

Pack 214 Webelos 2 Year Outline

March:

1. Cross-over for the current Webelos 2's is the 3rd Tuesday in March, after that your boys are the oldest in the Pack and need to understand that they are now the "*big*" guys that everyone else is looking up to, i.e. the example that they set will encourage the others to follow. This is a start of their Boy Scouting Career, their first experience of boys teaching boys.
2. Review with each of your boys and identify where they are in their advancement path. Per the established Pack 214 Path, all of your boys should have already met the requirements and earned their Webelos rank. If you are not already using the "Webelos Tracker" excel worksheet, it is highly recommended that you visit the link established on the Pack 214.com webpage. This software will help you organize each scout and your entire Patrol.
3. If you are not already going – begin now attending the monthly district Roundtables. You can split time with your assistants, but this is the best way to get information outside of the Pack.

April:

1. Investigate the opportunities available to your Patrol for over the summer, especially Webelos Resident Camp. Encourage Webelos Resident Camp attendance for all of your scouts and registered leaders. This is a good opportunity for the boys to go to overnight camp **WITHOUT** the parents. It is also a good team building time for your patrol. Try to build on the previous year's experience and only take enough volunteers to cover the required numbers. Any Parents that insist on going should volunteer for the camp so that they are not with the boys the whole day. It is good to start developing the independence the boys will need to survive their first year at Boy Scout Summer Camp. Get printed materials into the parent's hands so that summer planning will include the camp. Include the Bears (upcoming Webelos 1).
2. Encourage the Pack Leadership to start to develop a summer schedule now.
3. Find out about the annual Knights Baseball Game and Camp-out – encourage your boys and their families to go.
4. Help plan the year-end campout and encourage your patrol to participate. This is a Family event, but with proper leadership ratios you can take boys without their parents.
5. Conservation Project: Begonias and Mulch. Refer to the overall Conservation Project Schedule.

May:

1. Establish your camp week for your patrol – it may not be the same for all patrols, but it has been a better event for the Pack when all have gone during the same week. (It builds camaraderie between the Patrols and the younger boys and leaders.)
2. Get the whole group signed up with the council - take advantage of the deposit/balance deal the council offers as it is usually easier to pay more money at the deadline, then to get a refund back from the council.
3. Get all of the physical forms distributed and set a date to get them back. One person should handle this task and take copies of the forms to camp – originals should be kept with all of the Pack in one location. That person should also handle all medications at camp.
4. Get a schedule of the summer activities out to your group. Encourage attendance for the extra Summer Activities, with the families. Typically, there is at least one summer activity per month, Knights Camp-out, Movies, Concerts, Rain Gutter Regatta, etc... The more that you do as a group, the more you will build a better patrol (forming a team) and improve retainage for the next year.

June:

1. Collect final payment for Resident Camp and finalize your roster with the council.
2. Collect paperwork/physical forms for Resident Camp – encourage those who have not completed them to do so.
3. **Call** your patrol and remind them of the June Summertime activity with the Pack. Call the other Webelos 2 leaders and encourage them to attend the event. The bigger the group – the more fun for the boys.
4. Get together with the other Webelos Leaders and finalize *Group* items for Resident Camp. There is a list from the camp that breaks out individual items and Pack items. Remember the Pack Flag and think of a gateway for your camp site. (Even if it is just rope to hang the flag.)
5. Organize theme items for the group, i.e. when Pirates was the theme, we took plastic swords, bandanas and eye-patches for all. We made flags and props for the camp. Always have some “Sharpies” on hand – use them for decorating the boys camp shirts with “station icons” (bull’s eye, pop the balloon, etc...) – the boys have fun with it and the drawings help them remember all of the fun that they have had at camp.

July:

1. Call your patrol about Webelos Resident Camp.
2. E-mail your patrol about Webelos Resident Camp.
3. Sent a written list of items to bring, when to meet and when to pick them up to your patrol about Webelos Resident Camp. Typically, we have had the parents come out to camp on Sunday morning for Breakfast – check with the camp, they may require a count in advance. The boys get to show off for their parents and you will get a clean break.
4. Fill out and turn in a Tour Permit with all drivers’ info by at least Monday before your camp.
5. Conservation Project: Trim and Fertilize. Refer to the overall Conservation Project Schedule. (Use this as an opportunity before camp to get your group together.)

August:

1. Get a schedule of Matthews Alive out to your patrol by the second week of August. Organize your patrol for both the booth(s) coverage and to participate in the Parade (float).
2. Actively participate in the recruiting of the new scouts for the Pack. Your experience in the program will help new parents understand the organization more than you think. If you get any new Webelos 2 age boys, have a frank discussion with the parents regarding the requirements for earning the Arrow of Light. Boys that are already eleven (11) years old may be better served by the Troop – offer to introduce them to the Troop Rep at Open House. (Confirm that you will have a Troop Rep at your Open House).
3. Meet with the Webelos 2 Representative and encourage them to attend the Troop 39 Committee Meeting (First Sunday of each Month, matthewstroop39.org) and review the items of concern for the Webelos – Camporee/Webeloree (October), Troop All-Nighter (Dec.), Arrow of Light (Jan.), New Scout Parent Orientation (Feb.) and Cross-over (March). Good communication with the Troop through the Committee (Rick Peterson, Chair – 2007) and the Scoutmaster (Joe Culpepper – 2007) will help with transition into the Boy Scout program for both the Scouts and the new parents. If the Pack experiences any problems with the Troop – use the Chartered Organization Representative, currently Mr. Dan Latta (2007) to mediate.

September:

1. Conservation Project: Schedule a meeting; this should be a follow-up to the April and August work. Review the previous materials used and funds spent. Have the Boys come up with a plan, a budget and a date for the fall workday. (October – new flowers and mulch).
2. Encourage leaders in the Pack to attend Scouter Success – the third Saturday in September. It is a good time for future Boy Scout Leaders to get the Boy Scout Committee training behind you.
3. Attend the Pack's Scout Youth Protection presentation with your son. Encourage the others in your patrol to do the same.
4. Get information about the annual Webeloree into the hands of your parents – written information is always going to serve you and your scouts better.
5. Check monthly to see if the Webelos 2 Representative is going to be at the Troop Committee Meetings and coordinate that information with the other Webelos 2 leaders and your Patrol.

October:

1. Webeloree/Camporee is usually at the end of this Month. You need to work with the Troop Scoutmaster (W2 Rep. should already be in communication with the Troop about this) to coordinate the camping arrangements as the Webelos 2 will camp with the Troop at this event. You may be able to have the boys use the Troop's tents. Boys camp with boys. It is good to have a few of the Dad's go to see the Camporee activities and meet some of the Boy Scout Leaders. : Like Resident camp – find out the theme and be prepared – props, flags, cheers, etc...
2. Have the Webelos 2 Representative make contact with the Troop at the first of the month about the December Troop All-Nighter.
3. Conservation Project: – clean out beds, new mulch and plant new annuals (Pansies). Refer to the overall Conservation Project Schedule.

November:

1. Organize group with Troop Leader for up-coming Troop All-Nighter. W2 Rep should have info about event, permission slips, transportation – you must have Webelos Leaders (Parents) per the ratio for Webelos per the Guide to Safe Scouting.
2. Order Shadow Boxes from Ben Gadd 704/507-2607 or 704/847-6872. Parents pay \$30 and the Pack pays the Balance. 2006 Price was \$55.00. This should be a surprise for the boys – try to handle it this way. Shadow Boxes are to be given out at Crossover, not at Arrow of Light. Parents are to put these together and they are as individual as the boys. There are pictures on the website and you may be able to get some parents to bring in from previous years. Just think about all that stuff that has come home from the events, their blue shirt, neckerchiefs, etc... Encourage your parents to have fun with it and to be ready by March 1, weeks before the Webelos Cross-over. Staples and Hot-Glue Guns work well.
3. Have the Advancement Chair Order Arrow Kits for the Arrow of Light Ceremony and start putting together. One or Two should put the Arrows together so that they are consistent. Refer to the "how-to-put-together-the arrows" cheat sheet on the website. Go out and get the supplies now, they may be hard to find in January. In the Arrow of Light trunk, there are some supplies to get you started – make sure you leave some extras for the next group! The Pack has typically reimbursed.
4. Have the advancement chair get the Arrow of Light awards as soon as possible. Each boy gets the Arrow of Light Badge (big pin), each boy presents his mother with the Mother's Pin, and the Dad presents the boy with the Arrow of Light patch. Badge eventually goes on the boys blue shirt in his shadow box and the patch goes on his Boy Scout Uniform below the Rank (left or heart) Pocket.

December:

1. Organize the Arrow of Light Ceremony – get participants committed. Last few years we have used the past Cubmasters, Hodge, Peterson and Godfrey, etc... Go through the props – from year to year they need to be fixed or repaired. Do this before Christmas – give yourself plenty of time to review the script and find all of the items.
2. Troop 39 All-Nighter.

January:

1. Arrow of Light. There should be a practice for those involved in the ceremony, maybe the Sunday before.
2. Pinewood Derby.
3. Council Ski Trip #1 – encourage participation – even try camping out in the Lodge the night before.

February:

1. Council Ski Trip #2 – encourage participation – even try the camping out in the Lodge the night before.
2. Blue and Gold.
3. Troop 39 Parent Orientation – Mom's Night and then Dad's Night. They are separate and important meetings. Try to establish the schedule well in advance and encourage all to attend on their night. Moms cannot make up on Dad's night and vice-versa – that's the Troop's call.
4. Conservation Project: have your boys set-up and meet with the Webelos 1's. Have the boys explain the project and the schedule for the up-coming year. Have your Webelos 2's empower the Webelos 1's, so they understand the responsibility and the legacy of the Pack's project.

March:

1. Encourage Supertrip attendance for your Patrol.
2. Organize with the Troop Rep the Crossover Practice.
3. Organize the Pack Meeting for the Crossover. Encourage all levels to be there – it inspires younger boys to want their turn. (It can be at the March Pack Meeting or on the Sunday prior to the Pack Meeting – outside at the Bridge to the Eagle's Nest.)
4. Crossover. Troop provides the manpower. Pack provides the Neckerchief, Slide and Red amulets. Parents should provide each boy with a scout handbook with cover and present their shadow box to them after the ceremony.
5. Encourage the parents of the new Boy Scouts to read their son's handbook at night. It will help them understand the journey and give them some insight to help their new scout stay encouraged.