

Activity Badge Counselor

Cub Scout Pack 49

Denison, Iowa

Qualifications:

The activity badge counselor may be an adult family member of a Webelos Scout, a pack leader, a teacher, a coach, or another adult qualified to teach one or more activity badges to Webelos Scouts.

This is usually a temporary position and is not a registered BSA position.

Responsibilities:

The activity badge counselor's responsibilities are to

- Provide activity badge instruction at Webelos den meetings, as requested by the Webelos den leader. This could include, for instance, providing resources and instruction on model building, leading field trips, or providing instruction and help on collections and specimens, depending on the activity badge requirements. The service usually extends over three or four den meetings for each badge.
- Be familiar with the Webelos Scout Book in presenting activity badge information and approving requirements.
- Help Webelos Scouts gain self-confidence in completing projects and in dealing with adults.
- Follow the Webelos den time schedule for activity badge instruction.
- Help recruit other activity badge counselors.

Activity Badges:

Physical Skills Group

- **Aquonaut:** Swimming, water rescue, and rowboat
- **Athlete:** Being physically and mentally healthy, curl-ups, pull-ups, push-ups, standing long jump, quarter-mile run or walk, vertical jump, 50-yard dash, biking, swimming, physical fitness
- **Fitness:** Meal planning, and education on smoking, chewing tobacco, alcohol, and drugs
- **Sportsman:** sportsmanship; officials' signals in football, basketball, baseball, soccer, or hockey; individual sports and team sports

Mental Skills Group

- **Artist:** various art projects
- **Scholar:** learn about the school system, plus participation in school activities
- **Showman:** various puppetry, music, and drama activities
- **Traveler:** planning and implementing trips

Community Group

- **Citizen:** know president and vice-president names, learn about the flag, Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem, rights and duties of US citizens, helping law enforcement, community leaders, laws, etc.
- **Communicator:** various communication activities
- **Family Member:** activities to show Scouts how to be part of a family
- **Readyman:** first aid activities

Technology Group

- **Craftsman:** tool safety, build two things with hand tools, make a display stand or frame, make four other things
- **Engineer:** talk to engineer, surveyor or architect; draw a house floor plan; electricity; three kinds of bridges; crane; catapult; Mathematics belt loop
- **Handyman:** wash a car, change a car tire, replace a car light bulb, check oil level and tire pressure on car, bicycle repair, build a sawhorse, lawn care, tool care and storage, put together a tool box
- **Scientist:** Bernoulli's Principle; Pascal's Law; Newton's first law of motion; atmospheric, air and water pressure; model rocket; fog; crystals; gravity; optical illusions; and Weather and Astronomy belt loops

Outdoor Group

- **Forester:** trees, forest habitat, tree growth rings, wood, plant seedlings, wildfires, and forestry plan
- **Geologist:** rocks and minerals; cause of a volcano, a geyser, or an earthquake; how mountains are formed; and fossils.
- **Naturalist:** insect zoo; aquarium or terrarium, visit museum of natural history, nature center or zoo; identify birds; identify poisonous plants; watch six wild animals; food chain; ecosystems; and litter
- **Outdoorsman:** overnight campout; Leave No Trace; conservation project; outdoor fire safety; assist in meal prep, cooking and cleanup; hike; whip and fuse ends of a rope; and set up a tent.

Training:

As needed to keep up-to-date regarding activity badges.