



Key 3 Perspectives



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The key factor to improved Webelos transition is the ongoing working relationship of the leaders of a Cub Scout Pack and a Boy Scout Troop. Ideally a community organization would have both a pack and a troop with leaders who work together to help move Webelos Scouts into a Boy Scout Troop the same way schools move students from elementary school to middle school. There are a number of ways a pack and troop can work together to enhance the Scouting experience of their boys. To help assure maximum transition requires cooperation between them.

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How Commissioners help with the Transition
The Unit Commissioner is the connecting link in the chain between the troop and the pack. Often, the same unit commissioner will serve both a pack and troop in the same community. The Commissioner can:

- o Be a catalyst in developing good relationships between troop and pack leaders.
- o Promote communication by scheduling a meeting of key volunteers.
- o Help plan a Webelos den visit to a troop meeting and other joint activities.
- o Keep the pack and troop on schedule as plans develop for the crossover ceremony at the Blue and Gold banquet.
- o Attend the crossover ceremony.
- o Be sure new Scouts have completed a Boy Scout application, that they have a copy of the troop's activities, and that they know when and where the troop meets.
- o Work with the pack and troop in their charter renewal process to help ensure Webelos Scouts are moved from pack rosters to troop rosters.
- o Work with the District Webelos Transition Chair to follow up on boys who have not yet joined a troop. Make sure they are invited to join a troop.
- o Be sure Webelos Scouts join a troop in time to prepare for Boy Scout summer camp.

