

2009 Webelos Encampment
Parent Information Packet

This packet is provided as a courtesy by the Encampment Committee to assist packs in distributing information to their Webelos parents.

While it is not a requirement for units to use this packet, units are still responsible for the information contained within this document and the Leader's Guide.

This packet contains the following:

- Encampment Rules and Guidelines – This is a general list for parents to follow. Unit leaders should refer to the Leader's Guide for the complete listing of rules.
- “What to Bring” and “What Not to Bring” lists – Unit leader should review before distribution if they have additional requirements that are not included.
- Sample Score Sheet – Provided to help scouts and parents understand how the scoring process takes place. This sheet does not include all items or points totals from the judges score sheets.
- Parent / Guardian Permission Letter – This is a basic example of a permission slip. Its use is acceptable for registration, but unit's are welcome to use another format if they wish.

WEBELOS ENCAMPMENT GUIDELINES AND RULES

It's time for the Northwest MS Webelos Spring Encampment. This is a district event held specifically for registered Webelos Scouts and accompanying parent(s). Encampment is the only event held for a Webelos scout to receive the Arrow of Light award. Webelos scouts will have the opportunity to work on various activity badges team building exercises and competitive challenges. This is a point scoring event in which Cub Scout Packs from all over the NWMS district will be competing for points in various events to display their abilities and knowledge. Packs will have the opportunity earn bonus points for displaying scout spirit and teamwork or incur penalties for infractions such as heckling other groups or not working together as a team.

In addition to the activity badge classes offered, Webelos will also be scheduled for a challenges session. The challenges class will include scouting knowledge questions, den cheers, flag folding, physical feats (relay race or obstacle course) and a scouting skills challenge. Scouts will choose scouting knowledge questions at random for a total of 10 per group. The den cheer, flag folding and physical feats will be the same for every group of scouts. For the scouting skills challenge, each group of scouts will draw their challenge at random when they approach the challenge judge. The list of challenge possibilities is listed in the 2009 Webelos Encampment Leaders Guide.

Be aware that per BSA policy, each scout must have a parent or guardian on premises. Parents/Guardians do not have to accompany scouts to their events, just be on premises and accessible in the event of an emergency. Please make sure your Webelos leader knows where to find you.

Families are obviously welcome to attend with their unit. However, please keep in mind that the classes and events scheduled are limited to active and registered Webelos scouts. Siblings and younger scouts will not be able to participate in the scheduled classes or events.

On Saturday evening, scouts will attend a campfire ceremony at 8pm. Scouts will have the opportunity to perform a skit or a song to entertain their peers. Unit awards will be presented at the ceremony. At the end of the ceremony, qualifying scouts will be presented with their Arrow of Light awards. Parents and younger scouts are encouraged to attend the campfire and Arrow of light ceremonies. All who attend the ceremony are expected to follow campfire ceremony manners: no booing, loud noises, loud conversations and no flashlights during the ceremony. The ceremony area will be roped off until just before the ceremony begins, please stay out until asked to enter to allow for ceremony preparations to take place.

Camp Lights Out Policy is 11:00pm – Points may be deducted for units not adhering to this policy.

Packs are expected to follow all BSA rules for camping as a pack, what to bring and what not to bring (see lists in this document). There should be **NO SMOKING** in campsites, event areas or ceremony area. Smoking should be done near your vehicle in the parking lot. While we understand this might be inconvenient, we are required to follow BSA rules restricting smoking near scouts. Points will be deducted for groups not adhering to this policy.

Alcohol is strictly prohibited anywhere on the grounds of Camp Currier. Units allowing alcohol in campsites will be asked to leave and forfeit their point and will be asked to surrender any awards they have been presented.

Vehicles are not permitted on the grass or in campsites. Campers should unload from the road and then move their cars to a proper parking location. Units with trailers are allowed to pull the trailer into their site, but must disconnect from the tow vehicle if the trailer will remain in the campsite. The tow vehicle must then be moved to a proper parking area. Points will be deducted from groups with vehicles in their area.

Pets are also prohibited in campsites and from any Encampment events. Points will be deducted for units with pets onsite.

Campers should plan to remain at Camp Currier until approximately noon. Each site must be cleared and cleaned before final inspection can be performed. Any left over wood should be stacked out of the way of the mowers on the edge of the wooded area. Upon passing final inspection, the unit leader will receive a packet containing patches for the event.

There is a 25 point bonus and a cost savings for units who are pre-registered by April 10th. Work with your unit leader to make sure they have everything they will need from you to complete registration.

Important notes for parents and Webelos scouts:

- With your unit leader, pick classes from registration form so the leaders and try to keep boys from the same unit together.
- Webelos should bring their Webelos handbook so they can be signed when the classes are complete. It is highly recommended that Webelos keep their books in a zip lock bag for protection.
- Remind your Webelos that classes are only 65 minutes long. Webelos are responsible for being at the class location at the appropriate start time.
- Ensure that all money for food and fees for registration are paid and that all information is submitted when due.
- Ensure your leader has current information on your scout's medical information form and a completed permission slip for your scout. A permission slip is included in this packet, but check with your leader as they may require a different slip format.
- Ensure that your Webelos scouts have their full class A uniform from the belt up. Blue Belt, Webelos Belt Buckle, Class A Shirt with proper insignia, shoulder loops, Webelos hat, neckerchief and slide.
- Class A is required for the morning flag ceremony and inspections. Once the scouts have been dismissed, Class B uniforms are recommended. To prevent scout being late to events, scouts should have their class B T-shirt on under their Class A uniform when they report to the flag pole in the morning. Unit leaders will likely need a volunteer to pick up the class A uniforms at the flag pole to eliminate the need for scouts to go back to camp to change.
- Class A is also required at the flag lowering ceremony; unit leaders may need an additional volunteer to meet the patrol near the flag pole so they can put their Class A back on.
- Remind your scouts that Dens/Patrols should have a den cheer, skit or song prepared. They will be asked to perform at some point and scored on how well they do.
- Remind your Webelos to NOT pickup or carry pointed sticks or walking sticks.
- Webelos should NOT throw trash on the ground, if you come across trash, do the right thing and dispose of it.
- Dens/Patrols will have opportunities to earn extra points for Camp Spirit, displaying teamwork, creating and displaying creative symbols at your campsite or other interesting places in camp.

While unit leaders are expected to cover the “what to bring” and “what not to bring” information with the scouts and the parents, the responsibility ultimately falls to the parents and the scouts to follow them.

What to Bring

Your unit is responsible for bringing all necessary food, cooking and camping gear, etc. for a full weekend camping trip. Your individual Webelos Scouts will need to pack for a normal weekend outing. Scout uniform, change of clothing, sleeping bag, hygiene items, mess kit (if your unit requires it), flashlight, rain gear, etc.

Your Scouts will be required to wear their uniform to the Opening and Closing flag ceremonies and the Saturday night Campfire / Arrow of Light Ceremony. All Webelos will need to bring their Webelos Handbook to each class for the instructor or leaders to sign off. Your Scout may also want to bring a notebook and pencil to take notes during the activity badge classes.

Unit leaders must ensure that they have brought all necessary forms and documentation necessary for check in such as tour permit, permission slips for each scout and medical forms on every camper and a copy of the Guide to Safe Scouting. Unit leaders must also ensure that they have brought patches and cards for their Webelos receiving their Arrow of Light awards.

Please remember, a parent for each Webelos Scout must be present the entire weekend, but are not required to attend the classes.

What NOT to Bring

Parents: Explain to your scouts that infractions in this area could result in loss of points for the entire unit and possibly confiscation of the restricted items by their leaders or event staff.

Scouts are not allowed to bring the following:

Radios, MP3 players, cell phones, or portable game devices – This is an outdoor event and often involves dirt, rain, mud and activities that aren’t compatible with delicate electronics. Use of walkie talkies should be limited to adults and only in emergencies.

Footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, kick balls, Nerf products, Frisbees, etc. – Camp sites will likely be close together and throwing or kicking objects in an area filled with people, items that can be knocked down or broken, open flames and a cooking area is not generally a good idea.

Knives, “Leatherman” type tools, hatchets, axes and bow saws – Webelos are at no time to be in possession of any of these items.

Axes, hatchets, etc should be limited to the campsite area marked off chopping and storing firewood.

Per BSA rules, no Webelos Scout can enter the marked off area.

Any Webelos Scout carrying a knife, even if they have their whittling card, will be in violation of encampment rules and will cause their unit to lose 50 points off their total score.

NO PETS – Points taken for pets in campsite.

NO SMOKING IN CAMP OR EVENT AREAS – Smoking should be done in parking lot.

NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS OF CAMP CURRIER!

Sample Score Sheet

This sample score sheet is provided to give participants a general idea of how the scoring takes place. This document is NOT meant to duplicate the official judges score card and does not contain every line item or accurate points totals from the official score card.

Possession of official score cards is strictly limited to event judges.

A	Events	Points Possible	Score
	Early Bird Pre-Registration Bonus – By April 10, 2009	1	
	Unit Representative at Cracker Barrel	1	
	Unit Participation in Cracker Barrel Pot Luck	1	
	Campsite Setup Prior to 10 p.m. Friday Night	1	
	Unit Participation in Opening Flag Ceremony	1	
	Unit Participation in Closing Flag Ceremony	1	
	Unit Participation in Den Games w/ Spirit and Sportsmanship	1	
Total Events Points Possible:		7	

B	Campsite Inspection	Points Possible	Score
	American Flag and Unit Flag Properly Displayed	1	
	Tents Neat and Orderly – Gear stored in middle of tent	1	
	Food Prep Area clean and Organized	1	
	Water Storage and Drinking Water Facilities	1	
	Hand Washing Facilities	1	
	Proper Dish Washing Facilities	1	
	Proper Trash Disposal Area	1	
	Minimum Clearance Around Fire	1	
	Fire Buckets	1	
	Fire Extinguisher	1	
	First Aid	1	
	Firewood Area Clearly Marked, Roped Off and Covered	1	
Total Campsite Points Possible:		12	

C	Uniform Inspection	Points Possible	Score
	Class A Shirt w/ proper insignia	1	
	Insignia in proper places?	1	
	Unit at attention during inspection	1	
Total Uniform Points Possible:		3	

D	Scouting Section	Points Possible	Score
	Scouting Questions (10 questions, 2 points each)	1	
	Scouting Skills Challenge	1	
	Physical Feats	1	
	Proper Flag Folding	1	
	Den Yell	1	
	Den Flag or Totem carried with patrol to events	1	
Total Scouting Points Possible:		6	

Total Points Possible: 28

E	Bonus/Penalty Points	Points
	Description	Points
	Heckling other team	- 4
	Showing excessive patrol spirit	+ 5
Total Penalty Points		+1

Total A+B+C+D:
 Penalties Applied:
 Pack Activities Participation and Spirit Bonus
 Total – Penalties + Bonus =

Parents: Check with your unit leader before completing this document. Your unit may require a different format for their permission slips.

Parent / Guardian Permission Letter

Unit leaders must have a permission slip on file for every camper, scout or non-scout under the age of 18 attending with their unit.

Permission slips should accompany the leader to registration for review. Registration cannot be completed without valid permission slips for review.

Once check in is completed, permission slips must remain at Camp Currier, easily accessible by the unit leader at all times. Permission slips should be left with the camp greeter for campsite inspection.

Unit: Pack _____ Unit Location: _____

_____, has my permission to attend and participate in the 2009 Northwest Mississippi District Webelos Encampment, May 1-3, 2009 at Camp Currier, Eudora, MS. I verify that the information listed on the Class 1 Medical form on file in the Unit Trip log book is correct as of the date of my signature below.

Print Name of Parent/Guardian

Relationship to Scout/Sibling

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date