



Goose Creek Webelos-o-ree 2016

October 22-23, 2016
Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



The Webelos-o-ree is a camping event designed to introduce Webelos (which includes those working on the Arrow of Light), and their parents to the fun of Boy Scouting. The weekend is filled with fun activities led by our District's Boy Scout troops. It officially starts off with an opening ceremony Saturday morning and ends Sunday morning.

REGISTRATION

Participation in the Webelos-o-ree is open all Webelos (4th and 5th grade). Registration by pack/den is encouraged though individual registrations will be accepted. **All registrations must be made in advance by October 14.** Registration this year will be done electronically via the Council website: www.ncacbsa.org/goose-creek/.

Rate A – Camping overnight. The cost is \$21 per person and includes the patch, dinner Saturday evening, and breakfast Sunday. BSA policy states that a Cub Scout may participate in overnight camping when supervised by his parent/guardian. If a parent/guardian cannot attend, arrangements must be made by the Scout's family for another youth's parent (but not the Den leader) or another adult relative or friend to be a substitute at the campout. Responsible adult partners must be at least 21 years of age. An adult cannot be responsible for more than two Webelos.

Rate B – Staying through campfire. The cost is \$18 per person and includes the patch, and dinner Saturday evening. At least one adult must attend for every five Webelos in a den. This registration rate was specifically designed for LDS units that may not camp over Saturday night. Units do have the option of coming in Friday night to camp, but most provide their own breakfast.

Rate C – Visiting for the day. The cost is \$10 per Webelos to cover the event fee and **does not include a patch**. One adult is required to attend for every five Webelos, the adults do not need to pay a registration fee, however.

The Webelos-o-ree is a **Rain or Shine** event (excluding hurricanes and really, really large tropical storms [2015]). There will be **NO REFUNDS**. Siblings and/or friends are not allowed at the Webelos-o-ree. Saturday lunch is **not** provided.



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EVENTS AND SCHEDULE

Arrival

We will open the camp entrance at 7:00 Saturday morning for those coming in to set up their tents. **Scouts should arrive in uniform.** As you come in you may drive to the campsite drop off point to unload your equipment. Do not pull off the road to park and unload and do not drive into the campsite. Please unload, return the car to the parking lot, then come back to set up (we need the space for the next car to unload).

Cars cannot be left at the campsites (there are no exceptions to this Camp rule).

While all scheduled activities are on Saturday, dens that wish to camp overnight Friday may do so. You should arrive no earlier than 6:30 PM. You will be responsible for your own dinner Friday night and breakfast Saturday (please see the notes about campfires and water).

You may leave the camp at any time to go to a school, church, or sporting event. You do not need to check in/out with the camp staff but should coordinate this with your pack/den leader.

Please note that there is no need to check-in when you arrive. Check-in will be done during the lunch period by one adult for the entire pack.

Campsite Assignments

Camp Snyder has 14 campsites and we will be using all of them (some for the Packs and some for the Boy Scout Troops). Assignments will be listed on the maps that will be sent out to the Pack contacts via email about two days before the event and hardcopy maps will be available on Saturday morning as people come in. We will be making the campsite assignments to get as even a distribution of campers at each location as we can. All members of a Pack, however, regardless of when their registration was received, will be assigned to the same site.

Each campsite will have multiple packs camping there so introduce yourselves to each other.

Opening Ceremony

The Webelos-o-ree will begin at 9:00 AM with an opening ceremony. All Scouts should be in uniform for this. Scouts may change out of their uniform after the ceremony. Maps showing all the activity locations and the latest schedule will be available at this time.

Campsite Road Closure

Because several of the activity areas are in the campsites and Scouts will be traveling between them we will be closing the road to traffic at 9:00 for the rest of the day for safety reasons. Anyone coming in after this time with camping gear or other items will need to drop it off by the Headquarters pavilion (right at the beginning of the camping area), take the car to the parking lot, and then come back to walk the items in.

Anyone who needs to pick a person up during the day please arrange a meeting location outside the camping areas.

Morning Activities

The activity programs will open at 9:30 AM.

There is no rotation schedule or assignment of activities/times for a Pack, what activities you visit and how much time you spend there is up to you. Choose activities that interest you and are not crowded and rotate through them all. There are approximately two hours of activities before lunch and two and a half hours after lunch, so budget your time to see and do it all.

Please note that the shooting ranges are next to the opening ceremony and are usually packed right after the opening ceremony. You might want to use that time to go to some of the other activity areas and come back to the shooting ranges after.

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Lunch and Unit Check-in

Lunchtime is from 11:30 – 12:30. **This meal is not provided as part of the program, please bring something to eat.**

At this time each pack must send one adult for the unit check-in, this adult will do the check-in for the entire pack. Three very important things happen at this registration:

1. We reconcile any registration payments still outstanding (Scouts we've managed to fit in after the registration period ended, ones that want to change from visiting to camping, etc.),
2. We hand out special 'Vegetarian' meal tickets for those who said they needed them on the registration forms,
3. We hand out the information about this year's Webelos Challenge (see below).

Campfire Auditions

During lunch time we will also be holding campfire auditions for those dens that would like to perform a skit at the evening campfire. The purpose of this audition is not to select the skits/songs that will be used (all dens that want to perform will be allowed to) but to ensure that the Scouts know what they are doing, that there will not be duplicate skits performed, and so that the campfire master of ceremonies knows the order to call the units up.

Webelos Challenge

The Webelos Challenge is a special activity, puzzle, or quiz for the Scouts to do during the afternoon activity period and takes about 15 minutes. How well the Webelos do in the challenge **determines the order in which we call the packs to the supper line!** Given the fact that we usually have to get 600+ people through the line, the order in which we call packs in can be very important.

The Challenge Event varies each year but is always based on knowledge of the Arrow of Light's Scouting Adventure requirement, items #1 and #5 (Scout Oath, Law, Motto, square knot, Scout emblem, etc.) Information about the challenge (when/where) will only be given out at Unit Check-in. It will not be listed on the site map or in the schedule.

Afternoon Activities

The activity areas will reopen from 12:30 to 3:00.

Shooting Areas Early Closings

We will be closing the entry line to the shooting areas a half hour before the end of the activity periods. This will allow time for those already in line to do the event and for the staff to finish up on time to get their lunch/supper.

Camp Wide Service Project

One requirement we have to fulfill in order to use Camp Snyder is to do a service project. At this time we are not sure what that will be but we have blocked out one hour of time after the afternoon activity period to do it. Further directions about this will be given out at the opening ceremony.

Evening Flag Ceremony

After the activity areas close there will be the evening flag ceremony (uniforms are not required). Since we'll be going from the ceremony directly to the supper line everyone should wash their hands before coming.

If your den would like to assist in the flag ceremony please send an email to WebelosORee@GooseCreekDistrict.org. The Den selected for the flag ceremony should be in uniform.

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Supper

Supper will begin immediately after the evening flag ceremony (around 4:00 depending on weather and ability to get all the cooking fires ready on time). The meal will be foil packet meals that you will put together (ground beef, turkey, or veggie burgers [available for vegetarians], carrots, potatoes, onions, peppers, spices) and cook over a charcoal fire back at your campsite. Plates, silverware (okay – plasticware), and drinks will be provided and the cooking fires will be started by our Boy Scout troops. Each campsite will have a fire circle and two aboveground firepits to cook the foil dinners.

Vegetarians – as stated above we have veggie burgers for the foil packets. These will only be given out, however, to those who have the special ‘Vegetarian’ meal tickets that are given out at unit check-in. There is no cost for the ticket, it’s just our way of making sure that those who reserved the meal get it. Remember to mark the number of vegetarian meals needed on the registration form.

All of the food/snacks that we will hand out will already be checked to be peanut free.

Orientations

After supper we will be holding two different orientations for Webelos and their parents:

- **Webelos to Scout** – this orientation is for those Webelos earning the Arrow of Light and their parents. The orientation is all about the transition into Boy Scouts and will go over how troops are organized, how to select a troop, and what the first year in a troop will be like.
- **Introduction to Webelos** – this orientation is for first year Webelos and parents. The orientation will go over what the Webelos program is like, what to do for advancement, and what type of camping Webelos can do.

Note: Those attending the orientations should plan on going directly to the campfire. Entry into the campfire will not be started until the people at the orientations show up.

Campfire

The Boy Scout’s Order of the Arrow (OA) will be hosting our campfire. Any Den wishing to perform a skit or lead a song at the campfire must audition for a position on the schedule (audition times are listed on the event schedule).

Evening Snack

As you exit the campfire Scouts and adults may pick up some snacks (chips, dried fruit snacks, cookies) for the evening.

Lights Out

We are asking for quiet time beginning at 10 PM and for the adults at each campsite to help enforce this.

Remember: If a Scout and an adult(s) are sharing one tent, then the adult(s) must be the parent or legal guardian of the Scout.

Reveille and Breakfast

Camp breakfast will be at 7:30 and will consist of juice, fruit, muffins, and bagels. If any group wants to cook their own breakfast they may do so.

Chapel

Remember that a Scout is reverent and respects the rights of others to their religious beliefs. Chapel will be at 8:00 AM and will be a nondenominational service. Scouts should attend chapel in uniform.

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Clean em' up and move em' out

You should police your campsite (go around picking up trash) before leaving and have it checked by one of the hosting Boy Scout troops. Remember that a Scout is clean and always leaves a campsite cleaner than when they found it. **Camp closes at 10 o'clock and everyone must be out by that time.**

We will follow the same car rules for leaving the campsite. Please have all you gear packed up **before going to bring your car in.** Stay on the road and not pull off onto the side. **No cars will be allowed into the campsites before** 7:00, if you need to leave earlier please carry your gear out to the parking area.

ACTIVITY SITE NOTES

Rocket Launching

The Rocket Launch activity at the Webelos-o-ree teaches a lot about the scientific principles of how rockets work and is a fun event for Scouts because of the hands on activity that goes with preparing and launching model rockets.

All Scouts **who are at least 10 years old** (BSA requirement) are encouraged to **build and prepare a model rocket prior to the event to launch.** The Boy Scouts running the event will show safe building and launching procedures so that everyone can have fun and safe time. Please bring your own rocket engines — A, B, and C engines are permitted. Please do not bring larger rockets or engines.

U.S. Flag Retirement

We plan to have one site dedicated to retiring U.S. flags with the Webelos doing the retirement under guidance from Boy Scouts. If you have a flag needing retirement please bring it along.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

Tents

You will need to bring your own tent. Each campsite has about ten tent platforms which can be used but it is not required that you set your tent up on one.

Bathrooms

Camp Snyder closes down all but one bathhouse (the one closest to the dining hall) during the fall. Port-a-johns will be placed where the closed bathhouses are. The bathhouse that is open has separate facilities for youth, men, and women. Following BSA youth protection guidelines at the open bathhouse **we require that adults use only the adult facilities and not enter the area assigned to the Scouts and that Scouts do not use the adult facilities.**

Recharging Phones

Please make sure that your phone is charged before coming out. We will be setting up a recharging station for those that need it at the pavilion used as our headquarters (at the entrance road to the campsites) on Saturday. This charging station will only be available for adults and should only be used for phones.

The station will be closed on Sunday, however, as we need the outlets to keep the hot water going.

Medicines

It will be the responsibility of each adult partner to hold and administer medicines. Each unit leader should have a copy of the Scout medical form for all of his/her Scouts. These do **not** need to be turned in to the camp staff.

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Water

Each Scout and adult should bring a personal water bottle, canteen, etc. for use during the program. Soda is strongly discouraged; it does not replenish body water and may lead to upset stomachs with all the activities. Along the road near every campsite are pumps for potable water.

Campfires

Fires should be attended at all times by an adult and should be extinguished before departing the campsite for events or evening activities. You must also have an adequate supply of water readily available to extinguish the fire (fire pails will be available at each campsite). Also note that state regulations may prohibit the use of any open or ground fire during this season if it has been too dry. Please check with the camp staff before starting a campfire.

Firewood

Due to local and state laws it is not permissible to bring firewood to the camp. The Camp Snyder staff, however, will have split firewood available for campfires. This wood will most likely be placed by the side of the road near the campfire site. There is no charge for the wood.

Equipment

Each attendee will be responsible for packing and bringing his own personal gear including uniform, tent, blanket/sleeping bag, ground cloth, poncho, flashlight, and toiletries. Everyone should be fully prepared for the weather conditions typical for this time of the year. Either rain or shine, hot or cold, be prepared to bring enough clothing to be as comfortable as possible during the weekend. Hiking boots are preferable to sneakers, especially in wet weather.

Electronics

Cell phones are a part of modern life and are now being incorporated as tools by the BSA. However, as experience has shown, camping is a great place to break or lose something that is expensive. We ask that all gaming devices be left home (we should have enough activities to keep everyone busy) as we will have only a single recharging station that will be only available for adult phones.

Poison Ivy!!!

Poison ivy is present in the woods and den leaders should go over with everyone camping how to recognize and treat for it (recognizing it is even a Boy Scout advancement requirement, so start learning now). Camp Snyder has tried to make sure that it is kept out of the campgrounds.

BSA REGULATIONS

1. **MEMBERSHIP** – Scouts eligible for the Webelos-o-ree **MUST** be registered members of a **Webelos Den** and meet the requirements of Den membership as established by Boy Scouts of America.
2. **LEADERSHIP** – Scouts will be under the supervision of their Den Leader and other adults in attendance at all times. The welfare of all Scouts is the joint responsibility of the Den Leader and the accompanying adults. The Den Leader must have Youth Protection training. Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders (OLSWL) and Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) training, however, are **not** required for this District event. The Den leader should also have a copy of the medical form with Parts A and B (which only requires information supplied by the parent and not a physical) filled out for each of their Scouts. Medical forms do not have to be turned in to the camp staff.
3. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SMOKING** – **Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at Scouting functions. Anyone found possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages will be required to leave camp immediately.**

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Smoking is discouraged at Scouting events. If you must smoke you should move to an area away from all Scouts. BSA has made a determination that smoking includes the use of electronic smoking devices.

4. AXES – Webelos may not use axes under any conditions. All chopping must be done by adults in an approved ax yard. Knife use must be done under adult supervision.
5. LANTERNS AND STOVES – Propane-fueled lanterns and stoves may be used under adult supervision. Liquid-fueled equipment using fuels such as Coleman fuel, kerosene, or white gas are **specifically prohibited**. There should never be any open flames in a tent. Tent light should be provided where necessary by flashlight or battery-powered lanterns.

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FAQ's

Q. What should I do if I missed the registration deadline or have a new Scout that wants to attend?

A. Immediately contact us (Webelosoree@GooseCreekDistrict.org). We have usually been able to fit in these last minute additions but do need to know about them before we buy all of the food. We can't guarantee we'll be able to do it, but we will do our best to fit them in.

Q. Can one adult be the responsible adult for more than one Scout?

A. Yes. If a parent/guardian cannot attend, arrangements can be made by the Scout's family for another youth's parent (but not the Den leader) or another adult relative or friend to be a substitute at the campout.. Responsible adult partners must be at least 21 years of age. An adult cannot be responsible for more than two Scouts, however. The non-related adult, however, cannot share the tent with the Scout.

Q. If we are only visiting for the day must there be an adult for each Scout and must the adult register?

A. During the day we require that there be at least one adult for every five Scouts.

Q. The parent staying with the Scout overnight cannot be there during the day, can the Scout still attend with someone else for the activity period?

A. See the answer above.

Q. What if I'm not sure which parent will be attending when filling in the registration forms?

A. Our main concern is that there is a commitment of an adult for each camping Scout, or one per five Scouts visiting. Changing the adult at the last minute it is not a problem as long as another, equally qualified, adult takes their place.

Q. Can an adult camping overnight also be responsible for Webelos visiting for the day?

A. Yes. The adult cannot be responsible for more than four non-camping Scouts and should not be the person responsible for their transportation home.

Q. Can I bring younger siblings or other Cub Scouts?

A. No, this is a Webelos only event.

Q. Can I bring our dog?

A. No.

Q. Can Webelos share a tent?

A. Yes, unless an adult is also in the tent. Only the responsible adult (parent or legal guardian) for each Scout may be in the same tent as the Scout.

Q. What gear should I bring?

A. You will be responsible for you own camping gear (tent, sleeping bag, flashlight, etc.). We will supply the utensils, plates, and cups for the meals and get the cooking fires ready. Make sure that you bring raingear and water bottles/canteens. A Scout is always prepared and having a camping trip where it doesn't rain is considered unusual by most troops. Also many of the activities will require a lot of walking/running around and we want to make sure that no one gets dehydrated.

Q. If we can't make it for the morning can we still come in later?

A. Yes. For those visiting just for the day we definitely recommend that you arrive no later than noon, however, or you will have missed most of the day's activities that you can attend.

Q. Should Webelos wear their uniform?

A. Scouts should always wear their uniforms when traveling to and from events and camping trips. All Scouts should be in uniform for the opening ceremony, after that they may change to other clothing. Uniforms will not be required for the evening flag ceremony, supper, or the campfire.

Q. Does the registration fee cover both the Scout and adult?

A. No, this is a per person fee. A Webelos with an adult camping would be two fees. The only adults who do not have to pay a registration fee are those for Rate C (not staying for supper).

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Q. Can our Den Chief (i.e., Boy Scout assistant) attend?

A. Yes. In fact we want to encourage it so much that there is no fee for them to attend.

Q. Can more than one adult register with a single Scout?

A. Yes. We have often had both parents attend with their son.

Q. Are there platforms for the tents?

A. Each site has 10 large wooden tent platforms that are designed for the camp's large wall tents. They can be used for smaller tents. Given the number of campers we usually get for this event we expect to have more than 10 tents per site so some will be on the ground. Getting a platform will be a matter of 'first come, first serve.'

Q. What Webelos/AOL requirements will be covered by the event?

A. The emphasis we have placed on the Webelos-o-ree is showing what fun camping is and what being a Boy Scout is like and not on signing requirements that are already being covered in Den meetings and other outings.

Q. Why does it take so long to get through the supper line?

A. The supper line is our biggest bottleneck of the weekend and every year we work on improving the speed we get people through it. Last year the staff managed to get 500+ people through in about 30 minutes (that's one person in/out every 4 seconds). Nonetheless, that's still a 30 minute wait for those at the end (which is really why you want to make sure your Pack does the Webelos Challenge to get to the beginning of the line).

Q. Where can I recharge my phone?

A. As mentioned in the packet earlier, we will have an adult-only recharging station available on Saturday at the headquarters pavilion.

Q. Why is the parking lot so far away?

A. A large area is needed for the number of visitors that Snyder gets for some events and needs to be close to the activity areas that are used during the day but away from the camping areas to cut down on the noise.

When parking please remember not to park in such a way that you block another car in. Even if you are not planning on staying long the other cars may still be leaving before you or can be needed in an emergency.

Q. Where do I check in when I arrive?

A. You don't need to. At noon we will be doing a check in for all units where only one adult needs to show up to settle any last minute additions/changes.

When you come in you, if camping, go directly to your assigned campsite (people will be at the entrance with maps) or if not then directly to the flag area by the dining hall.

Q. I came in later, how do I find my unit?

A. Since there is no assigned activity rotation schedule for the units we can't tell you where your unit is at any given time. We suggest that everyone coming in have either the phone number of someone that will be there to direct you to them (providing they haven't turned them off to conserve power) or have set up a prearranged meeting time/place.

Q. What happens with really bad weather?

A. If it is determined that the weather forecasted for the day of the Webelos-o-ree is a safety issue then we will cancel the camp and try to arrange a new date/location (as happened in 2015).

Q. Why can't I leave my car at the campsite?

A. The county fire marshal requires that all cars be placed in the parking lot. In addition there are only so many places to park by each campsite and leaving a car in one prevents another person from being able to drop off their equipment.

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Q. I have special needs that would require my car to be parked at the campsite, is that allowed?

A. Sorry no, we've run this by the camp several times and have always gotten the same answer. Whether you are handicapped or on-call and need instant access to the car you cannot leave it at the campsite.

Q. Is there electricity at the campsites?

A. No.

Q. Should we bring firewood for our fire?

A. No. To prevent the dispersal of insect pests from one area to another the state does not allow for the transport of firewood. The Camp Snyder staff, however, will have split firewood available for campfires. This wood will most likely be near the road by campsite #14 (see map given out at the event) and they usually have some wheelbarrows near it for transport.



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Directions to Camp William B. Snyder
6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket, VA

Leesburg



From Sterling/Cascades/Ashburn (about 45 minutes):

1. Travel south on Route 28 to Interstate 66.
2. Travel west on Interstate 66 to exit #40 (Haymarket, VA).
3. Travel south (left) on Route 15 to the first traffic light (1/4 mile) and turn right onto Route 55 (John Marshall Hwy). A Sheetz station will be on the opposite corner.
4. Travel west about 1 mile to Antioch Road.
5. Turn right onto Antioch Road, go over 66, and follow signs to Camp Snyder on the left.

From Western Loudoun:

1. Travel south on Route 15 to Interstate 66.
2. Cross over Interstate 66 and go to the first traffic light, turn right onto Route 55 (John Marshall Hwy). A Sheetz station will be on the opposite corner.
3. Follow directions #'s 4 and 5 above.



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Schedule



Friday 10/21

- 6:30 Check in for Boy Scouts/early arrivals
10:00 Lights Out

Saturday 10/22

- 7:00 Reveille
7:00 Packs arrive. All cars must return to parking lot after dropping off equipment.
9:00 Opening Ceremony (uniforms required)
9:00 Road to campsite areas closed to traffic
9:30 - 11:30 Activity Areas open
11:00 Entry to shooting sports area closes.
11:30 - 12:30 Lunch (bring your own), Campfire Skit Auditions (at the Chapel)
Unit check-in (one adult to check in for entire pack and find out about Challenge Event)
12:30-3:00 Activity Areas reopen
2:30 Entry to shooting sports area closes
3:00-4:00 Campwide Service Project
4:00 Evening Flag Ceremony (uniforms not required, wash hands before arriving as you'll be going straight to the supper line)
4:15 Supper
6:45 2nd year Webelos - Webelos to Scout Orientation
1st year Webelos - Introduction to Webelos
(Note: Campfire will not begin until the orientations are over)
8:00 Evening campfire, meet on road outside campsite #11
10:00 Lights Out

Sunday 10/23

- 7:00 Reveille - no cars permitted into the camp until this time.
7:30 Breakfast area open
8:00 A Scout is Reverent (non-denominational service)
9:00 Break camp
10:00 Camp is closed, everyone must be out by this time



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Registration Instructions

- Registration is online. Go to www.ncacbsa.org/goose-creek/ and look for Webelos-o-ree on the left side of the page.
- There are three different Webelos-o-ree rates:
 - A - Camping Overnight
 - B - Staying for dinner and campfire
 - C - Visiting for the day.
- For Rate A - Camping Overnight, there must be an adult for every Scout. In some cases an adult can be responsible for a second camping Webelos (see FAQ for where this is allowed).
- Boy Scout Den Chiefs do not have to pay to attend (FREE!).