Webelos-to-Scout Transition – Troop Visitation Checklist

To get some answers, you may have to ask the Scoutmasters, Committee Chair, or other adults within the troop. When filling out this checklist, all of the following are signs of a good troop: any “yes” answers, a boy-led program with multiple patrols for a boy’s experience level, active adults, multiple summer camping opportunities, participating in events outside of the troop, boys advancing in rank, an organized program, a diverse set of monthly campouts.

Troop # _______ Date of Visit ______/____/______ Length of Visit ______________

Is the Troop a Quality Centennial Award recipient for the previous year? _____ Yes _____ No

Chartering Organization ___________________________________________________________

Chartering Organization Representative Name and Phone ____________________________ (_____) ____________________

How many years has Troop been with this Chartering Organization? __________

Scoutmaster’s Name and Phone ____________________________________________________ (_____) ____________________

Committee Chair’s Name and Phone ______________________________________________ (_____) ____________________

Troop Meeting Place ____________________________________________________________

Troop Meeting Dates ___________________________ Troop Meeting Time __________

Troop meeting was run by (check one) _____ Boys _____ Adults _____ Mixed

About how many minutes of the meeting was run by _____ Boys _____ Adults

Did the meeting seem organized? _____ Yes _____ No

Comments on things you noticed ________________________________________________

Does the troop use a written plan for meetings? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, ask the troop to view a copy. If no written plan, ask why not.

Does the troop use the Troop Program Features to guide their program? _____ Yes _____ No

How many boys are registered in the Troop? _____ How many are active? _____

Are the ages of the boys mixed? _____ Yes _____ No

How many registered adults are in the Troop? _____ How many are active? _____

How many unregistered adults in the troop are actively participating? ______

If there are adults that are unregistered and are actively participating, why are they not registered?

________________________________________

How Many Patrols are in the Troop? ______

Does the Troop place new Scouts into a "New Scout Patrol" or into an existing Patrol?

_____ New Scout Patrol _____ Existing Patrol

Does the Troop have an "older boy" program? _____ Yes _____ No

How are the boys divided into patrols? _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Experience _____ Rank _____ Other (please explain) _________________________________

Were the Scouts in Uniform? _____ Yes _____ No Were the Adults in Uniform? _____ Yes _____ No

Troop Uniform Requirements? (check all that apply) _____ Scout Shirt _____ Scout Pants/Shorts _____ Neckerchief/Slide _____ Cap _____ Scout Belt _____ Scout Socks _____ Other (please explain) _________________________________

What equipment does the Scout need to provide upon joining? _________________________________

What equipment does the Scout need to provide within the first year? _________________________________
Does the Troop provide any equipment?  _____ Yes  _____ No
If the troop does provide equipment, what does it provide ___________________________________________

Does the Troop have an active Patrol Leader's Council (PLC)?  _____ Yes  _____ No
How often does the PLC meet? ___________________________________________

Does the Troop have an active Troop Committee?  _____ Yes  _____ No
How often does the Troop Committee meet? ___________________________________________
When and where does the Troop Committee meet? ___________________________________________
Who leads the Troop Committee meeting? ___________________________________________

Does the Troop publish an annual calendar?  _____ Yes  _____ No
If yes, ask for a copy. If no the troop doesn't publish one, find out why not.

Does the Troop have a local troop policy manual?  _____ Yes  _____ No
If yes, ask for a copy. If no the troop doesn't have one, find out why not.

How does the Troop handle discipline issues? ___________________________________________

How often does the troop go camping?  _____ Monthly  _____ Every other month  _____ Once a quarter
_____ Other (please specify) ___________________________________________
What types of camping does the troop do?  _____ Summer camp  _____ District/Council camporees  _____
Backpacking  _____ Hiking  _____ Canoeing  _____ High Adventure
_____ Other (please specify) ___________________________________________
Are there multiple summer camp choices for the boys based on the boys experience level or do all the boys go to the same
camp?  _____ Yes, multiple camp choices for experience level camping  _____ No, same camp regardless of experience

Does the Troop have special places that they go?  _____ Yes  _____ No
What special places do they go? ___________________________________________

Are there any costs in joining the Troop?  _____ Yes  _____ No  If yes, how much? ___________________________________________

How much should my son expect to pay within his first year including all activities and camps? ________

Does the Troop do any fundraisers to help offset the cost?  _____ Yes  _____ No
If so, what types of fundraisers does the troop do? ___________________________________________

Outside of fundraising, does the troop have funds to help families in need?  _____ Yes  _____ No

Does the Troop participate in District and Council Events?  _____ Yes  _____ No

Does the Troop participate in other events?  _____ Scouting for Food  _____ Popcorn Sales  _____ Webelos Woods
_____ Friends of Scouting  _____ Roundtables  _____ Training
What does the Troop do to help a Scout get to 1st Class Rank? ___________________________________________

Outside of Eagle Courts of Honor, how many times a year does the Troop hold Courts of Honor? ________
 _____ 1  _____ 2  _____ 3  _____ 4  _____ 5+

Does the Troop participate in The Order of the Arrow?  _____ Yes  _____ No

How many boys are actively participating in The Order of the Arrow programs by attending chapter and lodge meetings
and chapter and lodge events after joining The Order of the Arrow? ________

How many adults are actively participating in The Order of the Arrow programs by attending chapter and lodge meetings
and chapter and lodge events after joining The Order of the Arrow? ________