

Webelos Leader Breakout – Abracadabras
Round Table 3/13/08

Webelos Badges to Focus On: Sportsman and Family Member (additional info. follows)

Upcoming Events:

Mon, Mar 16th – Spring Break Starts

Sat, Mar 29th – Mar 30th – Bovay Family Camping Weekend

Wed, April 2nd – Summer Day Camp Registration Deadline

Fri, April 6th – Good Friday – CFISD closed

Th, April 10th - RT

Fri, April 11th – 13th – **WDYB** flag & yell – who hasn't been to a planning meeting?

Fri, April 18th – Troop 3 Webelos / Troop Campout SFA S.P. – contact me on this one

Sat, April 19th – Scout Fair : Triple Stamp ends 3/25, Double Stamp 3/26 – 4/7

Th, May 8th - RT

Sat, May 12th – New Leader Essentials (NLE), Cub Specific Training

Sat, May 19th – BALOO Training

Th, May 29th – CFISD Last Day School

Sun, June 1st – RANK CHANGE → Existing Webelos I Scouts become Webelos II Scouts

Remember, No June RT

Sat, July 26th – District Picnic - Tentative

AOL Ceremonies Remaining (per web site 3/10/08 6:00am CST):

All packs completed ceremonies and Webelos IIs off to Boy Scout Troops

WDYB

Scout Activity Pins Being Offered On at Least a Partial Basis at WDYB: (Scouts have to choose 6 in order of priority, but will actually only work on only 4)

Artist, * Citizen, Communicator, Engineer, Forester, Geologist, Handyman,

Outdoorsman, * Readyman, Scholar, Scientist, Showman (* are required for completion Of the Arrow of Light)

Scout Physical Activities/ BLs – Archery, BB-Guns, Rope Bridge/Rock Wall

Adult Program Classes: (1) AOL Arrow/Plaques Demonstration (2a) AOL

Ceremony/OA (2b) WTSE-Oct 2007 (3) Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader (4)

Knuts over Knots (5) Dutch Oven Cooking 101 (6) First Aid Frolics -> remember, adults go to their sessions and the Scouts go to their own separate sessions, adults can not hang around in camp

Q&A on WDYB ? Don't be shy, NOW is the time to ask...

Special Guest @ Breakout ? – Ms. Teri Watson – Director WDYB 2008

WDYB Registration Table – look for it at this RT meeting

General Ideas:

- (1) Plug into Boy Scout activities (camping, cooking, hikes, etc.) *other than* regular troop visits/troop fairs -> if you are having difficulty plugging in to these activities, please ask, all the Scout Masters are having RT right around the corner!
- (2) Working on your Scouts Arrows for AOL – as soon as you take the AOL workshop at WDYB, start strategizing on your patrol arrow/color/length scheme.
- (3) Put your **summer activity plan** in place now, so you don't lose any boys to Sports or plain boredom. Use the “carrot” of earning the *Summertime Den Award* as a way to keep the boys together during the Summer. Each boy who earns the award (gold pin) can wear it on their uniforms.

Sportsman (not offered at WDYB)

This is a fun activity badge to work on. You can use the success of our local pro teams to get the boys excited. If you haven't taken your Scout to an Astros, Aeros, or Copperheads game, you should, they are great! Consider in your patrol activities/events, not only giving awards for winning (e.g. 1st, 2nd, etc.), but also a “good sport” award. Make the boys want *that* award more than the 1st place award. That is what Scouting is all about. Some great BL activities for the summer include: bowling, fishing, bicycling, swimming/Aquanaut (YMCA), golf, roller skating, baseball, soccer, flag football. Find an adult in your pack or patrol, and have them teach a BL workshop. Two summers ago, I taught a tennis BL workshop for the pack. Over 20 boys attended, and we had a blast!

Family Member (not offered at WDYB)

Consider tying this in to some of the Boy Scouting principles of A Scout is Clean, Thrifty, Helpful...Have a family meeting about Scouts saving money for a summer vacation. Parents, consider making a deal with Scouts on going halvesies for something they want to purchase badly. When the boys are doing home inspections for hazards, re-focus them to near door ways, the garage, and maybe near the driveway. When discussing an energy savings plan, I've found IF you can get the Scouts to just turn off the lights and computer every time they are done, and leave that room, you have accomplished a lot. When helping them budget, consider categories like video games, candy/gum, soda, savings, “I don't know”, etc. When talking about taking care of clothes, if you can teach them the cold, warm, and hot categories and what goes in each, you earn the honorary Ph.D. in Cubology! You may want to consider using a camp stove outside in cooking family meals to get them used to the stove for campouts in Boy Scouts, as well as, to complete the requirements for Family Member. Tie in the proper disposal of garbage/trash with *Leave No Trace* and the Boy Scout *Scout Outdoor Code*.

Yours in Scouting,

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