



Webelos Den Meeting 6

Citizen

Preparation and Materials Needed

- ▶ Make arrangements to visit a community leader at his/her place of work. Discuss the requirements with the leader in advance. Make travel arrangements as needed and arrange permission slips.

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.
- ▶ **Verify:** Check boys' handbooks for parent/guardian signatures for **Citizen activity badge requirement 8/Citizenship belt loop 9 and 3**. Sign handbooks and record on den advancement record.

Activities

- ▶ **Traveler:** If any of the Scouts plotted the directions to today's field trip, you should ask them how the directions worked, and whether they and their parents were able to follow them.
- ▶ **Citizen Activity Badge:** Requirements 10, 8:
 - 10. With your Webelos den or your family, visit a community leader. (Visit the community leader at his or her place of work.) Learn about the duties of the job or office and tell what you have learned.
 - Most Webelos Scout-age boys have no contact with local government and little understanding of it.
 - By taking a field trip or having a visit, you can help them get an idea of how government operates and provides services to citizens.
 - 8. As a Webelos Scout, earn the **Cub Scout Academics belt loop for Citizenship**. Requirement is to participate in a family, den, or school service project.
- ▶ An element of the Citizen activity badge that has likely carried over from the last meeting is the service project planning as part of the **Cub Scout Academics belt loop for Citizenship**. You might see if the community leader is willing to hear from the Scouts about what their plan is for the service project, and if the community leader can offer encouragement (maybe even suggestions to them about how to get it done).
- ▶ If you don't have a community leader visit, you can definitely use this meeting for service project planning and poster making.



Other Ways to Complete the Activity Badge

If you don't have a community leader visit, you will want to cover one of the other Citizen requirements. (If you do have a community leader visit, some of these might be good questions to cover with the leader visit. You might ask the leader to be ready to discuss these with the den.) Options include:

9. Tell about two things you can do that will help law enforcement agencies.
11. Write a short story of not less than 50 words about a former U.S. president or some other great American. Give a report on this to your Webelos den.
12. Tell about another boy you think is a good citizen. Tell what he does that makes you think he is a good citizen.
13. List the names of three people you think are good citizens. (They can be from any country.) Tell why you chose each of them.
14. Tell why we have laws. Tell why you think it is important to obey the law. Tell about three laws you obeyed this week.
15. Tell why we have government. Explain some ways your family helps pay for government.
16. List four ways in which your country helps or works with other nations.
17. Name three organizations, not churches or other religious organizations, in your area that help people. Tell something about what one of these organizations does.

- ▶ **Webelos Badge Requirements:** Review (if you have a guest, you can have the Scouts explain these to the guest):

3. Know and explain the meaning of the Webelos badge.
4. Point out the three special parts of the Webelos Scout uniform. Tell when to wear the uniform and when not to wear it.
7. Show that you know and understand the requirements to be a Boy Scout.
 - a. Demonstrate the Scout salute, Scout sign, and Scout handshake. Explain when you would use them.
 - b. Explain the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout motto, and Scout slogan.
 - c. Explain and agree to follow the Outdoor Code.
 - These elements can be challenging to make fun, but fun options do exist, such as:
 - Roll the Dice Game—This requires one dice (a big one if you have it). Each boy rolls the dice and depending on what number comes up, he performs one of the Boy Scout requirements. Score points for each boy who does the task correctly. Here are possible tasks for each number:
 - 1 = Read or recite the Scout Oath and tell what it means.
 - 2 = Read or recite the Scout Law and tell what it means.
 - 3 = Recite the Scout motto and tell what it means.
 - 4 = Read or recite the Outdoor Code and tell its meaning.
 - 5 = Show the Scout handshake and tell its meaning.
 - 6 = Show the Scout salute and tell its meaning.
 - An alternate Roll the Dice game could be done with just the Scout Law (1 = Trustworthy, 2 = Loyal, etc.), but divided into two segments: first points 1 to 6 and then 7 to 12. That way, there is an even chance of each point of the Scout Law coming up!): Roll the die, and tell what the corresponding point of the Scout Law means to you.

- ▶ In the boys' *Webelos Handbooks*, sign the requirements met (and update your records).

Closing

- ▶ Award (or recognize) any advancement completed today; 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.
- ▶ Hand out or send family information letter.

- ▶ **Home Assignment:** Review the Citizen chapter in the *Webelos Handbook*.

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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.