



To: 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Webelos Cub Scouts and their Families

From: **BSA Troop 99**  
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RE: Webelos to Scout Transition

The transition from Webelos to Boy Scouts is an exciting time. Many Webelos become energized as they learn more about the range of activities that will soon be available to them. Finding a good fit between each Webelos and Boy Scout Troop is important. Fortunately, there are many excellent choices for Webelos in the Rochester area.

We in Troop 99 invite you to come check us out! We are a strong, active, and boy-led Troop. There are 4 ways we'd like to become better acquainted with you: 1) inviting you to our Troop meetings, 2) joining us on outings, 3) having us visit your den or pack meeting, and 4) individual contact. You are cordially invited to come to any of our Troop meetings (see info. "Questions To Ask"...for details). Please call ahead, so we'll know to look for you. In addition, all 2<sup>nd</sup> year Webelos and their families are invited to join us on outings. We have a full calendar ahead with lots of Troop activities, outings and other events. Be sure to check out our online calendar to see what we're up to. Also, we would love to arrange for 1 or 2 of our scouts to visit your den meeting during the year to talk more about scouting with Troop 99. Let me know a time that is convenient for you, and we'll get the Scouts together. Finally, don't hesitate to contact me directly, if you would like to learn more about our Troop.

We offer the enclosed "Questions To Ask Troops Visited" to help you find **your** Troop. Feel free to copy the blank template and use the form each time you visit a different Troop, so you can compare "apples to apples." Information is provided about Troop 99, and space is available for you to note your own opinions and thoughts.

The philosophy of Scouting and our troop leaders is to teach the Scouts many of the same values that you as parents have been teaching at home. By using an outdoor environment, the patrol method, advancement and the exposure to adults of good character, our Troop teaches the ideals spelled out in the Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to visit our website at [www.boyscouttroop99.org](http://www.boyscouttroop99.org) or email me at [rueter.matthew@gmail.com](mailto:rueter.matthew@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you soon!

Yours in Scouting,



## Questions to Ask Troops Visited

2011-2011

<i>Which Troop am I learning about?</i>	Troop 99
<i>Where does the Troop meet?</i>	People of Hope Church (3703 Country Club Road SW)
<i>When?</i>	Every Tuesday; 7:00-8:30 pm
<i>Will that fit my family's schedule?</i>	
<i>Who is the Scoutmaster?</i>	Ron Tointon <a href="mailto:rdtointon@hotmail.com">rdtointon@hotmail.com</a> (507) 251-8717
<i>How many scouts?</i>	8 and growing!
<i>How many assistant scoutmasters?</i>	3 for the New Scout Patrol 2 for the Older Scout Patrol
<i>Do I know anyone in this Troop? Who?</i>	
<i>Are any of my friends considering joining this Troop? Would they, if they knew I was?</i>	
<i>Where &amp; when will the Troop attend summer camp next year?</i>	Many Point Scout Camp: June 26 – July 3, 2011
<i>Where has this Troop attended summer camp in recent years?</i>	2010: Many Point Scout Camp 2009: Tomahawk Scout Reservation 2008: Many Point Scout Camp
<i>Is financial aid available for Camp?</i>	Yes, from the Troop (by participating in fundraisers) and also from the Troop "scholarship" fund.



*How frequently does the Troop go on activities?*

Typically, we have an outing a month. Sometimes more often. Visit our webpage for current outing, events, and service projects.

*What type of Activities?*

Troop 99 is an active Troop with a range of activities, such as hiking, ride bikes, serve the community, winter camp, backpack, and much more

*Do I like these activities?*

*What is something unique about this troop?*

We have a great Trail to First Class Program set up to make the first year of scouting a successful, fun, growing experience for the newest scouts in our troop.

*Have I visited 1 or more Troop meetings?*

*Was it fun? Was I comfortable around these scouts?*

*What activities have I attended with them?  
(camping/ outing)?*

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*How are the patrols organized?*

*By rank? By age?*

*Kept in same patrol throughout?*

*Change patrols?*

*How many scouts in a patrol?*

New scouts are initially kept in patrols with other new Scouts. After their first year, they are can join the older Scout patrol or create their own.

*What are the fundraisers? Will I be expected to participate?*

Troop 99 participates in the Gamehaven Council Popcorn Fundraiser in the Fall and Spring and also sells wreaths before the winter holidays

Participation is expected and financial credit toward camp or other scouting activities is earned.

*I'm involved in other activities outside Scouting (sports, music, hobbies, church, etc.*

Most successful scouts are involved in other activities and we ensure our Scouting activities works with the Scouts as best as possible.

*How tolerant is this Troop of my continuing with other activities?*

Come when you can, even if it is for only part of a meeting

*What do my Mom & Dad think about the Troop and the adults?*



