

Toqua District
2016 Webelos Rush
November 3rd-5th, 2017

Dear Scouts & Scouters,

The Toqua District is very proud to continue what has been a very successful event over the past two years, Webelos Rush. We would like to take this time to invite all Toqua District Boy Scout Troops to participate in the event, which is being held at The Historic Ramsey House in Knoxville.

The original purpose for the event was to give Webelos and Arrow of Light scouts an opportunity to work on a wide array of advancements, while interacting with and learning from older Boy Scouts. However, from the feedback of the first two years, it has been made clear that the greatest benefit of Webelos Rush has been the down time - the experience of meeting with various Troops and to understand the dynamic of how they operate, and how the various personalities react. Because of this, the program has been redesigned to simplify Troop preparation and to emphasize Webelos to Boy Scout interactions, with minimal advancement focus.

This event will consist of several sessions, which will assist the attending Webelos in researching Troop homes and preparing them to make that cross over into a Boy Scout Troop. As is the ideal in all Troop activities, the Boy Scout patrol(s) will teach various aspects of the *Scouting Adventure* elective, which is nearly a 1:1 match with the requirements for the Scout Rank in Boy Scouts. On Saturday evening we will have a campfire ceremony with all attendees and engage in some skills and reflection.

The cost of the event will be \$20 per Webelos Scout participant, youth and adult. This will cover the cost of the event, a patch, camping and site fees, program supplies, and 2 meals.

Troops will be responsible for their own food costs for the weekend. Each Troop will receive a stipend of \$3 per guest (Webelos Scouts and parents) per meal for dinner Saturday & breakfast Sunday.

Registration is required and a form is included in this packet.

The Scout Oath and Law will guide all activities, events and individual behavior.

We look forward to a great weekend of camping.

Scott Milliken
2017 Webelos Rush Program Director

Introduction

The Webelos Rush committee and numerous volunteers have spent many hours putting together this event. We appreciate your comments, suggestions, and participation. Your feedback is vital in our continuous effort to give all scouts a quality program.

The Scout Oath and Law will guide all activities and individual behavior. We are guests being allowed use of the camp property. We are also setting an example to younger Scouts. The Outdoor Code and the rules of Leave No Trace shall be observed at all times.

General Information

- Class A (Field) uniform will be required for Campfire and Worship service. Class B (Activity) uniform should be worn during all other program activities.
- Webelos Rush will be held rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, the Unit Leader is responsible for the welfare of the Scouts in his/her charge.
- Troop/Patrol campsites will be inspected on Saturday afternoon. Please note that each Patrol should have a posted Menu and Duty Roster.
- Troops will also be judged during the course of the activities for awards.
- Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol Leaders should plan to attend a Friday evening PLC. At this meeting leaders will receive final details and any last minute changes.
- Troops are to camp as patrols in their campsites. Webelos Scouts will camp as families adjacent to the troop campsite.
- Water will be available.
- Each Unit is responsible for removal of all trash from their campsite.
- First Aid services will be provided.

Rules and Regulations

- Two deep leadership is required at all times and one adult leader is required for each 10 camping scouts.
- Campfires are permitted, but rings are not provided.
- Use only obvious, designated walking areas. Do not cut through another campsite without permission.
- No stakes are to be left in the ground.
- No riding in trailers or pickup truck beds is permitted.
- Trailers are permitted in the campsites. All other vehicles should remain parked in the main parking lot.
- Chemical fuels and propane must be used and properly stored in accordance with BSA policies.
- Units are to practice "Leave No Trace" camping while at the event.

Registration

To help with the planning of the Webelos Rush, preregistration is required. Troops act as the campsite hosts for the event, and as such there is no camping fee charged to them. Troops will be responsible for any costs associated with transportation to and from the event, along with food costs for their own attendees. Guests hosted by the troops will be paid attendees, and a stipend of \$3 per guest per meal will be paid to the troop to offset the costs. Troops may certainly go beyond that cost per guest for meals, but at their own expense. This is a recruiting event for the troops, so it is expected that the meals will be a good example of the scout spirit and doing our best, rather than the minimum.

Service Project

As a demonstration of the Scout Spirit, we will be performing a small service project for the Ramsey House for allowing us to use their facility. We will be clearing as much area around the house of fallen leaves as possible in 30 minutes of work.

Ramsey House will provide the bags for us to place the leaves in. Troops are requested to bring some rakes and/or powered leaf blowers to help facilitate the project. Power tools are only to be used by adults. The Webelos and Scouts will primarily work on bagging the leaves.

Religious Service

A Scout is Reverent. Chapel Service has been scheduled for Sunday morning at 8:30 am. The Webelos rush committee feels that participation at a religious service on a Scout outing is an important part of the BSA program. All participants are encouraged to attend the service.

Webelos Rush 2017 Agenda

Friday, November 3, 2017

5 – 8 PM - Arrival, campsite setup (Boy Scout Troops / Staff)
8:30 PM – PLC Meeting
10 PM - Lights Out

Saturday, November 4, 2017

7:00 AM - Muster
7:15 AM - Breakfast in Campsites (Troops/Staff Only)
7:30 AM to 8:15 AM - Webelos Arrival and Check-In (campsite drop-off, only - no setup)
9:00 AM - Session 1 (In Campsite) - The Patrol Method / Scout Ranks
10:55 AM – Webelos travel to next Troop in rotation
11:00 AM - Session 2 (Start in Campsite) - Sack Lunch (each guest is required to bring their own); Ten Essentials; Ramsey House Presentation; Service Project
1:55 PM – Webelos travel to next Troop in rotation
2:00 PM - Session 3 (In Campsite) - Essential Knots
4:00 PM - Webelos Campsite setup time; work on campfire program; Troop Campsite Inspection
5:00 PM - Dinner (Troop prepares food for / with Webelos guests)
6:30 PM - Campfire Program
7:30 PM - Return to campsite
10:00 PM - Lights out

Sunday, November 5, 2017

7 AM – Muster
7:30 AM - Breakfast in Campsite
8:30 AM - Devotional Service (Campfire Area)
9 AM - Break camp

Moon will be full, so there will be good night illumination
Sunrise 7:10 AM
Sunset 7:58 PM

Daylight Savings Time (Fall Back) happens on the Webelos Camping night.

Session 1

The purpose of these sessions is to give the Webelos and their parents an idea of how a Troop operates in a camp setting. Therefore, the topics listed below should be taught using the EDGE method, by Boy Scouts, and with minimal adult involvement. There will be plenty of time in each session for the troops to make a pitch to their guests and tell them all about their unit.

Each topic will have in parenthesis the list of Webelos achievements related to it. Do not attempt to teach to the book, as the concepts chosen are universal in Scouting.

Agenda (These do not have to be done in the order listed)

- Plan for 30 minutes of games to play with the Webelos. This can be in the beginning, the middle, the end, or even split into two 15-minute sessions. Explain how game time fits into your troop schedule, whether it's on campouts, troop meetings, or special events.
- Talk about the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace Principles for Kids. (Camper 7/Scouting Adventure 1e, Scouting Adventure 1b) 15 min
 - Outdoor Code - As an American, I will do my best to -
 - Be clean in my outdoor manners,
 - Be careful with fire,
 - Be considerate in the outdoors, and
 - Be conservation minded.
 - Leave No Trace Principles for Kids
 - Know before you go
 - Choose the right plan
 - Trash your trash
 - Leave what you find
 - Be careful with fire
 - Respect wildlife
 - Be kind to other visitors
- Learn what items should be in an outdoor survival kit that you can carry in a small bag or box in a day pack. Have examples of various items and have the Webelos choose what would go into their own pack, but do not assemble one for each Webelos. Be sure to discuss two different ways to purify water. (Castaway 2a, 2f) 20 min
 - Whistle
 - Compass
 - Signal mirror
 - Fire starter/flint
 - Solar blanket
 - Water purification tablets
 - Paracord
- Help the boys recite from memory the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout motto, and Scout slogan. They should already have a foundation of this from Den Meetings and this will be repeated through the weekend, so they don't have to completely memorize it in the first session. Teach the Boy Scout sign, salute, and handshake. Talk about the parts of the First Class Scout badge and explain the significance of it. (Scouting Adventure 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d) 15 min

- Talk about what to do if lost in the woods, and discuss the acronym S-T-O-P. Emphasize the buddy system. (Castaway 2g, Outdoor Activity Award 3) 10 min
 - o S (Stop) - Stay put. The worst thing you can do when you're lost is panic and leave your current location. Take a deep breath, calm yourself, and sit down. Drink some water, or eat a little food. If you're cold, put on a jacket.
 - o T (Think) - Once you've calmed down, think about your situation. Think about how you got where you are. You may discover that you're not as lost as you thought.
 - o O (Observe) - Look around. Listen for other Scouts. Check your supplies and the area around you for things that can help you survive.
 - o P (Plan) - Finally, make a plan for dealing with your situation. If you are absolutely sure you know the way back to your group, follow it carefully. Mark your way with broken branches or piles of stones so you can come back to your starting point if you need to. If you don't know the way back to your group, stay where you are. Decide what your priorities are, and take care of them one at a time.
- Give the boys and parents some time to ask and answer questions about the troop.

Session 2

Agenda

- Each Webelos and Parent attending was told to pack their own lunch. Start off this session by sitting down with them to get to know each other while eating.
- Explain the Patrol Method to your guests.
 - o Leadership positions and what they do
 - o How leaders are chosen
 - o Chain of Command
 - o Size of patrols
- Talk about advancement in Boy Scouts. In Cub Scouts, you advance based upon your school grade or age, while in Boy Scouts it is based on how quickly each boy decides to complete the requirements.
- Talk about the Scout Spirit and why we do community service. Talk about the community service project for this campout.
- Arrive at the main building for Ramsey House no later than 12:30 PM with the troop and all guests to start the service project. Each campsite host will be assigned their service area during the Friday evening PLC meeting. We will be assisting the Ramsey House by bagging up leaves, focusing on the area closest to the house, first. Bag as many as possible in 30 minutes - it is not expected that we will bag all of the leaves. Ramsey House will provide the bags for us, and give instructions as to where to place them. Troops are encouraged to bring a leaf blower or two that adults can operate, along with some rakes for the boys to use.
- At 1 PM, a representative from Ramsey House will give a presentation on the history of the estate. There is also a 15 minute film in the building. We will send half of the group to the film and half to the speaker; then rotate after completed.
- You should be able to return to your campsite by 1:30 PM, so plan on playing 20 minutes of games with the Webelos. They can be the same games as your first session, as you will have different guests each session.
- Give the boys and parents time to ask and answer questions about the troop.

Session 3

This is the final rotation, and will be the group that you host overnight in your campsite. As such, it will have the most free time available.

- Use the EDGE method to teach the 6 Essential Knots for Boys Scouts to the Webelos. Note that some new Boy Scouts need to do this for rank advancement. Explain when and why you would use each knot, don't just focus on the name and the mechanics of tying it.
 - Square Knot
 - Bowline
 - Sheet Bend
 - Clove Hitch
 - Two Half-Hitches
 - Taut-line Hitch
- Teach the Webelos how to fuse and whip a rope.
- Practice the six essential knots, some more. There might be a competition at the campfire ceremony!
- Come up with two skits that have both Webelos and Boy Scouts in them.
- Plan on playing some games with the Webelos. Games are a great way to break down the social barriers and get your guests comfortable enough to talk to you. It's also something that parents look at in terms of how their son will interact in a group.
- At 4:00 PM we will have a Troop Campsite Inspection, and the winner will be awarded a ribbon at the campfire ceremony.
- At the campfire ceremony, we will have some friendly camporee style competitions. Boy Scouts and Webelos Scouts are not allowed to compete against each other, so we will have some Troop vs. Troop competition and some Webelos Patrol vs. Webelos Patrol competition.
- Give the boys and parents time to ask and answer questions about the troop.

Webelos Rush Packing List for Boy Scouts

Troop

- * Troop trailer with tents, food canopy & cooking supplies (Plan to set up like a camporee setting. This is an opportunity to recruit new Scouts and show them the awesomeness of Boy Scouts...LET'S DO IT!)
- * Troop meals for Friday night dinner, Saturday breakfast & Saturday lunch
- * Troop meals plus additional supplies for Webelos for Saturday dinner & Sunday breakfast (Troops will be given a stipend for the Webelos they host.)
- * Adequate potable water for the troop and the specified number of overnight guests (Troops will get the guest count by October 31).
- * Supplies for the service project - rakes, leaf blowers, fuel (bags are being provided by Ramsey House)
- * Rope for demonstrating and practicing knots and whipping

Scouts (Boy Scout and Webelos Scouts) and Parents

- * Standard tent camp gear (tent, sleeping bag, clothes, flashlight, etc.)
- * Extra blanket – It will be cold!
- * Jacket
- * Rain gear
- * Class A uniform
- * Class B shirt
- * Day pack with your 10 Essentials (6 Essentials for Webelos)
- * Ideas for skits/campfire program

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Troop Registration Form

Troop Name _____

Number of Patrols _____

Number of Scouts _____

Number of Adult Leaders _____

Total Participants _____

Number of Trailers staying at site _____

Number of Vehicles staying at site _____

I, _____, have read and understand the Webelos Rush rules and will do everything in my power to ensure my troop follows them.

Signature of Troop Leader

Registration DEADLINE: October 20, 2017

Return this completed form to:

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