a suitable trail or route for a day hike with the Webelos den. It may be a destination, or begin and end at your regular den meeting location.
 - If you are doing this as a field trip, inform Scouts and families about when and where to meet.
- ▶ 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.
 - Review the experiments and demonstrations, if any, to be completed from Den Meeting 5 and any others you select, for the necessary materials. You will want to select which ones are most interesting for you and your Scouts.
 - Scientist activity badges and **Science belt loops** 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

- ▶ Review After the Meeting at the end of the previous den meeting plan for necessary preparation and materials.
- ▶ 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

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ If you're on a field trip, as boys arrive, collect permission slips from parents who are not staying.
- ▶ Collect dues, record attendance and any advancement completed at home (a good job for an assistant den leader). Assign parents to meeting roles and hand out a meeting plan to each.

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.
- ▶ If you have a guest, give a formal introduction, including what the guest will do for you.

Business Items

- ▶ Remind the boys of appropriate behavior, including safety considerations, at the site of your visit.
- ▶ Use this time also to discuss participation in upcoming pack meetings or events as needed.
- ▶ Explain that today's meeting is to complete work on the **Scientist activity badge**, plus work on Arrow of Light requirements, including a Webelos den hike.

Activities

- ▶ **Scientist Activity Badge:** Before or after the hike, or on the route, complete any remaining activities for the **Scientist activity badge** described in Den Meeting 5.
 - Doing the vinegar rocket and/or another model rocket may be ideal activities for the mid-point destination of your hike!
- ▶ **Arrow of Light Award Requirements:** This meeting can complete instruction on these, and perhaps completion as well.
 1. 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.
 - 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). See instructions in Arrow of Light Den Meeting 1.
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:** Remind boys to review the Readyman chapter in their *Webelos Handbook* before the next meeting and about
 - Upcoming visits to a Boy Scout troop meeting and to a Boy Scout-oriented outdoor activity.
 - Selection of Boy Scout troops and scheduling of Scoutmaster conferences (**Arrow of Light Award requirement 6**).

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.