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John wondered if a 4th-grade Webelos scout who is 10.5 years old and completes the Arrow of Light (AOL) award before June 1 can do it again under the new program, even if he has already been awarded AOL once. John thought this might be impossible because the grandfather clause doesn't apply after June 1, but Scouter Paul said there's nothing in the new program that would stop him from participating in AOL twice. Instead of wearing two AOL patches on his uniform, he could join a Boy Scout troop and earn the award again, as suggested by Scouter Paul. Scouters Joe and John discussed this situation further. They pointed out that if the scout had completed Cub Scouting and earned some awards, it might be better for him to continue with that program rather than switching to the new one. The current AOL system has rules about what awards a scout can wear on their uniform, but it seems like there's no clear rule about repeating AOL. John mentioned that in general, if a scout earns an award again, they often get a different version or device to indicate it was earned twice. However, this doesn't apply to the AOL patch, which would be an exception. Scouter John shared that four of his den's Webelos scouts are 10.5 years old and close to completing all AOL requirements. Their parents are all volunteering with the pack, but there's a strong tradition of waiting until Blue & Gold to crossover into Boy Scouts. Scouter Paul offered advice, but it seems like this situation is quite unique, and not much information is available about what rank a scout should have earned in Boy Scouts after completing AOL. Looking forward to joining the Scout troop and demonstrating my skills. It should not be a challenge to share my experiences with my new leader, and I'm sure they'll want to get familiar with me. When can we begin working on the Arrow of Light requirements? Can it start immediately after earning the Webelos badge? My den will likely have completed their Webelos badge by the Blue and Gold banquet, and I wonder if we can then proceed with the AOL requirements or must wait until our scout year begins on June 1st? Joe clarified that there's no restriction preventing a Webelos scout from earning pins at any time. We can still earn AOL required pins before completing Webelos required pins, but scouts joining in 5th grade might have an easier time with the latter. Brian, another Webelos leader, shared his concerns about overlapping times for both Webelos and Arrow of Light. He wanted to know if it's possible to start both at the same time or if there's a minimum overlap period required, which turns out to be 9 months in total. Scouter Paul pointed out that different councils might have varying interpretations of this rule. However, Scouter Joe received clarification from National that tenure is cumulative, meaning the 3-month Webelos and 6-month AOL periods can be combined into a single 9-month requirement. Given article text here As the Boy Scouts of America transitions to a new advancement program, many leaders and parents are seeking clarification on how to implement the changes. In 2015, several Webelos dens faced challenges as they struggled with the transition from the old requirements in the old book to the new program. Scouts who joined after June 1 need to use the new advancement program, but there are opportunities for efficiency. For example, boys working on Arrow of Light (AOL) with the old program can use some of the new adventures as electives. Similarly, new AOL scouts can earn these adventures without having to do the parallel programming. This change has been beneficial for families, as it eliminates the need for Scouts to complete both Webelos and AOL requirements. Den leaders can plan activities that fulfill both old and new requirements, making it easier to accommodate Scouts who are transitioning between ranks. For Scouters, there is good news: 5th-grade boys joining a den can use the Webelos requirements as an AOL elective. For instance, my new AOL's will take First Responder because they wouldn't cover first aid stuff otherwise. This program change has been beneficial for Scouts who are joining the ranks and need to complete specific requirements. In summary, the transition to the new advancement program offers opportunities for efficiency and flexibility. Den leaders can plan activities that meet both old and new requirements, making it easier for Scouts to transition between ranks. Given article text here As I've been told by some, I couldn't find any written information on this. Nov 02, 2015 - Scouter Paul@Gordon - You won't find it in writing because they are still called Webelos. You might let those other folks know they are incorrect.Nov 03, 2015 - Scouter Joe@Gordon There was some talk along those lines at Philmont last year but the staff has since recanted, that's where they are getting it from. Our Pack calls them Arrows, those they are still technically Webelos.Nov 15, 2015 - Kristy I have 2 boys in my pack that are both in 5th grade. One 10 and one 11. They have both earned the Webelos Badge and AOL under the old program and are getting bored with the new program this year, acting up and parents are causing a lot of unwanted drama in our Pack. Is there any rules or regulations on when they should cross over once they have received their AOL? I can find anything solid that isn't confusing.Nov 16, 2015 - Scouter Joe@Kristy - They can move up to Boy Scouts when the boys have earned the Arrow of Light rank and are at least 10 years old OR have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10, or who are 11, but not yet 18 years old.So it sounds like they are eligible to move up to Boy Scouts, especially if they are causing behavior problems.Award them their AOL at the next Pack Meeting and move them onDec 15, 2015 - John Thompson am a Unit Com for a pack. One boy is still in the 4th grade. His parents have assisted him as a Webelos II. Let's assume he has done all of the requirements for Arrow of Light, but he has not been active with the Webelos II Den [maybe attended 3 times since it started meetings last fall]. He will be 10 + 6 months on 3/17/2016. The Pack is having a cross over ceremony on 1/15/2016. 1) Can he participate in the cross over ceremony to the troop on 1/15/2016? or does he have to wait until he is 10 & 1/2 years old? [Assuming he has his AOL]2) Can he do the crossover 6 months after receiving his AOL, if he has not yet earned it?3) If he has been as inactive as he apparently has, Can his work [totally with his parents] to earn is Webelos Award [and possibly his AOL] be acceptable to the BSA even though he has had little participation with the Webelos Den? 4) Can he do the crossover with other Webelos II Scouts who are in the 5th grade on 1/15/2016, but then just not participate in troop activities until he is 10 1/2 years old on 3/17/2016?Dec 16, 2015 - Scouter Paul@John - Boy Scout age requirement is: completed the fifth grade and is at least 10 years old, or is age 11, or has earned the Arrow of Light Award and is at least 10 years old.1) A boy that has earned the AOL and is at least 10 can join a Boy Scout troop.2) He would not have received his AOL if he had not earned it.3) I don't know how a scout could complete the Scouting Adventure requirement #3, nor the Camper Adventure requirements #4 and #5 without his Webelos den.4) This boy has to wait until he is 11 years old, or earns AOL, or completes 5th grade to join a troop.Jan 18, 2016 - FredThe Webelos requirement includes 3 months active and the AOL To earn the Arrow of Light (AOL) award, a scout needs to be active for at least six months. However, if a scout joins LDS and completes both AOL and Webelos in the same year under their program, they must be active for 12 months with at least nine months of continuous participation. But here's the catch: this nine-month requirement can be met by counting three months within the initial six-month period, allowing scouts to earn either the AOL or Webelos badge but not both, unless they start Cub Scouts in the fifth grade. New scouts joining in the fifth grade don't need to earn previous ranks and can directly work on the AOL along with their den, even without having the Webelos badge yet. However, for those who have been part of Cubs since a younger age, typically eight years old, this exception does not apply. According to Scouter Paul's clarification, the tenure requirement for AOL doesn't specify that the six months need to happen after completing three months for Webelos. Instead, it's a minimum of six months since turning ten or completing fourth grade. This allows fifth graders or ten-year-olds to complete both Webelos and AOL within six months. Scouter Joe further explained that while a boy can technically earn his AOL before his Webelos rank, he should not be awarded the rank before Webelos. This exception is specifically meant for boys entering Cub Scouts in the fifth grade or the second year of Webelos in a traditional unit. Can elective courses used for badge requirements also be applied to AoL? Do boys need three distinct electives for AoL or can they reuse existing ones? Feb 11, 2016 - Scouter Paul: No, refer to FAQ page. Feb 12, 2016 - Sharon Dustin: Can boys earn AOL at age 11 in an LDS unit? Mar 04, 2016 - Scouter Joe: No, they cannot, as 11-year-old Scouts in LDS units have already transitioned to Boy Scouts. May 20, 2016 - CM Steve: New Webelos rank question. Can boys still earn Webelos rank after June 1 or do they "advance" and only work on AoL adventures? May 20, 2016 - Scouter Paul: A new boy can join your Pack in 5th grade and still earn Webelos rank and AoL. Scouts in a Webelos den take 4th and 5th grades to earn their Webelos rank. Jul 31, 2016 - Christa Campbell: New requirement at AOL camp called Shooting Sports? Is it a new requirement that counts towards AOL rank? Jul 31, 2016 - Scouter Paul: Sounds like you're referring to the Shooting Sports award. It's not an Arrow of Light requirement; it's a separate award. Sep 07, 2016 - Kevin: Boy joins Pack in 4th grade (held back one year), should he be Webelos II and finish AOL requirements at age 10.5? Sep 07, 2016 - Scouter Paul: A boy can be EITHER in a Cub Scout Pack OR a Boy Scout Troop - not both. Sep 07, 2016 - PrinLDS Pack Question: Traditionally, we award the AOL as part of the crossover ceremony. One Webelo has already achieved his Webelos rank and now has completed his AOL at age 10.5. Should he be held back from receiving his AOL until he's 11? Sep 07, 2016 - Prin: We do two years of Webelos and Arrow of Light in one year - age 10 to 11 only, birthday to birthday. Sep 07, 2016 - Scouter Paul: Since the scout is in an LDS unit, it makes sense to follow the schedule that LDS uses. In regular BSA units, immediate recognition is preferred. Sep 11, 2016 - Kevin: Boy is 10 in 4th grade and just joined. Does he have to complete all of Webelos or just AOL? Sep 11, 2016 - Scouter Paul: All Cub Scouts, except for those who join Cub Scouting for the first time in 5th grade, need to complete all requirements before advancing to Boy Scouts. Given article text here Must earn Webelos rank before earning Arrow of Light. Requirements for both can be done at same time but tenure needs met first and award earned sequentially. A boy who has been in Cub Scouts since age 8 but hasn't earned Bear or Wolf ranks can still earn the Arrow of Light. In Boy Scouts, ranks are age-based and cannot be "gone back" on, meaning he needs to meet the requirements after earning each previous rank. Some parents are concerned about their child completing the Arrow of Light in 4th grade and then joining a Boy Scout troop in 5th grade, especially for summer camp with his brothers. However, according to Scouter Paul, as long as the boy completes the Arrow of Light requirements and meets the Boy Scout joining requirements, he can join the troop and participate in activities. It's worth noting that the Arrow of Light tenure requirement states that a boy must be active in his Webelos den for at least six months since completing 4th grade or turning 10 years old. For this particular boy, his clock will start on his 10th birthday, allowing him to complete the requirements and join the troop before the end of the year. The minimum age for a Webelos scout to join a troop and earn the Arrow of Light award was set as 10 years old. This age requirement ensures that scouts have at least six months of active participation in their pack before transitioning to Boy Scouts. The 30-day grace period after turning 11, where scouts can still complete the AOL requirements, is not supported by any official documentation. Statistics on Cub Scout achievements, including Arrow of Light earnings, are not kept by BSA HQ. In some packs, earning the AOL was seen as a significant achievement, equivalent to the Eagle rank in Boy Scouts. However, with the recent changes in requirements, making it easier to earn the award in one year, its significance has been diminished. A Webelos scout who earns their Arrow of Light and is at least 10 years old can join a troop, even if they are not yet 11 or have completed the fifth grade. This allows scouts to stay with their friends in Webelos until they complete the requirements and transition to Boy Scouts. The Youth Application states that a boy must be at least 10.5 years old to join Boy Scouts with an AOL award, but this is not explicitly stated elsewhere. To meet the minimum age requirement for joining a troop, a scout typically needs to have completed their Webelos program by June and have six months of active participation in their pack before turning 11. If your child earns their Arrow of Light Award, they can join a troop on their 10th birthday. The AoL age and tenure requirements ensure that most children will be at least 10.5 years old before joining a troop. However, the AoL must be completed and crossed over to any troop prior to the end of the school year (May). Traditionally, crossovers take place in February, but what's stopping the boy from finishing all AOL in April? There is no deadline specified for completing AoL and crossover. Scouts BSA is for youth aged 11-17 years old, or those who have earned the Cub Scouting Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old. The Webelos Scout could still complete their AoL so long as they don't cross over into Boy Scouts (aka no longer a Webelos) and aren't yet 11. If everyone else crosses over, there won't be a den or leader for the boy to align with within his Pack. As Cub Master, you'll do what you can for him. He's been involved for years and is close, so it would be better for him to earn it late versus miss out due to an arbitrary crossover date. Thank you for sharing valuable information. We've been thinking of adding my son to the group since he's in Webelos already. I'll discuss this with the Den leader and other parents to see what they think. It's crucial we complete everything by the end of the school year, as it's the last one for all scouts. Thanks again! We're working on our Webelos requirements and have some time left to earn an extra elective badge before moving on to AOL. However, we're concerned about having enough time to finish everything. Can we count this elective towards our AOL year? How do we mark it in Scoutbook so that it shows for their AOL rankings? A scout could even complete all elective adventures during their 4th grade year and then count one of them towards the AoL requirement in 5th grade (except for the one used for Webelos rank). If a scout can't attend camping overnights, they don't have to modify requirements. They can complete other activities that don't require camping. For Outdoor Adventurer (required/core adventure for Arrow of Light rank), scouts can choose Option A or B. Either option is acceptable. When a scout turns 10 and joins Webelos 1, they can continue scouting with their friends and earn Webelos 2 before turning 11 1/2. I would recommend asking the council Registrar to confirm this path. Our Scouts are about to earn their Arrow of Light Rank, but we have two months left before crossing them over into a troop. If we mark their AOL complete, can they still work on electives and things like Nova until then? Yes, as long as they don't register with a troop, they can keep working on electives and Webelos-level awards. There was a requirement about visiting a museum or an American heritage site for Webelos II. In the past, troops were required to participate in specific activities, but it was not necessary to join multiple troops. Now, these requirements have been consolidated into the Scouting Adventure, which is a prerequisite for earning the AoL (American Opportunity Award). The old requirements can be found on this page.

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