



Metro-Lakes Urban Orienteering
January 16th - 9:00 am
IDS Crystal Court
Downtown, Minneapolis



This activity engages 2nd year Webelos with older Boy Scouts in exploring the Urban Jungle of Downtown Minneapolis.

Skills Needed: Teamwork, Problem Solving, Map Reading, Use of a Compass, and a Desire to Have Fun.

Activity starts 9:00 am in the IDS Crystal Court and lasts 2-3 hrs, depending on team skill and teamwork.

What to bring: Each youth should bring a compass and is encouraged to wear his uniform, but *dress for the weather!* You will be outside so hat, gloves, and coats are a must.

In addition each Den should bring enough pocket change (coins) for seven pay phone calls. – This is how you check-in at each point along the course.

Each den will also need **an adult leader** who can follow along as a “safety shadow” in case the team has any emergencies. The Boy Scouts will provide guidance and skills’ coaching for the Webelos team, so the adult is off the hook on those issues.

Each team will have two or more Boy Scout guides to assist Webelos in navigating their urban jungle. Each team receives a map of downtown and several color coded envelopes containing clues, distances, and bearings which will send them on a tour of Downtown. Each team has a unique set of clues so no two teams travel the same path and all team start at the same time, so its fun to see how often you spot other teams. See if your team can come in first!

How it works:

1. With the aid of their Boy Scout guides, Webelos use their first bearing and distance to determine a destination zone in the downtown area.
2. Using their map they determine the best route to reach that destination zone.
3. They then navigate their route to that destination zone.
4. When they arrive at the destination zone the clue should help them zero in on the closest payphone.
5. They then use the payphone to contact central command. Caller ID at central command will verify they are at the correct pay phone, and the team is given the color of envelope to open for their next distance, bearing, and clue.

The way-points of the orienteering course are the pay phones, so you need change in your pocket to complete the course. (There are six waypoints so sufficient change for seven calls is recommended.)

Pre-registration is necessary for us to plan an effective program for your boys. **Let us know how many boys are attending from each den no later than January 13th.** Contact Jarydd Boston at 612-877-2314 or Kirt Boston at 952-887-3915 to register, or if you have any questions regarding this event.

There is no registration fee but each team needs enough coins to make 7 pay phone calls.