



Webelos Woods* Camping Info

Where: Winnebago Scout
Reservation, Rockaway, NJ

When: Sept. 29 –Oct. 1

Costs: \$25 (Includes Food)

Activities: See attached Webelos Woods example schedules

PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING TWO COPIES OF "ANNUAL HEALTH and MEDICAL RECORD" FORM PER PERSON. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.PPBSA.ORG UNDER "FORMS". NO ONE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN CAMP WITHOUT IT!!!

Dear Cub Scout Parent:

The Raritan Valley District, Patriots' Path Council, BSA, is proud to present the **2016 Spring Webelos Woods!** It is held in parallel with Cub Family camping at the Winnebago Scout Reservation. This document provides important information for parents and leaders. There are two programs within this offering, *Webelos Walk About/ Cast Iron Chief adventure and AOL Scouting/Camp Adventure. Please review this material carefully, as no over night program can fulfill a complete adventure.

We are all responsible for making sure that your fellow leaders and parents understand all of the "do's and don'ts". As a risk management and health and safety issue, your concern and support are both appreciated and needed!

Thank you in advance for your enthusiasm and assistance in continuing to make this a successful event, because Scouting is an adventure that lasts a lifetime. See you at camp!

Sincerely,

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Registration Online: www.ppbsa.org → Raritan valley → District Calendar → select related date

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WHAT IS WEBELOS WOODS ?

The Cub Scout Webelos Scout program includes preparing the 4th/5th grade Webelos to move up to the next level of Scouting, i.e., the Boy Scout troop. The Webelos Woods Camping event is specifically for Webelos Cub Scouts, where the primary purpose is giving them an understanding of a Boy Scout camping experience. In Boy Scouts, the boys themselves have responsibility for planning and running their own activities, including electing “boy” leaders and planning/running campouts. During Webelos Woods, leaders will assist the boys in beginning the learning process of establishing their own boy leadership, while learning a variety of outdoor skills. Activities also include the opportunity to work on Webelos achievements, as well as Arrow of Light award requirements.

The Raritan Valley District Webelos Woods is scheduled in parallel with the District Cubelos Family Camping event at the Winnebago Scout Reservation located in Rockaway Township of Morris County, New Jersey. The intent is to provide a program that is more like going to a Boy Scout camp.

Webelos Woods is a two-night (Friday/Saturday) sleep over in tents, where the additional night is needed to fit in all the activities.

There are two Webelos Woods programs to choose from. Both programs are offered in both fall and spring, unless registration/participation does not justify:

- **Arrow of Light, Scout/Camper Adventure:** Program activities focus on skills associated with various AOL achievements. The boys themselves help make decisions during the event on which additional activity pins will be covered. Food is included in the fee and is prepared in a dining hall setting, with the boys participating in food preparation, as practical. See Attachment A for an example program schedule, including more information on possible Webelos achievements covered.
- **Webelos Walkabout/ Cast Iron Chef Adventure,** here the program activities are more focused on weekend camping skills and other Webelos requirements. Older Boy Scouts, as well as adult troop leaders normally support this program. Much of the food (included in the fee) is prepared at the actual campsite. See Attachment B for an example program schedule. **This is a backpacking program so pack efficiently; you will be carrying your gear. This is not recommended for person's not able to hike 3 miles on back woods trails.**



ATTENDANCE/PLANNING

Webelos/AOLs, their associated den/pack leaders, parents, and older siblings* are all welcome to attend. NO pets will be permitted. Please remember - everyone will be sleeping in tents, there is 3 miles of hiking and there is limited access to flush toilets, some time only latrines.

While Webelos Walkabout and AOL Camper Programs is held separate from the Cub Family Camping event, as time permits, attendees are welcome to participate in Cubelos activities as well. To get the most out of these programs, however, the Webelos should participate in the entire event, including Friday and Saturday night camping in the Webelos Woods area. This is not recommended however.

There may be families who have both Webelos and younger Cubs attending the Cub family/Webelos Woods weekend. Since every youth at Webelos Woods (and Cubelos) must have adult supervision at all times, families with both Webelos and younger Cubs (and/or siblings) can be placed in a difficult situation. Thus, Webelos Woods leaders recognize it may be preferable for some families to camp with their pack in a Cubelos camping area and bring their AOL scouts to Webelos Woods in time for start of the morning program. This however this is much harder for the Webelos Walkabout program due to the hiking requirement.

Webelos Woods leaders try to allow as much flexibility as possible to allow the Webelos/parents/siblings to tailor their weekend activities. It becomes difficult to manage, however, if Webelos arrive late/leave early or come in/out of the program during the weekend. Some related notes for planning:

- The AOL, Camper program includes the ability for the boys to help select which adventure they want to work on during the two afternoon sessions (see attached example program schedule). Please see the attached prerequisite list for each program. Individual Scouts can also choose to leave and participate at Cubelos during one or both of those sessions. During the rest of the program, it is recommended they stay in the Webelos Woods program.
- As indicated earlier, it is strongly recommended that all campers arrive Friday night and stay through the entire program. This is almost necessary for Webelos walkabout campers.
- During the event records will be kept for each Webelos indicating what activities he completes during the event. Any Scout who misses a session will not receive credit for the activities he missed. These records will be given to the group leader at check out Sunday morning.
- Parents with younger Cubs may want to consider getting agreement from a den leader (or another adult leader) to supervise their Webelos/AOLs when they cannot be present.
- Per BSA rules, youth Scouts can only sleep in a tent with an adult that is a parent, i.e., Cub Scouts cannot share a tent with a non-parent adult. However, multiple Scouts from different families can share a tent (as long as no adult is in that tent).



WHAT ABOUT COST (WEBELOS WOODS vs. CUBELOS)?

The registration fee for each Webelos/AOLs Scout includes costs for the campsite, food, program support and a patch. The specific fee amount for a given session will be identified in event notices, including the Doubleknot online registration process.

Note: all Webelos Woods adult leaders/parents/siblings who camp at Webelos Woods campsites or partake in Webelos Wood meals will also be required to pay this fee. Each person who pays a Webelos Woods registration will wear a related wristband for identification.

For a family who chooses to do Cubelos camping with their pack:

- If a Webelos decides to camp with his pack, it is recommended that he still pay the Webelos Woods fee so that he can have meals with the rest of the participants. In this situation, there is no separate fee for Cubelos, although your pack may have their own fees associated with in-camp costs.
- If only the Cubelos fee is paid, the Webelos will still be allowed to participate in Webelos Woods. However, he will not have a Webelos Woods wristband and will not be allowed to have meals at Webelos Woods. He must also register with the Webelos Woods program upon arrival at the program site.

OTHER KEY WEBELOS WOODS EVENT NOTES

- Participation of your den as a group is recommended when possible, but accompanied individual Webelos/AOLs are welcome.
- While Webelos Woods leaders will supervise activities, pack/den parents/adult leaders **MUST** ensure each Scout has supervision throughout the event,
- It is important that the Webelos attend the event starting on Friday night to avoid missing key orientation information. If that is not possible, then you **MUST** be in the camp on Saturday by 7:00 am to attend the breakfast and be assigned to a Webelos Woods "patrol". In that case, if others from your den come on Friday, please have them assist in advance preparation, including working with event leaders to establish "patrol" member assignments Friday night.
- Medical forms are required for every individual onsite at Winnebago, including Scouts, adults and siblings. Bring two copies of the BSA standard "Annual Health and Medical Record" form for each person since one will be turned in during check-in and the other will be held by your pack/den leaders (form is available online on council website – www.ppbsa.org).

Note: it is recommended that all individual carry his or her own medical record with them during the event.

- As shown in Attachment A/B example schedules, there is no planned event food on Friday night, so eat beforehand.
- See attachments for camping equipment information:
 - Attachment C: AOL, Camper Program Equipment Notes
 - Attachment D: Webelos Walkabout Program Equipment Notes
 - Attachment E: Things NOT to bring to Webelos Woods/Cubelos.
- See "Bear Country" Attachment F.



TRANSPORTATION AND ARRIVAL IN CAMP

- Arrive at camp on Friday night no earlier than 5:00 PM (no vehicles will be permitted to enter camp before this time). Remember, parking is limited so **please carpool as much as possible.**
- Parking Notes:
 - On Friday night you will be allowed to drive to the far end of camp (Webelos Woods area) rather than having to manually carry your equipment from the front parking area.
 - If you cannot arrive until Saturday morning, be there by 7:00 am. As long as you arrive by 7:00 am, you will still be able to drive through the camp to the Webelos Woods area.
 - If you do not plan on staying the entire event (until Sunday morning), you **MUST** move your car back to the front parking area **BEFORE** 8:00 am on Saturday. After that time, you will **NOT** be able to move your car through the camp until Sunday morning after checkout.
 - To assist parking personnel, place a sign in your windshield with your Name, Pack #, and cell phone #. This is helpful in emergency situations.

CHECK-IN AND CAMP SETUP

Upon arrival, parents/adult leaders should check-in all those who will be involved in Webelos Woods, including adults/Webelos/siblings. Check-in locations:

AOL Camper: Baden Powell Lodge (South end).
Webelos Walkabout: Dining Hall

As indicated earlier, each Webelos/AOLs is **REQUIRED** to have adult supervision at all times during the event. Responsibility for each Scout is established during check-in. Adults are expected to identify the Scout(s) they will be responsible for during the event.

Note: at the end of the event, at checkout those adults will then be given the record of what each of their Scouts completed during the event.

As part of check-in you will be given information on where to set up your campsite, as well as event handouts. Since Webelos Woods typically has a number of different packs involved, you will be sharing a campsite with other packs/dens. You will then unload your vehicles and proceed to your campsite. If you drove your vehicle to the Webelos Woods area, you will still have to carry your equipment from the parking area to the campsite, so planning for the usual Cubelos "transport" gear (carts, wagons, wheel barrels) is recommended.

Note: as indicated elsewhere, parents have the option of camping with their pack and bringing the Webelos in time to start morning Webelos Woods activities.

Please remember to keep all children under control – do not let them run around or play in the parking lot or road, as this area will be busy with traffic.



CHECK-OUT SUNDAY MORNING

After breakfast on Sunday morning, you may begin breaking down your campsite and taking your equipment back to your vehicles in the parking lot. *Please remember that no vehicles will be allowed to drive into camp on Sunday ... you must use wagons, wheel barrows, and carts to move your equipment.* Once all personal and unit equipment has been removed from your site, organize everyone to pick up/clean up your area.

Note: no one can leave the South end (Webelos Woods) until the road out is cleared of Cubelos campers (usually between 11 am and noon). This keeps the road safe for everyone. The camp staff at the South end will advise when you are cleared to go.

An inspection by camp personnel is required before you can depart. Campsite inspection criteria consists of the following:

- **No man-made trash anywhere:** This includes such things as string, pieces of paper, match sticks, candy wrappers, chewing gum ... in short, if Mother Nature didn't grow it or an animal didn't "leave it behind", it doesn't belong there. Whether you put it there or not, clean it up and make it go away!
- **Fire rings clear and clean:** Extinguish your fire *completely before you leave the area*. Drown the living daylights out of it with water. Have an adult, with a stick, turn over pieces of wood that have been burning and completely drown them with water. Stir the dirt/mud inside of the soaked fire ring area in order to be sure that there are no "hot spots" that may flare up after you have left. *Failure to completely and safely extinguish your fire area prior to departing will result in being disqualified from attending future events. Do not leave charcoal briquettes in the fire ring – they must be removed as part of your trash*
- **Please leave a small courtesy woodpile near your fire ring:** Once your fire has been completely put out, stack a small pile of wood near your fire ring. Not a lot, just enough to help the next campers who will use the site.
- **Latrine clean:** There should be no toilet paper or any other kind of trash around the latrine area/wash stand. Be sure to carry out any pieces of soap, toothpaste containers, etc. Using your fire bucket, splash the latrine and washstand area with water several times.
- **Paths and trails cleaned:** Be sure to check for any garbage along the trail between your campsite and the latrine, as well as the trails leading into your campsite.
- **Double check for any gear left behind:** It's not uncommon for equipment and personal gear to be left behind when people are hurrying to clear out and go home.

Once you are sure that your *campsite will pass the check-out inspection* by one of our commissioners, send a representative up to the Baden Powell Lodge to let them know that you are ready to be checked-out. They will send a staff member to your site *as quickly as possible* to inspect the items noted above. Your pack representative should also *turn in the leader evaluation forms* for the weekend. Your honest and constructive feedback will help us to continue providing quality programs and services for future events.

Note: *Your pack will only receive its patches and awards after your campsite has passed inspection. If your unit leaves prior to being inspected and approved, patches will not be released. Patches will be available to adult leaders at the Baden Powell Lodge.*



**Webelos Woods, AOL, Camper Adventure
Program Example**

ATTACHMENT A

	This schedule subject to change.
Friday evening:	Note: no food served Friday, so eat before arrival.
5:00-7:00 pm	Check-in at Baden Powell Lodge; then camp setup.
7:00 pm	Meet at Lodge for orientation; AOLs assigned to Boy Scout "patrols"; Scouts elect patrol leaders. Patrol assignments established. Work on initial Camper requirements.
10:15-11:00 pm	Return to camp area and lights out.
Saturday:	
6:00 am	Reveille. Prepare for the day!
7:00 am	Breakfast for all patrols at lodge.
8:15 am	Secure campsite for the day.
9:00 am	Morning program, including campfire planning, knots, out door code, geocaching and safety.
11:30 am-1:00 pm	Prepare and eat lunch at the Lodge.
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Siesta (free time)
2:00-4:30 pm	Afternoon program: two Webelos/AOL achievement sessions with topics selected based upon patrol input. Note: individual Scouts can choose to work on adventure pins or to participate in other activities at the nearby "Cubelos Family Camping".
4:30-6:00 pm	Dinner at the Lodge.
6:30 pm	Religious service.
7:30 pm	Attend and participate in your campfire* program.
10:45-11:00 pm	Return to camp area and lights out.
Sunday:	
7:00 am	Begin camp breakdown.
8:00 am	Continental Breakfast for all patrols at the Lodge
9:00 am	Complete camp breakdown and report to Lodge for check-out.
11:00 am-Noon	Depart camp (time dependent upon Cubelos departure-we must wait for exit road to clear).
	*conditions permitting.



**Webelos Woods, Webelos Walkabout (Backpacking)
Program Example**

ATTACHMENT B

	This schedule subject to change.
Friday evening:	Note: no food Friday, so eat before arrival.
5:00-7:00 pm	Check-in at Dining Hall; Patrols organized; Camp setup near dining hall.
7:00 pm	Discussion: Boy Scout troop Camping, Advancement, and High Adventure activities.
9:00 pm	Program: Out door code and leave no trace.
10:00 pm	Video presentation.
10:45-11:00 pm	Return to camp area and lights out.
Saturday:	
6:00 am	Pack gear for hike to new campsite.
6:30 am	Hike to Baden Powell Lodge.
7:30 am	Breakfast w/AOL patrols
9:00 am	Hike to remote camping site as assigned by Camp Ranger
10:00 am	Arrive campsite; camp setup including leave not trace, emergency planning.
10:30 am	Program activity - Service Project, Plants and animals, Hike planning
11:30 am-1:00 pm	Prepare and eat lunch at campsite.
1:00-4:30 pm	Afternoon program - Hike to Split Rock Reservoir and optional fishing
4:30-6:00 pm	Prepare and eat dinner at the campsite.
6:30 pm	Religious service.
7:30 pm	Webelos Camp fire* at remote campsite.
10:45-11:00 pm	Lights out.
Sunday:	
7:00 am	Complete camp breakdown.
8:00 am	Continental Breakfast for all patrols at the Lodge
11:00 am-Noon	Depart camp (time dependent upon Cubelos departure- we must wait for exit road to clear).
	*conditions permitting.



AOL, Camper EQUIPMENT NOTES

ATTACHMENT C

THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BRINGING FOR THE “AOL Camper” WEBELOS WOODS CAMPING

SUGGESTED “PATROL” EQUIPMENT (*)

(*)These items can be shared by a group to lessen equipment needs.

- a lantern to light the area at night - remember no flames in tents
- fire starters to get the fire going; remember: no flammable liquids of any kind!
- a water jug (3 to 5 gallons) to fill/keep by the fire - this is mandatory
- a shovel to keep by the campfire area - also mandatory
- a tarp to hang over your area in case of rain
- rope to hang your tarp with - plus you'll be amazed at how handy rope can be around your campsite
- carts, wagons, wheel barrels or similar devices to carry gear to and from campsite
- a hammer to drive tent pegs into the ground.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Some of the things you'll need for you and your family are:

- a tent and a plastic sheet to put under the tent to keep you dry
- flashlight and batteries
- sleeping bags and pillows
- a good supply of dry clothes, especially socks, and a dry pair of shoes in case of rain
- rain gear
- eating utensils, plates, cups, and paper towels
- personal first aid kit
- lawn or camping chairs
- insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- toilet paper - a personal supply is always good to have on hand.



WEBELOS Walkabout EQUIPMENT NOTES ATTACHMENT D

THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BRINGING FOR THE WEBELOS WALKABOUT CAMPING

SUGGESTED "PATROL" EQUIPMENT(*)

(*)These items can be shared by a group to lessen equipment needs.

- lantern to light the area at night - remember no flames in tents
- a tarp to hang over your area in case of rain
- rope to hang your tarp with - plus you'll be amazed at how handy rope can be around your campsite

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Some of the things you'll need for you and your family are:

- a **backpack** to carry your camping equipment
- a tent and a plastic sheet to put under the tent to keep you dry
- flashlight and batteries
- a sleeping bag and pillow
- a good supply of dry clothes, especially socks, and a dry pair of shoes in case of rain
- rain gear
- eating utensils, plates, cups, and paper towels
- personal first aid kit
- insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- toilet paper - a personal supply is always good to have on hand.
- (optional) fishing pole & bait



THINGS YOU *CANNOT* BRING TO THE CUB-E-LOS CAMPING

ATTACHMENT E

- Firewood should not be brought from home, it will be provided.
- **No alcohol or illegal drugs of any kind** - anyone found to be in possession of any type of alcohol or illegal drugs at any time will have it confiscated and they shall be escorted off of the camp property (local police will be contacted to assist if needed). Also, the pack that is associated with such individuals may be suspended from attending future camping. Please help us to keep this a safe and enjoyable event for everyone involved, and set a "lifetime" example to our Scouts and children!
- **No PETS** – Stuffed animals are fine, but if it breathes or eats, leave it at home!
- **No liquid fuels** - (for stoves, lanterns, fire starting, etc.).
- **No large axes, hatchets or chainsaws** - you won't be chopping down any trees during your overnight stay...a small handsaw or bow saw will do just fine. Remember to rope off a safety zone, "a wood yard" for your cutting area.
- **No sheath knives** - only folding/lock blade knives...we don't need any Rambos. All uniformed leaders will have the obligation and responsibility to confiscate or hold any tool or pocketknife being used improperly by a Scout or sibling. Any confiscated knives will be held at the Administration Building for collection by the appropriate parent or guardian.
- **No fireworks** - whether firecrackers, smoke bombs, sparklers, etc. - this should be a "no brainer"
- fireworks + matches + woods = forest fires = BIG Problems!
- **No other weapons** – guns, knives or any other weapons will not be tolerated. If your job as a police officer or agent requires you to carry your weapon, please advise the Head Coordinator.



ATTACHMENT F

You Are In Bear Country!!!

You are a guest of the forest wildlife. Encounters with bears usually pose little threat to people, but can lead to problems if bears lose their fear of humans.

Feeding Bears Is A Dangerous Activity! Do Not Attract Bears By Making Food Available!

Black bears will take advantage of any readily available food source.
For your safety:

Maintain a clean campsite. Put food away at all times.
Put food scraps and fat drippings in closed (air tight) containers, not in the campfire. Immediately remove trash & clean cooking utensils after each meal. Do not cook or eat in your tent. Never store food and cooking gear in your sleeping area. Keep food in a closed-up vehicle (trunk preferable). Never feed bears or any other wildlife.

Bears are Potentially Dangerous Wild Animals. The Future of Bears and Safety of Others Depends on Your Actions.