

Webelos Activity Badge: Traveler

How Much Per Mile?

Webelos Woody's dad has offered to take him to the local Nature Center to work on his Naturalist Activity Badge. Woody's father tells him that they could go by bus, taxi, or in the family car. The bus would cost \$1.50 each for Woody and his father. The taxi would cost \$22.00 for the both of them. The family car would cost \$0.30 per mile to operate and would require two gallons of gas at \$1.50/gallon. Woody's father says they can leave as soon as Woody figures out what it would cost per mile to travel each of the three ways. The Nature Center is 20 miles away.

(Answer: Bus=\$0.15/mile Taxi=\$1.10/mile Car=\$0.45/mile)

Car First Aid Kit

One of the requirements for the Traveler Activity Badge is to check the first aid kit in the family car. Chances are that there will not be one. Here is a chance to perform a useful service by assembling one. A minimal kit in a small box should include the following:

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| + roll of 2" gauze | + cravat bandage | + sunburn ointment |
| + sterile dressing (2" or 3" square) | | + baking soda |
| + insect repellent | + baking soda | + tweezers |
| + various Band Aids | + small scissors | + adhesive tape |
| + first aid cream | + jackknife | + latex gloves |
| # 3" x 7" splints 1/4" thick | # fire extinguisher | # flashlight |
| # flare or red flags | # tow chain or rope | # small candle |

Map That Trip!

Get a state map for each pair of boys. Point out the grid coordinates on the maps (letters and numbers). Help them find their town and identify the coordinates. Make a game of having them find some larger cities, rivers and/or major points of interest on the map. Then ask them to tell you the grid coordinates for each. Have each boy select four nearby trips he'd like to make. Then have him identify to his partner, the route he'd take for each trip.

Pack the Suitcase

Bring in all kinds of clothes, shoes, hygiene items, toys, knick-knacks, entertainment items and an empty suitcase. On slips of paper, write different trip destinations with the purpose for the trip. Fold these up and let each boy draw one out and in one minute, select all the things he feels should be taken and pack them in the suitcase. When done, have the entire den evaluate whether his selections were appropriate or not. When everyone has had a turn, ask them to think about:

- 1) Are there some things that should always be packed no matter where you go?
- 2) Is there a sensible order to packing items (to make it neat)?
- 3) What should be packed in a carry-on (whether in a car, bus, train or plane)?

Trip Ideas:

- Weekend Webelos den overnighter to local BSA campground - with your parent
- Kansas City, Missouri to go to Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun for two days
- Day trip to capital city of your state to tour the capital building and meet your representatives
- Car trip to Colorado to hike the mountains and go white-water rafting for four days
- Grandparent's farm for one week to garden, do chores, swim and ride horses
- Band trip (via bus) to Washington, DC area for eleven days to march in parade and tour
- Fly to Florida for a seven-day Disney cruise and amusement park vacation