

ADVICE FOR WEBLOS AND PARENTS

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I. Get to know your new troop

A. Cross over in early spring

B. New scout and if possible parents should attend as many trips and meetings as possible.

1. Get to know the troop's Adult and Jr. Leaders. This allows you to see and understand how the troop runs.
2. This will hopefully give you confidence in the quality of people and of the supervision on trips and at meetings.
3. Ask questions. If you're not sure about how something works, ask and find the truth rather than worrying and not knowing.

II. Differences between Scouting and Cub Scouting

A. Cub Scouting

1. Designed for younger boys.
2. Requires direct parental involvement.
3. Parent and child participate in activities together.
4. Parents must attend outdoor activities such as camping.
5. Activities and meetings run by adults.

B. Boy Scouting

1. Designed for boys 11 thru 17 yrs of age.
2. Scouts are more mature than Cubs and do not require as close supervision and control.
3. Troop run by boy leaders with adult supervision and help.
 - a. Supervision and help dependent on age, experience and maturity of boy leaders.
4. Scouts work on activities in patrols or with Scout buddy, not parent or adult leader.
5. Scouting program is intended to work with the natural maturing process.
 - a. More doing things by himself or with his friends.
6. Parent's participation is welcome but not required for a boy to attend a troop outdoor activity or meeting.
7. Scouts learn to do things for themselves.
 - a. Learn by doing and from their mistakes
 - b. Parent and leaders should offer suggestions and help, not take over and do the thing instead of the Scout.
 - c. Adult leadership supervises and makes sure things are done safely.