



Crossover: More than a Ceremony

Special Guest: District Award of Merit Winner

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Crossing to the Troop

- **Crossover to the Troop usually begins in February or March**
 - Prepare for Crossover throughout the year
- **Cubs as young as 10 years old and in the fifth grade can join BSA Scouts**
- **One size does not fit all (Tailor your program!)**
 - “Youth members and adults who are developmentally disabled or cognitively impaired, or youth members with severe physical challenges, may be considered for registration beyond the ages of eligibility: age 11 or older for a Cub Scout.”

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Parents

- **Visit Multiple Troops**
 - The feeder Troop may not be the best fit
- **Attend District events to meet adults and youth in other Troops**
 - Roundtable
 - Camporees
 - Parades
- **Visit Multiple Times**
 - Visit with your Scout
 - Visit without your Scout
- **Complete Adult Training**
 - Learn about BSA Scouts

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Packs

- **Structure the Webelos and AOL Dens so they look like Patrols**
- **Visit Troop meetings to see what they do.**
- **Talk with the troop!!!**
 - Communicate the Scout's needs to Troop leaders
 - Share with the Troop successful strategies that are used at the Pack
 - Share what hasn't worked.
 - Ask for their opinions on how to prepare the Cub for the Troop
 - Invite Troop leaders to visit the den
 - Invite future patrol members to the den to help begin building relationships (Den Chief)

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Troops

- **Meet with the Parents/Guardians, Cub, and Pack.**
- **Visit a Pack Meeting**
 - Interact with the Cub
 - Observe the Pack's interaction with the Cub
 - Have a plan, assign a mentor, find an adult for the guardian
- **Be purposeful in the meeting/event the Cub is encouraged to attend**
- **Have a positive attitude. Your unit is looking to you to determine how respond**
- **Consider having your unit work on the Disabilities Awareness Merit Badge**

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Resources

Internet Search for BSA Special Needs Scouts

[Special Needs and Disabilities - Serving Scouts With Disabilities | Boy Scouts of America \(scouting.org\)](#)

Guide to Advancement: Section 10

Individual Advancement Plan

Alternate Requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class

Alternate Eagle Merit Badges

Beyond the Age of Eligibility

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March Break Out

- **Summer Programs!**
 - Alternate Title: How not to lose those you just gained!

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