

Webelos Helping Webelos

This program started in 2006 in a Pack that I was a member, I talked to a couple of other fathers to assist and we ran it using our two Webelos II dens and used the new Webelos I dens for that Pack as a test. It was phenomenal and everyone really enjoyed it including the parents. With that program successful that year, we crossed over 20 of 23 boys to scouting. The Webelos I leaders were so impressed they planned another for the following year and sought out guidance on how the program was planned. That year the program was again very successful and they crossed over 88% of their Webelos over to various Scout Troops. The boys from this pack have shown an aggressiveness to be engaged and wanted to excel with scouting. The first group of Webelos that we crossed over are now ranging from Stars to First Class, while the newer ones that have crossed over picked up Tenderfoot and are very close to Second Class as a whole. The program showed them that they could contribute and show others all the items they were taught and wanted to pass that on.

The concept is to empower the Webelos II scouts, with the assistance of a couple Boy Scouts and/or an adult advisor, to instruct the Webelos I scouts in a camping environment on achieving a couple Activity Pins required for Arrow of Light. With this empowerment it will get these boys ready for the added responsibilities of Boy Scouting. It will give the boys the feeling of pride on teaching boys items they learned and that these younger boys need to achieve Arrow of Light. With this instruction it lets the younger boys know they too will soon have this responsibility and pride in accomplishing these activities.

This could stimulate the boys more on what will happen once the cross over to Boy Scouts. With this also being held with parents, it gives the adult advisors time to talk to these parents on what will soon have on cross over for those parents of Webelos II and what will be happening or getting prepared for when Webelos I parents start their planning. It is a great time for one on one questions and sharing many experiences and great times ahead.

This program is set up as a Saturday night campout, but Friday will be made available for those who wish to come early. The staff and whoever wishes will be there Friday night.

Saturday

This will be a very busy day starting promptly at 9AM and ending around 4 PM. There will be various stations setup so that each Webelos I patrol will attend that lesson:

Station 1: A station to learn and practice required knots.

Station 2: A station to learn camping essentials. What is needed in your back pack for a good camping experience.

Station 3: A station on fire building

Station 4: A station on tents and how to set up a camp, the right and wrong things about tent camping.

Station 5: A cooking demonstration and attempting a dinner using what was demonstrated by the scouts for evening meal.

Station 6: A station for minor first aid and a demo of CPR – the buddy system.

After the lessons or stations have been completed, the Webelos can prepare their campsite in not completed and get ready for dinner. It will be free time until approximately 7:30 PM when we will have a small campfire program with staff, patrols and adults providing a program. After campfire, each patrol will be assigned one or two

Boy Scouts to sit in camp while boys are there and the adults, if desired, will attend the extra session.

The parents of these scouts can travel along with their sons to monitor the progress and to learn themselves. Each station will be manned by a few Webelos IIs and a Boy Scout mentor, who will be teaching these skills. There will be adults present or in close proximity to ensure all is going well. The object of this is to demonstrate that the older boys pass on the knowledge they received during their time as a Webelos I. This will assist them when it is time to cross over to Boy Scouts and have to teach various lessons within the Troop and makes the boys feel more responsibility and enjoy in their achievements. We have found it that the younger boys responded better to older boys vice adults in some of these achievements and retained those skills better.

An extra session will be conducted by the adult staff with the Webelos Parents both Is and IIs in a cracker barrel environment. This will give the staff and other parents time to answer questions and communicate about various areas of Scouting. All will provide guidance and advice if wanted. We have found that explaining events and experiences assist the parents and make the transition to Boys Scouts so much easier. In Cub Scouts it is very parent hands on, while in Boy Scouts it is a lot of mentoring and hands off because it is the boys leading the program. Tough for some parents to handle and experience. This will give a better heads up.

Sunday

After Flag ceremony, there will be a Scouts Own Service, lead by the staff Chaplin. After service, the Webelos will be given a guided tour of the Boy Scout Camp (Lost Pines) and be able to answer question presented at that time.

Upon completion of the tour, we will assemble again for the final Webelos Helping Webelos troop. At that time, we will award the Webelos I and others needing it, the Readyman and Outdoorsman activity pins, certificates and cards along with camp patches.

We are limiting the outing to 140 total Webelos and parents. There will be a limited amount of staff members and Boy Scouts. This outing will be held at the Family Campsite at the Lost Pines Boy Scout Reservation.

A schedule of events will be handed out upon arrival; we encourage everyone to arrive Friday night so events can begin on time. We will attempt to keep patrols that arrive together as a unit, while singles maybe be added depending on the size of the registration. It will be a fun event for all hands.

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September

Family Camping Area Lost Pines

General outline of items for this camping trip:

Friday night arrival – no earlier than 3 PM.

- Dinner can either be picked up enroute or made as a den that evening.
- Arrival will be den setup and hopefully I will be able get all dens assigned to known areas. I have several sites reserved but won't be assigned till I get there.
- Staff along with anyone wishing will hopefully be able to conduct a flag retirement at the evening campfire.

Saturday –

- Breakfast will be each den responsibility.
- Morning Colors will be at 8:30 AM with some opening remarks
- 9 AM the dens will be assigned to roundtable areas. There will be six sessions that all will attend, which last approx 40 minutes each. These stations will be:
 1. Fire Safety
 2. Camping needs and essentials
 3. Tent Setup and camp preps
 4. Knots
 5. First Aid and CPR
 6. Cooking Demonstration
- Each one of the stations will have a couple Webelos IIs and Boy Scout along with an adult at the session. So the sessions will be starting at 0900 and will end initially at 1140. At 1140 the boys will have twenty minutes to grab a sandwich or something quick for lunch.
- Noon all assemble for a brown bag lunch session (eating lunch during a presentation) on Camp Cooking. Several items will be cooked as demonstrations with sample given to all who wish based on availability. This demonstration should last no longer than an hour maybe a little longer.
- After cooking session – sessions will continue until approximately 4 PM.
- After completion of sessions, free time will be given to get ready for evening colors and dinner preparation for all hands.
- Evening Colors 6 PM
- Dinner – we had suggested that all dens make cardboard box pizzas for the boys. The boxes and tin foil will be provided to the den leaders for construction by the boys and will be demo'd at the cooking demonstration. If the den opts not to do this than the dinner menu needs to be constructed by you. The list of ingredients for the pizza will be listed below.
- Main campfire that night with Smores and skits.
- 8:30 – 10 PM Cracker Barrel for all adults at site provided.
- Quiet time and Taps 10 – 10:30 PM

Sunday –

- Breakfast responsibility of den (recommend something easy and light), can start to break down camp.
- Morning Colors 9 AM with a non denomination worship service
- Leave No Trace session
- 10 AM all dens/patrols will be divided in half and a walking tour of the Boy Scout Reservation will be given by the staff
- 11:30 AM assembly at main campfire set for final words
- 12 Noon – depart for home.

Webelos Leaders – It is requested that all den leaders provide a list of people attending. Name of Webelos boy and all adults. This list is needed by 29 August 2009.

Pizza ingredients:

Boboli Pizza crusts – small 1 pkg for every two boys unless you know these boys eat lots.

Pizza sauce – two large jars of pizza sauce

Mozzarella and Cheddar Cheese –

Pepperoni (sliced)

Mushrooms (pieces) (one can) if kids like

Black Olives (sliced) one can if kids like

Foil Dinners Ingredients:

One or Two hamburger patties (hand made)

Chopped Onions

Chopped Carrots

Chopped Potatoes

Seasonings (salt, pepper, garlic salt, etc)

Tin foil



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“First Step”

Family Camping Area Lost Pines Boy Scout Reservation 18-20 September 2009

Space will be limited to 120 scouts and 40 adults. It will be on a first come first serve basis. Register early for a spot. Will make every attempt to keep the Webelos Dens together for the training. Training will begin promptly at 9 AM on Saturday and will be finished by 11 AM on Sunday. No meals will be provided, all dens are to bring meals for this training. A cooking demonstration will be conducted.

Registration

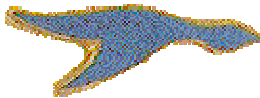
Webelos/Scout or Parent _____

Webelos I ____ Webelos II ____ Scout Rank _____

Pack/Troop _____ Den/Patrol number or Name _____



Have Readyman Activity Pin: Y or N



Have Outdoorsman Activity Pin: Y or N

Cubmaster _____ Phone Number _____



_____ Scouts x \$10.00 = \$ _____ (\$15 if late)

_____ Webelos x \$10.00 = \$ _____ (\$15 if late)

_____ Adults x \$10.00 = \$ _____ (\$15 if late)

Total due = \$ _____ Try to register Webelos Dens together at one time to keep units together.

Make all checks payable to: **Troop 448**

Due by August 31, 2009

After August 31, 2009 event fee will be \$15.00 each

More Information needed: mohondro@yahoo.com

Please Mail Registration forms, total roster and fees to:

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