Assembled Den Meeting Plan – WEBELOS (4th Grade)

This ***Assembled* Den Meeting Plan** combines ideas from Webelos Adventures Den Meeting Resources found at Scouting.Org (or from the requirements), into the parts of a quality Den Meeting, which are **Preparation** (plan + collect materials needed), **Gathering** (something for early arrivals to do), **Opening** (a ceremony to start), then **Activities** (an Activities Intro chat, followed by a series of activities, ideally alternating quiet and energetic fun), **Closing + Recognition** (ceremony), and **After the Meeting** (follow up) …



Webelos – 4th Grade

My Family

A "Family and Reverence" Adventure

REQUIRED (An Adventure "Required" to earn Webelos Rank)

Snapshot of Adventure: Understanding your religious beliefs and the beliefs of others can help you make sense of the world around you. This Adventure lets you learn about your own faith and family and explore ways to continue your faith practices in the future.

The QR Code above takes you to scouting.org/cub-scout-adventures/my-family/ ↑

This Den Meeting Plan adapts Activity content from that Scouting link with other fun, simple, easy ideas. For more, see the Adventure Resources at the end of this Plan for a list of the suggested Activities at that link.

This Adventure is commonly done at home with the Cub Scout's family. *If it is being done as a den ensure that every parent and guardian is aware of the content and the activities that the den will do and allow for parents to opt out of doing it as a den activity and choose to complete the requirement at home.*

Requirements from the Webelos Handbook

This Adventure may be earned by completing the requirements below OR by completing a Religious Emblem of the Cub Scout's family's choosing.

1. **With your parent or legal guardian, talk about your family's faith traditions. Identify three holidays or celebrations that are part of your family's faith traditions. Make a craft, work of art, or a food item that is part of your family's faith traditions.**
2. **Carry out an act of kindness.**
3. **With your parent or legal guardian identify a religion or faith that is different from your own. Identify two things that it has in common with your family's beliefs.**
4. **Discuss with our parent or legal guardian what it means to be reverent. Tell how you practice being reverent in your daily life.**

Meeting Plan

Does this take one Meeting to complete – or more? If you do this as a Den Meeting, it's up to the Parents and Leaders about how many sessions. Combining the service or gathering with the craft with the story might be a lot – and might be better done from home on a family schedule. Or part at home and part with the Den.

PREPARATION (and materials needed): Read the My Family Adventure in the Webelos Handbook.

- Communicate how you will do this Adventure – (a) everyone doing it all at home, or (b) some parts from home and some at a Den Meeting, or (c) planning a Den Meeting option for all of the Requirements.
- If you do the activity for Activity 1 (Requirement 1), you'll need:
  - Materials: Colored paper, Scissors, Glue/glue stick, Pencil, Holiday symbol image for reference (simple symbols would do best for this project)

- Ask Cub Scouts to find an image of their family's favorite holiday symbol to help draw their design and bring it to the meeting. You might bring some samples of those you know.

GATHERING: A "gathering" activity is to keep Scouts occupied as the rest of the den arrives. *What you do will depend on your location and leadership resources*.

- Use gathering time to connect with adults and "share the leader load": everyone can help with something! A good approach is for different parents (or teams) to share the "lead" of parts of the Adventure below.

OPENING: (Parent leader: _____) An Opening ceremony says, "we've begun" and helps set the tone.

- Maybe: a simple ceremony you like that includes the Pledge of Allegiance and the Scout Oath and/or Law.

ACTIVITIES (See also other Activities linked at Adventure Resources – use those if you like them):

Activity Intro: (Parent leader: _____) As you move into Activities, have some "talk time" where you (1) discuss today's Adventure activities (what you'll do, how you'll do it – share in a way to get the Scouts excited) and (2) let each of the Scouts share "what's new" with them and get to know each other better.

Activity 1: Holidays / Celebrations (Requirement 1: "*With your parent or legal guardian, talk about your family's faith traditions. Identify three holidays or celebrations that are part of your family's faith traditions. Make a craft, work of art, or a food item that is part of your family's faith traditions.***")** (Parent leader: _____)

- [Reminder to Leaders and other adults: "*your family's faith traditions*" are based on what the family believes – as defined by the family. Belonging to an organization, though encouraged, is not required.]
  - A "*family's faith tradition holiday or celebration*" often includes religious holidays/celebrations, but family faith may also revere and celebrate at times like Thanksgiving, Veteran's Day, or Earth Day.]
- The Adventure Resources offer options of making Multimedia Collage or Wood Crafting, but if none of those resonate with you, pick some other art or craft medium. Or food!
  - Have the Scouts share "*three holidays or celebrations*" and explain their art, craft, or food item.

Activity 2: Be Kind (Requirement 2: "*Carry out an act of kindness.***")** (Parent leader: _____)

- Kindness ideas suggested in the Adventure Resources include chores at home or for a neighbor, but your Scouts can carry out any and many acts of kindness.
- More ideas in the Webelos Handbook and at scoutingatl.org/serviceprojects with many small ways to help and be kind.
  - Service Projects don't need to be large – they are always kind.

Activity 3: Common Beliefs (Requirement 3: "*With your parent or legal guardian identify a religion or faith that is different from your own. Identify two things that it has in common with your family's beliefs.***")** (Parent leader: _____)

- There will be a "Common Faith Elements" worksheet in the activity card for this Requirement, but some likely common elements are "family is important" and "be kind to each other" and "be trustworthy".
- You might use the Scout Law as a jumping off point, like "which points of the Scout law are in common with the different beliefs of different families?"
  - Surely most if not all of "trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent" will be in common across faiths and across families.

Activity 4: Reverence (Requirement 4: "*Discuss with our parent or legal guardian what it means to be reverent. Tell how you practice being reverent in your daily life.***")** (Parent leader: _____)

- Ask Scouts what it means to be reverent. Explain: reverence is showing great respect for a person or thing.
  - Examples: Reverence toward elders // A painting that inspires deep reverence for nature // Reverence for human life // Raising a hand to speak // Walking quietly in a library // Showing respect for others
- Discuss with Scouts why reverence is an important value.

    - Reverence contributes to creating a peaceful and respectful community, fostering understanding, and appreciating the diversity of beliefs and cultures.
- The first two definitions of Reverence in Merriam-Webster are "*1. honor or respect felt or shown: DEFERENCE (especially: profound adoring awed respect). 2. a gesture of respect (such as a bow).*"
    - The full expression of the 12th point of the Scout Law is: "A Scout is Reverent. Be reverent toward God. Be faithful in your religious duties. Respect the beliefs of others." Scouting respects your beliefs.
- Ask Scouts how they can practice being reverent in their daily lives.

CLOSING: A Closing ceremony ends the meeting and highlights the achievements. A Den leader can reflect on the meeting + praise Scouts for specific good actions today. Thank every Parent who helped.

- If you have them, award Pins to all who completed the requirements. Maybe end with a "Living Circle".

AFTER THE MEETING: Clean up as needed. Share refreshments if that's what you like.

Upon completion of this Adventure, your Webelos will have earned the Adventure Pin for it. Make sure they are recognized for their completion by presenting the Adventure Pins as soon as possible according to your pack's tradition. Text or email all Den parents to share these resources for future reference and so parents of Scouts who could not attend may complete this Adventure from home.

ADVENTURE RESOURCES: Den Meeting Resources and "Activity Card" options for this Adventure are found at https://www.scouting.org/cub-scout-adventures/my-family/. Those resources include the Snapshot of Adventure (included above), a "Safety Moment" of tips and links about doing this safely, and, for each Requirement, one or more "Activity Cards" you can click on for an activity to complete the Requirement.

Those "Activity Card" pages are linked below – along with the "Key" scoring of (a) whether the Activity must be done Outdoors, may be done Indoors, or involves Travel; (b) how much Energy Scouts will generate; (c) How "Supply Intensive"; and (d) Prep Time – those last 3 categories are scored on a 1 to 5 scale, with 5 being "most". Note that while that website page says "Choose one of the following" before the "Activity Cards", what that means is "Choose one of the following – *or do some other activity that will meet the Requirement*", because the Requirements are required, not the Activity Cards. In the Assembled Den Meeting Plan above we have adapted some of what's below or other ways to complete the requirement in easier ways.

1. **With your parent or legal guardian, talk about your family's faith traditions. Identify three holidays or celebrations that are part of your family's faith traditions. Make a craft, work of art, or a food item that is part of your family's faith traditions.**
    - My Family Passport (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **2** of 5 Prep Time) – Note that this isn't really an "activity" at all. It's just a signoff card for all the Requirements for this Adventure for those who like that sort of thing.
    - Multimedia Collage (Indoor; **3** of 5 Energy; **3** of 5 Supplies; **3** of 5 Prep Time)
    - Wood Crafting (Indoor; **3** of 5 Energy; **3** of 5 Supplies; **3** of 5 Prep Time)
2. **Carry out an act of kindness.**
    - A Dish of Kindness (Indoor; **3** of 5 Energy; **1** of 5 Supplies; **1** of 5 Prep Time)
    - Helping Hands (Indoor; **3** of 5 Energy; **1** of 5 Supplies; **1** of 5 Prep Time)
    - Neighborly Kindness (Travel; **3** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **2** of 5 Prep Time)
3. **With your parent or legal guardian identify a religion or faith that is different from your own. Identify two things that it has in common with your family's beliefs.**
    - Exploring Faith (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **2** of 5 Supplies; **2** of 5 Prep Time)
4. **Discuss with our parent or legal guardian what it means to be reverent. Tell how you practice being reverent in your daily life.**
    - Reverence Reflection (Indoor; **2** of 5 Energy; **1** of 5 Supplies; **1** of 5 Prep Time)