

# Outdoorsman Activity Badge

**Learning Objectives** As a result of this training experience, participants should be able to guide Webelos Scouts in completing requirements for the Outdoorsman activity badge.

**Trainer Preparation**

- Study the training outline.
- Review the information on the Outdoorsman activity badge in the *Webelos Scout Handbook*, *Webelos Leader Guide*, and *Cub Scout Leader How-To Book*.
- Review the “Packing for a Campout” topic in the Outdoorsman activity badge section of the *Webelos Scout Handbook*.
- Practice and time your presentation in advance to help you stay within the time limit.

**Materials**

33452, *Webelos Scout Handbook*, Outdoorsman activity badge  
33832A, *Cub Scout Leader How-To Book*, Chapter 4, “Outdoors”  
33853B, *Webelos Leader Guide*, Outdoorsman activity badge

Day pack or small backpack with an assortment of desirable and undesirable items to be packed

**Handout** Webelos Scout Overnight Checklist (from *Cub Scout Leader Book* page 34-50)

**Before You Begin** The four activity badge sessions—Naturalist, Geologist, Forester, and Outdoorsman—can be presented as a round-robin for up to four training dens by setting them up as stations in close proximity to each other. The dens could then rotate from station to station every 20 minutes for a small-group learning experience. For five dens, Health and Safety can be added as a station. Up to 10 training dens can be accommodated by having pairs of dens travel together.

**Time** 20 minutes. Start on time. End on time.

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**Webelos Outdoor Skills** Remind participants that the outdoor program is an essential element in a successful transition from Webelos Scouts to Boy Scouts. Webelos Scouts have experiences and learn skills that will continue to be important throughout their Scouting experience.

While Webelos Scouts and Boy Scouts learn many of the same skills, Webelos Scouts are not expected to show the same mastery as Boy Scouts. Similarly, Webelos den leaders do not need to know as much about the outdoors as an experienced Scoutmaster.

**Activity Badge Requirements** Review the requirements for the Outdoorsman activity badge in the *Webelos Scout Handbook*.

Explain that the purpose of the Outdoorsman activity badge is to provide Webelos Scouts with a basic set of outdoor skills. To be able to teach these skills, Webelos den leaders must hold at least the level of expertise their Webelos Scouts will need to learn.

## **Packing for a Campout**

Show and review the “Packing for a Campout” topic in the Outdoorsman activity badge section of the *Webelos Scout Handbook*. Distribute the Webelos Scout Overnight Checklist from the *Cub Scout Leader Book*.

Explain that most Webelos Scouts have not yet acquired a lot of gear, so you may be surprised at the variety of alternative equipment you find in their packs. Nevertheless, it is essential to teach every camper to avoid bringing unnecessary items.

## **Packing Activity**

Before the session, collect items that would be appropriate and inappropriate for a campout. You may wish to have a day pack or small suitcase available. Undesirable items might include a sheath knife, radio, CD player, electronic games, candy, juice boxes, matches, and other items you may find. Desirable items could include a flashlight, spare batteries, water bottle, extra socks, watch, sleeping bag, ground cloth, insect repellent, rain gear, and whistle.

Put all items in the checklist as well as some unnecessary or undesirable items on a table. Have the participants select and pack what is appropriate for a Webelos den overnight campout.

Point out that when packing for a campout, campers might consider packing clothing in resealable plastic bags. For example, socks and underwear for each day could be packed together. Always pack at least one extra pair of socks, in case the weather or ground is wet and the socks get wet.

Pack on the bottom the items that will be used last. Items such as flashlights, canteens or water bottles, and ponchos should be placed near the top so they can be retrieved quickly.