

2023 GUNPOWDER FALLS DISTRICT WEBELOS CAMPOREE GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. **WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?** -The 2023 Gunpowder Falls District Fall Camporee is open to all Scouts who have been registered Webelos Scouts during the 2023 Scouting year. No siblings are allowed to attend unless they are registered Scouts functioning as a Den Chief or member of the Staff. **If a Scout's unit chooses not to attend, a Scout and a parent can register and attend. They will be assigned to a provisional patrol.**
2. **REGISTRATION FORMS & FEES** – Please visit the website for forms and fees, the most updated information will be posted there.
3. **PERMISSION SLIPS & MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS** -A permission slip and medical release form should be in possession of the Webelos leader for each Scout in camp. A BSA medical form parts A & B is required for all participants at this event. These will be turned in at registration Friday evening. It is recommended that leaders have two copies of all medical forms, one to turn in and the other for them to carry with them at all times just in case of an emergency.
4. **TRANSPORTATION & PARKING** -Units are responsible for their own transportation. Please following BSA and your Charter Organization policy on transportation. **CAR-POOLING IS A MUST** as parking facilities are **extremely limited**. In addition, it may be necessary to have cars parked bumper to bumper. Vehicles will be given permits and directed to parking areas. Special arrangements will be made for handicapped participants. Any unit towing a trailer to camp should make special arrangements ahead of time for designated trailer parking. If you have a trailer that your group will be using, please list it on the online registration.
5. **CAMPING EQUIPMENT & SITE ASSIGNMENT** -Be as portable as possible. Be prepared, but not overly prepared. All parents, Webelos Leaders and Webelos must report to the pavilion. **ALL WEBELOS WILL PRESENT THEMSELVES FOR INSPECTION IN FIELD UNIFORMS WITH THEIR DAY PACKS, THAT CONTAIN THE ESSENTIALS FOR HIKING.** Inspections will begin at 6:00PM and must be completed by 8:15PM. While the Webelos are going through their incoming inspections, the leader/adults will check-in with the registrar, give final totals and settle accounts. Patrol flags will be left with their Inspector. Webelos are expected to drop off their personal gear and return to the parking to assist the adults in transporting the remaining supplies & equipment to the campsite if needed. Wagons & hand carts will be very useful to move equipment.
6. **TENTS & DINING FLIES** -It is highly recommended that you borrow this equipment from your nearest Scouts BSA Troop. Unfortunately, we DO NOT have dining flies or tents that can be rented. Please note that dining flies larger than 12' x 12' may not fit the campsite.
7. **PICNIC TABLES** -Picnic tables at Camp Spencer are at a minimum. It's recommended that folding type tables and chairs be brought from home or unit meeting place in case a picnic table is unavailable. Picnic tables may be moved to your site on a first-come, first serve basis (**PLEASE ONLY ONE CAMP TABLE PER PATROL**). However, these tables must be returned to the place you found them on Sunday.
8. **LEADERS MEETING** -There will be a Leaders meeting on October 12th, 2023 Location is TBD. This is mandatory for all Leaders. Camp site assignments and parking passes will be given out at this time.
9. **UNIFORMS** -Field Uniforms (aka class A) **MUST** be worn at incoming inspection, Closing Ceremonies, and at Religious Services. Activity uniform is to be worn at Opening Ceremonies. The Webelos neckerchief must be worn and clearly visible at all times. Have your Webelos Scouts remove all loose material, such as tricolors, beads, pins, slides, plastic badge holders, etc. so they do not lose them. Leave these items at home.

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10. **SIZE OF PATROLS** -No more than eight (8) Webelos per patrol. If there are more than eight in a patrol at registration, the group will be divided into smaller patrols: For example, 12 Webelos = 2 patrols of 6 Webelos each. This will give each Scout an opportunity to actively participate in the trail events. Remember; each patrol must have a flag. Plan your den sizes before camp. If a unit has more than 1 patrol, split the pack flag duties and give each patrol a chance. Each Patrol is judged on a point system and the Patrol Flag is a part of that system and counts against or for that score
11. **Co-Ed Patrols:** Patrols of Scouts that have been Scouting together will be allowed to participate together but must sleep in separate tents.
12. **PACK FLAG** -Pack flag must be displayed at campsite. We recommend that streamers be removed prior to arrival due to wind, rain, etc. Prepare a sturdy base for breezy conditions. Pack flags should accompany the Unit at Opening and Closing Ceremonies. U.S. Flags are not required or needed. There will be a central flagpole in camp where we will fly the American flag.
13. **PATROL FLAGS & YELLS** -We want to see a lot of Scouting Spirit at the Webelos Camporee. All dens **MUST** have a den flag and den yell. Points are credited to the den when their flag is presented at incoming inspection Friday and at trail stations on Saturday. Flags also need to be present at Opening and Closing Ceremonies, and at all trail locations to let others know who you are. For maximum points, the den flag should represent the Patrol name and “BSA Pack” followed by the Pack numerals. **FLAG MUST BE MADE BY THE DEN MEMBERS BEFORE THE CAMPOREE WEEKEND. See Den Flag Contest Rules for further information.**
14. **SONG & SKITS** -Each patrol will prepare a song or skit for the campfire and submit the name of it at incoming inspection on Friday, in order that they can be reviewed for suitability. Due to time constraints, a limited number of patrols will be called upon to perform at the Campfire. The Campfire area may not be handicap accessible. Please advise us of any special needs.
15. **FLASHLIGHTS** -Flashlights are permitted to be carried by all Webelos Scouts. However, please remind them of camp courtesy in handling them. Teach the boys **NOT** to shine flashlights in others’ faces. Keep the beam on the ground. Also, remember campfire courtesy. Keep lights out during the campfire program.
16. **MEDICAL PERSONNEL** -Please submit the names of any doctors, nurses, paramedics, etc. present during the weekend with your pack upon registering your unit on Friday evening. This is just in case there is every an emergency we might need to reach out for help.
17. **FIRST AID** -A fully equipped First Aid Station will be set up at the Hansen Lodge. All injuries, no matter how minor, should be reported to the First Aid Station.
18. **RELIGIOUS SERVICES** -A Scouts Own non-denominational service will be held on Saturday evening prior to the flag retirement and Campfire. All Webelos and their leaders are encouraged to attend.
19. **FLAG RETIREMENT** -There will be a Flag Retirement immediately after the Scouts Own service. Units are encouraged to bring flags to be retired. **Please only ONE flag per patrol**
20. **TRAILS & INSPECTIONS** -Trails are a learning experience for the 1st year Webelos. For the 2nd year Webelos, the trails are based on skills that the youth have learned during their Scouting experience. Campsite inspections are based on practices that they should have learned from the Webelos outdoor program. An adult leader must accompany each Webelos Patrol on the trails. 2nd year parents are expected to participate and compete in the Parent Trails on Saturday. 1st year parents will participate in an informational program about the Webelos program and the transition to Scouts BSA.

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21. **TRAIL ASSIGNMENTS** -Trail Assignments will be explained at the Webelos Leaders' Meeting on Friday night and handed out on Saturday morning. A Scouts BSA Staff member will escort your den to their first station Saturday morning.
22. **AWARDS** -Each pack will receive a participation ribbon for their flag and a patch for each participant. First, Second and Third Place ribbons will be awarded for the following competitions: Patrol Flag Competition, Inspections, and Trails (2nd Year Webelos only), and Top Patrol Award (2nd Year Webelos only).
23. **FREE TIME** -Webelos leaders are encouraged to plan activities, such as games, to use during "FREE TIME" throughout the weekend so that the youth are involved in organized fun. Maximize your time.
24. **BSA POLICY TWO-DEEP LEADERSHIP: MALE/FEMALE.**
 - Male and female leaders are required to have separate sleeping facilities.
 - Male and female Scouts will have separate but adjoining sites and may share equipment
 - Married couples may share the same sleeping quarters if appropriate facilities are available.
 - No youth will stay in the tent of an adult other than their parent.
 - Use the buddy system for latrine use by having a person wait outside the entrance.
25. **FOOD** -Webelos patrols are responsible for bringing their provisions for the Webelos Camporee. These provisions should include a Friday evening snack, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, Saturday evening snack, and Sunday breakfast. The Webelos Camporee Staff will provide no food. Webelos are to cook and clean up for the weekend as part of the competition. Adults may supervise, but the Webelos are to perform these two functions. All cooking must be done on propane stoves, NO OPEN FIRES.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Everyone at the event must live by the the Scout Law and Oath. Each point will be followed by all at the Webelos Camporee.
2. Each Webelos must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America and supervised by a responsible adult over the age of 21 years. There must be at least two registered adult leaders present (one must be over 21) for each patrol.
3. NO VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED AT ANY CAMPSITE!
4. **No knives**, saws or axes will be permitted **by anyone** at the Camporee. These items are not needed. Leave them home. These items will be confiscated from Webelos carrying these objects and returned to the Webelos leader after the Closing Ceremonies on Sunday.
5. No firearms, other weapons, or alcoholic beverages will be permitted in camp by anyone. Violators of this regulation will be required to leave camp immediately. PLEASE leave these items home.
6. **No ground fires, fireplaces or charcoal will be allowed in camp. Propane ONLY, please!**
7. Fire extinguishers are *required* in the cooking area. **Points will be deducted for their absence on camp inspection score.**
8. No open flames or candles in any tents **FOR ANY REASON WHAT SO EVER.**
9. Radios, TV's, stereos, speakers, walkie-talkies and electronic games are not allowed.
10. No personal clean up or dishwashing will be allowed at the water supply areas. Latrine sites have sinks for brushing teeth, washing, shaving, etc.
11. Anyone who must leave the camp prior to the Closing Ceremonies on Sunday should report to the Hansen Lodge prior to his/her departure and upon his/her return.
12. Ditching and/or trenching of tents are strictly prohibited.
13. Tent and dining fly guide lines are to be clearly marked by red ribbon/tape and cannot extend into the next campsite or outside their assigned area.
14. Plastic bags and garbage disposal are the responsibility of each unit. Dumpsters will be available. Remember that Scouts leave their camping area cleaner than the way they found it.
15. Rain, Sleet, or Snow -Webelos Go!!! **Be Prepared!!!**

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SUMMARY OF ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. **PARKING OF VEHICLES** -Park or drop off as traffic attendants direct you. Only ONE vehicle per Den will be designated as the equipment vehicle.
 2. **DAY PACK / ARRIVAL INSPECTION** -At the Dining Hall Pavilion, arrange your dens for inspection. Competition has now begun. Remember patrol flags and yells. Webelos should also be ready to indicate the name of the skit or song that they would like to perform at the campfire Saturday evening. **They should bring their Day Pack** with the required items on the Personal Equipment checkoff list.
 3. **REGISTRATION** -While dens are being inspected, one unit leader will report to the registrar at Hansen Lodge to confirm reservations and pay any additional fees. All medical forms are required to be turned in at this time.
 4. **CAMPSITE SETUP** -Set up campsites as close as possible to the diagram provided with this packet. Patrols will be graded on campsite layout.
 5. **WEBELOS LEADERS MEETING** -Adult leaders from each pack must attend this meeting at Hansen Lodge to receive trail assignments and instructions. Webelos must have adult supervision at the campsite. Webelos are not allowed at the meeting. **FOLLOW THE SCHEDULE PROVIDED**
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SUMMARY OF DEPARTURE INSTRUCTIONS

1. **CAMPSITE CLEANUP** -Police your area, including the fairway that runs through the main camp. All tables and any pallets used are to be returned to where you got them from, prior to the final inspection.
2. **TRASH & GARBAGE** -Remove plastic bags with trash and garbage from the campsite and deposit the same in the dumpsters provided.
3. **FINAL INSPECTION** -The final inspection will be conducted by the Camp master and his assistants no later than 10:15 am. All gear except the Pack flag and patrol flag should be loaded into the vehicles. The leader and flags must be present at the final inspection or no score will be given. All gear should be removed and carried out prior to the Closing Ceremony.
4. **PATCHES** -After the Closing Ceremonies the patches can be picked up at the Hansen Lodge. No patches will be distributed without a Final Inspection score. Additional patches will also be sold after the closing ceremony.

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SUGGESTED PERSONAL EQUIPMENT CHECK-OFF LIST

Prior to your departure for the Webelos Camporee, this check-off list must be filled in by you, signed by a parent, and turned into the Webelos leader to ensure that you have prepared yourself for the Camporee and the weather that may exist. This is designed to make your experience as comfortable as possible by keeping you warm and dry and ensure you have all the equipment required for hiking, camping, etc. the Pack will depart and return in complete Scout Uniform. **No** radios, TV's, record players, Walkman, walkie-talkies, or electronic games will be allowed.

		ITEMS FOR INCOMING INSPECTION IN DAY PACK	
ITEMS	CHECKED	ITEMS	CHECKED
Day Pack	_____	Webelos Book	_____
Clothing	_____	Pencils	_____
Shoes (extra pair)	_____	Flashlight	_____
Socks (extra pair)	_____	Extra batteries	_____
Jacket	_____	Rain gear	_____
Mess Kit, including cup	_____	Toilet Paper(in plastic baggie)	_____
Toiletry Kit	_____	Knit Hat	_____
Towel	_____	Gloves	_____
Washcloth	_____	Water Bottle	_____
Ground Cloth (waterproof)	_____	Personal First Aid Kit	_____
Sleeping Bag	_____		

The above items, as indicated, are in my pack and can be carried on my back when we hike in and out of camp.

SCOUT

PARENT

LEADER

SUGGESTED PERMISSION SLIP

My Scout _____ has my permission to attend the 2023 Gunpowder Falls District Fall Webelos Camporee with Pack # _____ at Camp Spencer, Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation on October 20-22, 2023. In the event that medical attention is needed, I give permission for First Aid and/or emergency treatment to be administered to my Scout. Listed below are any allergies or medical problems of which the leader should be aware. If not applicable, write "none".

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date