



Cub Scout Arrow of Light Rank Requirements

- 1. Be active in your Webelos den for **at least six months** since completing the fourth grade or for at least six months since becoming 10 years old.
- 2. Complete each of the following Arrow of Light required adventures with your den or family (Keep in mind the rationale and the “take aways” stated at the beginning of each adventure and Do Your Best 😊):
 - a. Building a Better World
 - b. Outdoor Adventure
 - c. Duty to God in Action
 - d. Scouting Adventure
- 3. Complete one Webelos/Arrow of Light elective adventure of your den or family’s choosing.
- 4. With your parent or adult partner, complete the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide*, and earn the [Cyber Chip](#) award for your age.*
- **If your family does not have Internet access at home AND you do not have ready Internet access at school or another public place or via a mobile device, the Cyber Chip portion of this requirement may be waived by your parent or adult partner.*

*signifies preferred Scouting from Home option



AOL-OUTDOOR ADVENTURER (cont.)

December, Week 1

The below can be achieved with a buddy, small groups, or virtually as a den.

- Review and share tent experiences. Recognize Scout achievements including their resilience in this challenging environment.
- Build excitement for Scouts BSA. Ask why they see the next step as something challenging and fun with a purpose. Ask for the difference between Dens/Packs and Patrols/Troops.
- Talk with Scouts about the different Troops in the area and find out what the Scouts know about these units (some may know Scouts in the Troop, have a sibling, etc.). Ask the Scouts which Troops they are interested in and why.
- Next week is prep to visit Troops so delegate to the families/Scouts to reach out to the Troop Leaders And their Scouts for a good time to join a meeting (virtual or otherwise).
- Prepare for the troop meeting per the troop leadership's instructions. Set the date for Week 3. Prepare families for the next two weeks to be more comprehensive Den meetings or at least in small groups to gain momentum in a challenging environment...TOGETHER.
- Discuss with the leadership of the troop your den will visit about how the Webelos Scouts will participate in the opening ceremony. Some troops may prefer that the Webelos Scouts are spectators; other troops may wish to have them stand in formation with the assembled Scouts as a patrol. Either is an appropriate way to involve the Webelos Scouts.
- TALK TIME • Depending on how the visit to the Scout troop is organized, the traditional Talk Time activities may be difficult to carry out. It may work better for your den to carry out these or other appropriate activities before the troop meeting starts or at the close of the troop's business meeting during a separate gathering for the members of the Webelos den.



AOL-Scouting Adventure

RATIONALE FOR ADVENTURE

This Arrow of Light adventure will provide Scouts with an introduction to the next step on their Scouting journey, Scout skills, and Scout spirit. Webelos Scouts will attend a troop meeting and accompany a troop on a campout or an outdoor activity.

TAKEAWAYS FOR CUB SCOUTS

- Identifying the key differences between a den/pack and a patrol/troop
- Demonstrating the patrol method
- Making the transition from the pack to a troop seamless
- Attending a troop campout or troop outdoor-oriented activity
- Developing Scout skills for rope care and knot tying
- Developing Scout skills of pocketknife usage, safety rules, and care
- Getting excited about the joining a troop
- A Scout is loyal, obedient.

ADVENTURE REQUIREMENTS

Complete the following requirements:

1. Prepare yourself to join a troop by completing at least A-C below:
 - A. Repeat from memory the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout motto, and Scout slogan. In your own words, explain their meanings to your den leader, parent, or guardian.
 - B. Explain what Scout spirit is. Describe for your den leader, parent, or guardian some ways you have shown Scout spirit by conducting yourself according to the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout motto, and Scout slogan.
 - C. Give the Scout sign, salute, and handshake. Explain when to use each.
 - D. Describe the First Class Scout badge, and tell what each part stands for. Explain the significance of the First Class Scout badge.
 - E. Repeat from memory the Pledge of Allegiance. In your own words, explain its meaning.
2. Visit a troop meeting with your parent or guardian and, if possible, your den members and leaders. After the meeting, do the following:
 - A. Describe how the Scouts in the troop provide its leadership.
 - B. Describe the four steps of Scout advancement.
 - C. Describe ranks in Scouting and how they are earned.
 - D. Describe what merit badges are and how they are earned.
3. Practice the patrol method in your den for one month by doing the following:

- A. Explain the patrol method. Describe the types of patrols that might be part of a troop.
 - B. Hold an election to choose the patrol leader.
 - C. Develop a patrol name and emblem (if your den does not already have one), as well as a patrol flag and yell. Explain how a patrol name, emblem, flag, and yell create patrol spirit.
 - D. As a patrol, make plans to participate in a troop's campout or other outdoor activity.
- Webelos Handbook, page 156 COMPASS CHARACTER 106 ARROW OF LIGHT
4. With your Webelos den leader, parent, or guardian, participate in a troop's campout or other outdoor activity. Use the patrol method while on the outing.
 5. Do the following:
 - A. Show how to tie a square knot, two half hitches, and a taut-line hitch. Explain how each knot is used.
 - B. Show the proper care of a rope by learning how to whip and fuse the ends of different kinds of rope.
 6. Demonstrate your knowledge of the pocket knife safety rules and the pocketknife pledge. If you have not already done so, earn your Whittling Chip card.

NOTES TO DEN LEADER

Please review all the den meeting plans and resources for the Scouting Adventure prior to beginning. Note that there are two options for outings involved in this adventure. The visit and the outing do not need to be with the same troop- they can also be performed online. After reading about how a Scout troop works in the adventure in the handbook, contact a local Scout troop to arrange a date and time for the Webelos Scout den and their parents or guardians to attend one of the troop's meetings. This should be with a troop that the members of your den plan on joining; however, any Webelos den may participate with any troop as long as it does not conflict with the policies of either unit's chartered organization. Your Webelos Scout pack's chartered organization may also sponsor a troop and can provide contact information, or you can check with your local council service center for troops in your area. Your Cubmaster and your unit commissioner may also be able to provide points of contact. Troops often advertise during monthly roundtable meetings their interest in hosting visiting Webelos Scouts. The beascout.org website is another source of points of contact for local Scout troops. Provide the Scoutmaster and/or assistant Scoutmaster of the troop you will visit the Scoutmaster Checklist found in the Meeting 1 Resources. Discuss how they can help the Webelos Scouts complete requirements 2, 3, 4, and 5 when the Webelos Scouts attend the troop meeting. It would be ideal if the instruction and guidance could be provided by Scouts in the troop to demonstrate the role of youth as leaders, teachers, and mentors. You will also need to work with a troop's Scoutmaster and/or assistant Scoutmaster to attend a campout or an outdoor-oriented activity with that troop, such as Scouting for Food or a service project activity. While attending a campout or outdoor activity is required, Webelos Scouts and their parent or guardian are not required to spend the night. Confirm the outing plan with families, including transportation and any additional items they need to bring. Make sure activity consent forms are distributed, signed, and collected. If the den does participate in a campout, there must be at least one adult present who is currently trained in Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation. Follow all Youth Protection policies, including tenting and bathroom/shower use. Webelos Scouts are tasked with practicing requirement 1 at home. Check that they are making progress on this requirement.

December, Week 2

- Prepare yourself to join a troop by completing at least A-C below (families or buddies can accomplish this):

A. Repeat from memory the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout motto, and Scout slogan. In your own words, explain their meanings to your den leader, parent, or guardian.

B. Explain what Scout spirit is. Describe for your den leader, parent, or guardian some ways you have shown Scout spirit by conducting yourself according to the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout motto, and Scout slogan.

C. Give the Scout sign, salute, and handshake. Explain when to use each.

D. Describe the First Class Scout badge, and tell what each part stands for. Explain the significance of the First Class Scout badge.

E. Repeat from memory the Pledge of Allegiance. In your own words, explain its meaning.

PREPARATION FOR TROOP MEETING VISIT AND MATERIALS NEEDED

- Visit a weekly troop meeting. Prior to this meeting you will need to have established communication with a troop in your area and with the members of the den and their parents to schedule the visit. Inform the Scouts of the date and time of the troop meeting and tell them to bring their Webelos Handbooks with them.
- To be prepared for this visit and to prepare troop leadership, you will want to provide at least two weeks' notice to maximize success for all participants—Webelos Scouts and Scouts alike. Scouting Adventure 107
- When coordinating this meeting with the troop, speak to the unit leaders and emphasize the importance of having Scouts in the troop, especially first-year Scouts, involved in the process of instructing and helping the Webelos Scouts during their visit (such as a “shadowing” system to buddy up with a first year Scout during the visit).
- Determine a time to gather as a den (likely virtually). Decide if the den members and parents will meet before and travel together to the troop meeting, or if the Webelos Scouts and their parents will drive separately and meet at the troop meeting site.

- SCOUTMASTER CHECKLIST

- Dear Scoutmaster: Thank you for helping the Webelos Scouts of Den _____ Pack _____ to understand how a troop works by inviting them to attend the weekly meeting of Troop _____ and/or an outing of Troop _____. Below is a checklist of requirement items they need to understand and fulfill with regard to preparing themselves to take the next step on their Scouting journey. Please use this checklist as a guide when they attend your meeting and/or outing. It would be ideal if the instruction and guidance could be provided by patrol members to demonstrate the role of youth in the troop as leaders, teachers, and mentors.

- Part 1—Troop Meeting • Visit a Scout troop’s weekly meeting together with your den members, their parents, and unit leaders. • Describe how the youth of a troop provide its leadership.
- Describe what a merit badge is and how it is earned.
- Describe the rank badges in Scouting and how they are earned.
- List the three steps you will go through once you have completed all the requirements for a rank in Scouting. These are the Scoutmaster conference, board of review, and recognition.
- Explain what the patrol is and how it works.
- Identify the different patrols that a troop may have.
- List the differences between a new-Scout patrol and a traditional patrol in a Scout troop.

- Scouting Adventure Part 2 Outing (Creativity is key with the outing)

- With your Webelos den leader and a parent or guardian, participate in a campout with a Scout troop or participate in an outdoor-oriented activity with a Scout troop.
- Prepare, plan for, and use the patrol method while on a troop campout or during a troop outdoor activity.
- Show how to tie a square knot, two half hitches, and a taut-line hitch and explain how each knot is used. (This may be done at a Webelos den meeting.)
- Show the proper care of a rope by demonstrating how to whip or fuse the ends of different kinds of rope. (This may be done at a Webelos den meeting.)
- Demonstrate your knowledge of the pocketknife safety rules and pocketknife pledge. Earn your Whittling Chip card if you have not already done so. (This may be done at a Webelos den meeting.)

December, Week 3

- Meet as a den

TROOP MEETING

- Have the Webelos Scouts observe the troop meeting and talk with the leadership of the troop. (This could be any or all of the following: Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, senior patrol leader, and patrol leaders. Likely in COVID this is virtual).
- Scouts will participate in a “Scout scavenger hunt” while they attend the troop meeting. The scavenger hunt will help encourage everyone to pay attention to key elements and experiences of a troop meeting while being engaged and active observers.
- Include Talk Time activities after troop meeting visit. • Before dismissing, give the Scouts two pieces of rope (or one 24-inch piece) and instruct them to learn the square knot that is described in the Webelos Handbook. Tell them to bring the ropes back to their next meeting to show how to tie a square knot.
- Inform the Scouts that at your next den meeting, the Scouts will elect a patrol leader as they model a patrol for this adventure. Explain that the patrol leader will be leading the Scouts for the next two meetings and on an outing with a troop with your guidance.
- Inform those Scouts interested in becoming patrol leader that they need to prepare a speech (talk) explaining why they would like to be the patrol leader and give it at the next meeting. Have those Scouts contact you and share with you their talk to make sure the message is appropriate.
- Inform all the members of the den that they will be choosing a patrol emblem for their patrol (if your den has not already done so) and making a flag with that emblem (if your den has not already done so) at your next meeting.
- Troop Meeting Scavenger Hunt (examples include):
 - Troop meeting run by youth: Did you see the senior patrol leader start the meeting or did an adult begin the meeting? • Patrol method used: Did you see smaller groups in patrols who are making decisions about troop activities? • Skills: Were Scout skills taught to younger Scouts by older Scouts?
 - Patrols: Did you see new-Scout patrols, traditional patrols, and experienced Scout patrols?
 - Games: Did the troop play an interpatrol game to practice Scout skills?
 - Program: What are the Scouts in the troop planning to do later in the month?
 - Program: Where did the troop go to camp last summer and where is the troop planning to go to camp next summer?
 - Uniforming: Were the Scouts and adult leaders wearing their uniforms? • What kind of fun activities does this troop do?
 - Adults: Did the Scoutmaster share a closing thought?
 - Closing: Did you see the closing run by the Scouts in the troop?
 - Did the Scouts seem to have fun at the meeting?

December, Week 4

- ARROW OF LIGHT Do-at-Home Project: Please take all of the information you collected today while visiting the Scout troop (such as patrol method, uniforms, youth-led meetings, etc.) and create a presentation of what you are looking forward to about joining a troop.
 - This can be done in many formats:
 - • Poster
 - • Media presentation
 - • Oral presentation
 - • Collage
 - • Poetry
 - • Song
 - • Cartoon strip

Please bring this presentation to the following meeting to share with the group.