

Round Table 2/14/08
Webelos Leader Breakout – Litter to Glitter Theme

Webelos Badges to Focus On: Athlete and Engineer (more specific information found over on back of this page)

Upcoming Events:

Sat, Feb 9th – 10 Commandment Hike (the SW Hike in Sugar Land was awesome!)
Sun, Feb 10th – Scout Sunday (need to try it if never done before)
Wed, Feb 13th – Scout Fair Ticket Distribution – Labay M.S. 7-8:30pm
Fri, Feb 15th – 16th – Webelos Leader Outdoor Training – New Kentucky Park
Tues, Feb 19th – Rising Star **Troop Fair @ Arnold Elementary** (1111 Telge – North Of Hwy 290, Past Cy-Fair H.S. on the Left) 6-6:30pm setup, 6:30-8:30pm fair, 9 cleanup
Fri, Feb 22nd – 23rd OWL Training (Outdoor Webelos Leader Training)
Sat, Feb 23rd – Bovay Fishing Derby
Sat, Mar 1st – NLE 8-9:30 Cypress UMC, Leader Specific 10-12:30 Cypress UMC
Sat, Mar 8th – BALOO Training (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) 8am
Sat, Mar 8th – 9th – Bovay Family Camping Weekend
Th, Mar 13th – Roundtable (RT)
Mon, Mar 16th – Spring Break Starts
Sat, Mar 29th – Mar 30th – Bovay Family Camping Weekend
Fri, April 11th – 13th – **WDYB** (Webelos I only ->flag, yell, chant)-planning meeting info. for DLs not yet posted on web-site
Sat, April 19th – Scout Fair
 - Triple Stamp Time 2/13 – 3/25, Double Stamp Time 3/26 – 4/7
Th, May 29th – CFISD Last Day School
Sun, June 1st – Existing Webelos I DLs become Webelos II DLs

AOL Ceremonies Remaining (per web site 2/11/08 6:00am CST):

Fri, Feb 15th – Pack # 1283
Tues, Feb 19th – Pack # 1150
Wed, Feb 20th – Pack # 3
Fri, Feb 29th – Pack # 626
Fri, Feb 29th – Pack # 1005

Ideas:

- (1) Plug into Boy Scout activities (camping, cooking, hikes, etc.) *other than* regular troop visits/troop fairs -> print off the list of troops found on the Rising Star Website – get going on this now...(they can earn the new badge too!)
- (2) Webelos **overnighters** – initiate Patrol method (boys pick patrol name with patches and all, don't wait until Webelos II), suggest 2 overnighters, 1st one – 1 night, 2nd one – 2 nights (Boy Scouts normally do at least 2 night campouts)
- (3) Talk to your pack leadership about legacy popcorn and/or Scout Fair ticket commissions going into Script accounts for departing Webelos II Scouts
- (4) Put your **summer activity plan** in place now, so you don't lose any boys
(remember, this is when most boys leave Scouting, don't let this happen because of poor planning and bored Webelos, engage them...thanks for all you do for Scouting)

Athlete

The boys sometimes forget to do their 5 minutes of stretching and warm up activities. Try To remind them to do this, so they don't injure themselves. I've found that the most difficult activities for the boys are: pull-ups, push-ups, quarter-mile walk or run (they Start off too fast and tire quickly), riding a bike as fast as you can (can be dangerous as Cars now commonly speed through our neighborhoods), and of course finding a body Of water to swim in that is heated b/c the time of year makes the water to cold to do the Quarter mile swim. When the boys get into Boy Scouts, one of the most difficult merit Badges to earn is personal fitness. While working on this, the boys have to get measured, Physical fitness tested, and work through a 90 day workout program before they can get Their merit badge. My son is currently working on this one now, and he is working Very diligently. The personal fitness merit badge is required for Eagle Scout rank, so being physically fit is an important area to continually work with the Webelos Scouts on.

Engineer

The current plan is to work at least partially on this activity pin at WDYB. This can also be worked on at Cy-Fair College, Moody Gardens, Houston Museum of Science, as well as WDYB and Rising Star Summer Day Camp. Better yet, find an Engineer and/or architect who is a parent in the pack and ask them to teach your Webelos this activity badge. They are normally flattered and jump all over this project. Oftentimes, You'll even get a new leader out of the deal. It shouldn't be that hard in Houston to locate a construction site. You may want to consider making an electric circuit at a patrol meeting – talk about keep the boys attention, but make sure to do outside where it is safe, Try to incorporate knot tying into making a block and tackle. A marshmallow catapult is a great den/patrol activity. Have a game where you have a contest for distance and accuracy. (definitely hold this contest outside b/c of the stickiness factor) If you do work on some kind of floor plans, I might suggest you combine that with the boys coming up with an emergency evacuation plan from their homes in case of fire.

Activity Pins Being Offered On at Least a Partial Basis at WDYB (subject to change)

Artist, * Citizen, Communicator, Engineer, Forester, Geologist, Handyman,
* Outdoorsman, * Readyman, Scholar, Scientist, Showman

Leave No Trace – it is a great month to talk about Leave No Trace with your Webelos Scouts as Spring camping gets into full swing. Go to the following web-site for Additional details:

<http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/resources/21-105/>

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