



Meridian District Webelos to Scout Transition Meeting

223 Arrow of Light Scouts total from 20 Packs

19 Scout BSA Troops – 17 Boys and 2 Girls

November 12, 2020

7 pm

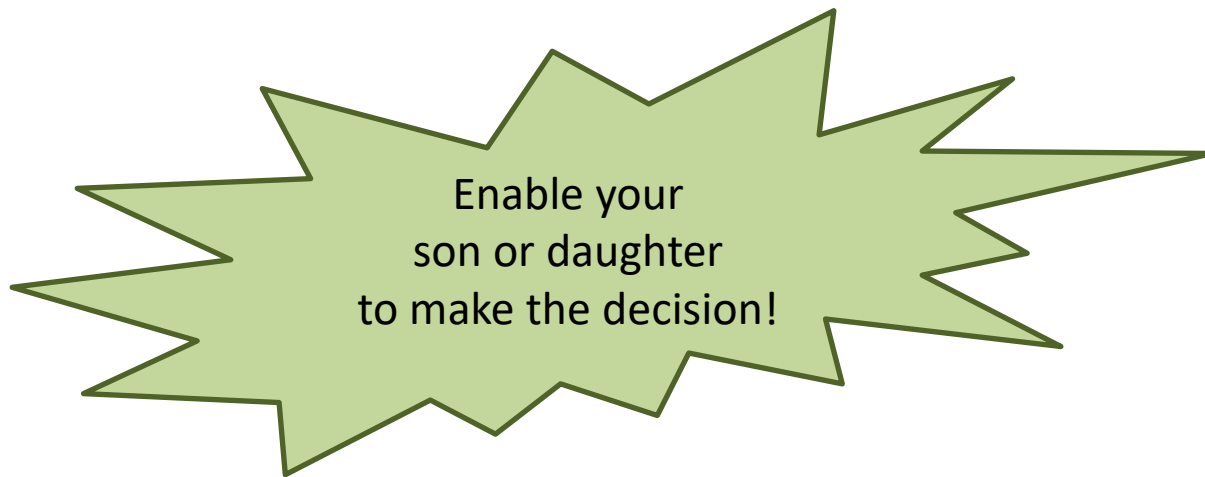
Via Zoom

The Basics

- Youth may join Scouts BSA if:
 - Have earned the Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old
 - Completed the 5th grade and are at least 10 years old
 - Age 11
- Unlike in Family Packs where girls and boys are in the same unit, Scouts BSA requires Troops with all girls or all boys (not mixed gender Troops)
- BSA Troops are not structured like a Cub Pack
 - Troops are scout led (not adult led)
 - Parents cannot sign off rank advancement
 - Troops in our area typically meet weekly as well as having monthly activities on the weekends

Finding a Troop

- Attend Troop “Open House” or Webelos events
 - Suggest attending events/meetings for 2-4 different Troops
 - Many may be virtual due to Covid-19
 - Many are held on Tuesdays so you will need to plan appropriately
- During the meeting, ask any questions of the adults and observe the meeting
 - Your scout should be engaged with the other Scouts and not with you during these meetings
 - After the meeting, ask your Scout about his/her experience
- Each Troop will provide information regarding registration process as well as deadlines
 - Some Troops will not be able to accommodate all scouts interested in the Troop
 - So it is good to have a few options to choose from



- As much as possible, enable/support your son or daughter to make the decision
 - Although it is tempting to consider convenience or where their friends are going as top priorities, it is not always the best predictor of a good “fit” Troop
- Consider the Troop meeting schedule and location – while not the top priority, it is important!
- Consider type of activities a Troop offers (camping, hiking, backpacking, water sports, etc.)
- Consider your scouts impression of the meeting
 - What did he/she learn?
 - Did he/she have fun?
 - Was he/she comfortable with the other scouts?
- What were your impressions of the meeting?
 - Did the scouts engage with your son/daughter?
 - Did the adult leaders and parents answer your questions?

Happy

Engaging

Comfortable

Friendly

Resources and next steps

- Thank you to the Troops for providing overviews!
- As we discussed, this is an exciting and important time to work with your scout and find a good “fit” Troop
 - Reminder to consider your Scout’s input and not just consider location/time of meetings or where the rest of his/her den is going
- **Meridian District website is your top resource!**
 - Presentation from this meeting will be posted
 - In addition, a quick reference sheet for all Troops in the District
 - Has links to Troop websites
 - Includes links to 1-page Troop overview documents (many are more extensive than the slide presented tonight)
- Other resources
 - [How to have a smooth – and successful – Webelos transition](#)
 - [How to find the right troop for your Webelos transition](#)
 - Find troops near you at <http://beascout.org>

Any questions?

Contact [Stephanie Demeter](#)