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WEBELOS EARN ENGINEERING & SURVEYING PIN FROM HALL & FOREMAN, INC.

IRVINE, Calif., January 27, 2005 — Rancho Santa Margarita Webelos Scout Den 5 gets assistance from Hall & Foreman, Inc. (HFI) to earn their engineering and surveying pin.

The Webelos participated in an engineering and surveying workshop that consisted of a multi-media educational session followed by hands-on field exercises. Professional Land Surveyor Steve Shambeck provided an overview of how surveying and engineering relates to the design and construction of a project, then the Den went outside to watch the Trimble robotic reflectorless totalstation equipment in action.

The workshop concluded with a distance judging exercise, in which each Webelos paced 100 feet to determine the length of his stride. With that number in mind, each paced an unspecified “mystery” distance and was asked to calculate the distance based on their personal stride length.

Shambeck and surveying colleagues Mike Navarro, Ty Thomas, and Jeff Hogan were impressed with the consistency the young men paced.

“Developing a consistent pace is an important basic skill for a surveyor as it expedites his or her work in the field,” explained Shambeck. “We were pleasantly surprised to see the natural talent these young boys demonstrated. Our Profession eagerly awaits these Webelos to grow up to become surveyors and engineers.”

According to the Boys Scouts of America website, Webelos Scouts are a year-round family- and home-centered program that develops ethical decision-making skills for fourth and fifth grade boys. They participate in more advanced activities that prepare them to become Boy Scouts. Activities are used to achieve the aims of Scouting-citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness. One of the many pins they can earn as a rites-of-passage is an engineering and surveying pin. Den 5 meets at Trabuco Mesa Elementary School. For more information contact Tammy Franklin at (949) 858-5952.

Founded in 1961, HFI specializes in civil engineering, land planning/development, land surveying, entitlement coordination, infrastructure funding, investigative engineering, municipal/public works, surveying and mapping, and landscape architecture services. With offices in Irvine, Rancho Cucamonga, Temecula, and Woodland Hills, HFI serves public and private clients on a variety of projects throughout California and Southern Nevada.

For further information about HFI's services, please contact Kelly Teenor at 714-665-4500, or visit [http://www.hfinc.com./](http://www.hfinc.com/)

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Steve Shambeck with the Webelos Scouts Den 5 of Rancho Santa Margarita.



The Webelos Scouts Den 5 of Rancho Santa Margarita participating in the pace exercise.