



Webelos Den Meeting 7

Citizen

Preparation and Materials Needed

- ▶ The concept of Den Meeting 7 is to ask questions and complete (or get close to completion) on a lot of the details in the **Citizen badge**. To do this:
 - You might do an Internet search of Webelos and the name of a favorite game show (perhaps the one where there are categories, and the answer must be in the form of a question). This can be done as teams by splitting the den, or as individuals, perhaps done in tournament style to identify a den Citizen quiz champion.
 - Other alternatives include doing this in a quiz show style, splitting the den into two teams, and requiring the team to ring a bell to have the right to answer, and allowing some huddling to confirm the right answer before giving the other team a chance.
 - You might conduct this, or part of it, as “Are You Smarter Than a Webelos Scout?”—perhaps pitting Scouts against the den leader.
 - You will need to recruit one or more judges to determine scoring (you’ll need to inform the judges of the scoring rules if you’re using a game that does not supply that). Judges will need to use discretion (knowing the test is for the Scouts to “Do Their Best”) in determining scores.
- ▶ Materials checklist (add to your den Cub tub of U.S./den flags, paper/pencils, other supplies):
 - Supplies to promote this as a scholar quiz or game show.
 - If you have access to computer projection (either a big screen or a projector or smartboard), you might do some of this meeting using the resources you’ve checked out.
 - You might need to bring your own game boards, poster boards, cards, or other props.
 - A bell or other noisemaker for every team or contestant that might be playing at once. You may decide to just alternate first shots at answers.

Before the Meeting

- ▶ Review After the Meeting at the end of the previous den meeting plan for necessary preparation and materials.
- ▶ Make final preparations with assistance from any assistant den leader or other parent helper, den chief, and/or denner. Organize the space (seating, flags, advancement charts, activity materials, handouts, etc.). If you’re snacking, organize space for that and the cleanup.

Gathering

- ▶ Have a gathering activity (games, puzzles, other) that will keep Scouts interested and busy and that others may join as they arrive. If the den desires, serve a healthy snack during this time.
- ▶ If you have background materials for the activity badge, Scouts may be interested in reviewing those.
- ▶ Collect dues, record attendance and any advancement completed at home (a good job for an assistant den leader). Assign parents to meeting roles and hand out a meeting plan to each.

Opening

- ▶ Flag ceremony (rotate planning and leadership to complete **Webelos requirement 6**), with Pledge of Allegiance; maybe recite the Cub Scout Promise or sing a patriotic song; perhaps add a roll call, uniform recognition, or den yell.
- ▶ If you have a guest, give a formal introduction, including what the guest will do for you.

Business Items

- ▶ Use this time also to discuss participation in upcoming pack meetings or events as needed.
- ▶ Explain that today’s meeting is to continue work on the **Citizen activity badge** and how you’ll do it.

Activities

- ▶ **Citizen Activity Badge Requirements:**
 2. Know the names of the president and vice president of the United States, elected governor of your state, and the head of your local government.
 3. Describe the flag of the United States and give a short history of it. Tell how to retire a worn or tattered flag properly.



4. Explain why you should respect your country's flag. Tell some of the special days we fly it. Tell when to salute the flag and show how to do it.
 5. Repeat the Pledge of Allegiance from memory. Explain its meaning in your own words.
 6. Tell how our national anthem was written.
 7. Explain the rights and duties of a citizen of the United States. Explain what a citizen should do to save our natural resources.
 9. Tell about two things you can do that will help law enforcement agencies.
- ▶ Examples of game show questions are provided at the end of this meeting plan.
 - ▶ In the boys' *Webelos Handbooks*, sign the requirements met (and update your records).

Closing

- ▶ Award (or recognize) any advancement completed today; thank hosts, guests, helpers.
- ▶ Closing ceremony (rotate planning and leadership to complete **Webelos requirement 6**): Retire the colors; maybe with the Boy Scout Oath and/or Law, or the Law of the Pack and/or den yell. Den leader may add a den leader's minute comment.
- ▶ Remind the Webelos Scout who will plan and lead the next meeting's flag ceremony, and remind about home assignments (and include these in any family information letter or e-mail):

▶ **Home Assignment:** Remind boys and parents that they need to complete **Webelos badge requirement 8** at home and it is due at the next meeting. See page 50 of the *Webelos Handbook*. Review the Artist chapter in the handbook.

- The next meeting is designed to wrap up the **Citizen activity badge**.
- ▶ Hand out or send family information letter.

After the Meeting

- ▶ If you've changed the sequence of den meetings, double-check to make sure you will still advance your boys appropriately and check with the Cubmaster to make sure you stay coordinated with the pack.
- ▶ Refreshments: If appropriate
- ▶ Cleanup: Recruit enough help to do a good job. Scouts always leave an area as clean, or cleaner, than they found it.



National Anthem	People in Government	American Flag Etiquette	America's Symbols	Pledge of Allegiance
The <i>Star-Spangled Banner</i> is also called this.	He was our first president.	The flag should not be allowed to touch this.	The home of the president is called this.	When Americans say the Pledge of Allegiance, we put our hand over this.
What is our national anthem?	Who was George Washington?	What is the ground?	What is the White House?	What is our heart?
He wrote the <i>Star-Spangled Banner</i> .	He/she is our current president.	If you are a Scout, you use the Scout salute to salute the flag only when this.	The Declaration of Independence says that all men are created this.	The word PLEDGE means this.
Who was Francis Scott Key?	Who is _____?	What is when in uniform?	What is equal?	What is a promise?
Before it was a song, the <i>Star-Spangled Banner</i> was this.	He/she is our current vice president.	When the flag is folded properly, it is this shape.	The left hand of the Statue of Liberty holds this.	The word INDIVISIBLE means this.
What is a poem?	Who is _____?	What is a triangle?	What is a tablet?	What is "can't be taken apart"?
The <i>Star-Spangled Banner</i> was written while on this.	He/she is the governor of the state of _____.	The flag is always placed on this side of a speaker.	The presidential airplane is called this.	These two words were added to the pledge in the 1950s.
What is a ship?	Who is _____?	What is the right?	What is Air Force One?	What are "under God"?
According to the song, that <i>Star-Spangled Banner</i> yet waves over this.	He/she is the chief executive officer of _____ County (or the city of _____).	The flag is flown this way in times of distress.	He wears a tall striped hat.	The word ALLEGIANCE means this.
What is "the land of the free, and the home of the brave"?	Who is _____?	What is upside down?	Who is Uncle Sam?	What is loyal?

American Flag History	Respecting the Flag	Fun State Names	Your Rights and Duties	Odds and Ends
She is said to have sewn the first flag. Who is Betsy Ross?	You do this when the flag is hoisted or lowered. What is saluting the flag?	This state name has an island. What is Rhode Island?	This allows you to pray as you see fit. What is the right to worship?	The activity badge we are working on. What is Citizen?
These represent the 50 states. What are the stars?	When not in uniform, you do this when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. What is placing your hand over your heart?	This state name has an Indian. What is Indiana?	This allows you to say what you think. What is freedom of speech?	The capital of our state. What is _____?
These represent the 13 original states. What are the stripes of the flag?	A day in September the flag should fly. What is Labor Day?	This state name has a ton. What is Washington?	This allows adults to choose the members of our government. What is the right to vote?	This capital is not in a state. What is Washington, D.C.?
This is Flag Day. What is June 14?	A day in November the flag should fly. What is Veteran's Day or Thanksgiving Day?	This state name is cut on the end. What is Connecticut?	This allows you to create groups of people to discuss problems. What is the right to assemble?	A day in January the flag should fly. What is New Year's Day, Inauguration Day, or Martin Luther King Jr. Day?
Before the American flag, most of the American colonies used this kind of flag for about 150 years. What is the British flag?	We do this to dispose of an old, worn-out flag. What is burn it?	This state name has a tuck in the middle. What is Kentucky?	This paper is required before anyone—police included—can search your home. What is a warrant?	By saying this, you promise loyalty and devotion to your nation. What is the Pledge of Allegiance?

