

WEBELOS WOODS ON THE WEB

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Our annual "Webelos Woods" event is a day in the park (or the woods!) with Scout troops setting up booths to promote their units to visiting Webelos Scouts who are about to bridge from Cubs into Scouting. It's a way for Webelos Scouts (5th and 6th graders) to visit a troop and get an idea of the people, culture, and program plans of each troop. The event is intended to help them select a troop that is a good fit for them.

Because of the pandemic restrictions, we can't do this in person, so we are creating a virtual **Webelos Woods on the Web**. Troops will sign up beforehand for breakout rooms in a Zoom meeting, and the Webelos can visit rooms for troops that have their meetings near where they live, draw from their school, already have friends of the Webelos in their troop, etc.

The WWW event is on Saturday morning, Feb. 27, 9-11 AM. Before the event, Webelos and others will be able to review promotional flyers and videos from each troop. At the start of the event (9 AM), there will be a brief opening ceremony (we are looking for three troops to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, the Scout Oath, and the Scout Law). After a welcome and some instructions, Webelos will select a troop to visit, and they will be sent to that troop's breakout room for 10 minutes. We will have four of these round robin sessions, then gather back in the Main Room at 10 AM for a brief review and Q&A. After that review, the troops' breakout rooms will be open for folks to visit at will and ask questions until 11 AM.

Promotion. We will be sending an email to all registered youth with the Webelos rank (5th graders), inviting them to the event. We will also be sending electronic flyers to middle schools in the council, inviting any student 10 years of age or older to attend the event. So not only will we be herding Webelos to your door, we will be inviting other boys and girls in your neighborhood to check you out.

WHAT DOES YOUR TROOP NEED TO DO?

1. Let us know that your troop will participate. We will list you on the council [WWW web page](#) as "scheduled to appear." Please send an email to Pierre.Landry@vhcbsa.org with:

- contact information for the adult leader who is leading this effort for your troop.
- where you meet indoors (before and after the pandemic)
- what middle school(s) your troop typically draws from
- whether your Scouts would be interested in leading the Pledge of Allegiance, the Scout Oath, or the Scout Law.

2. Create a brief PDF information sheet for your troop. These will be posted on the website for Webelos to review before the event. Along with the standard information about when and where you usually meet, the Scoutmaster's contact information, and the Senior Patrol Leader's name, perhaps you can spiff it up with pictures of troop outings before the pandemic that show the types of activities you're planning once we can play The Game of Scouting outside again. I encourage you to have your Scouts take the lead on this assignment.

3. Create a brief video about your troop. Our experience with the Cyber Film Camp last summer showed us that Scouts are very capable of producing short films with lots of creativity in a short amount of time. Perhaps this is a chance for one or more of your Scouts to work on the Moviemaking merit badge! These videos will also be posted on the WWW webpage, and it's your chance to entice Webelos Cub Scouts and other 5th and 6th graders to visit your WWW breakout room.

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4. Visit a workshop. We know that you may have questions about how to do this, so we have set up two *OPTIONAL* workshops to provide assistance with:

- developing the flyer
- developing the video
- updating the troops BeAScout pin.
- explaining the Recruiter patch
- explaining the 1st class requirement for Scouts to bring a new youth to a Scout meeting.
- developing an engaging 10-minute presentation in the breakout rooms (script, staging, costumes, slide show, etc.).

The workshops are scheduled for two consecutive Saturdays, Jan. 30 and Feb. 6, 9-10 AM

This is the Zoom link for both workshops: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81924691295>

5. Have everyone on your troop's WWW team register for the event.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkc-2vrDosGNan52tw0OTIaKm98OVIVUJi>

As you can see, this is an exciting, easy way for you to invite the youth in your neighborhood to join your Scout troop. In these challenging times, we all need all the help we can get!

Questions? Contact Pierre Landry at Pierre.Landry@vhcbsa.org or 323-717-6013 (mobile).