

## Camporall (Webelos Woods) Frequently Asked Questions

### **Do we register individually or all together as a Pack?**

Here is how the new system works for **Webelos** and **Arrow of Light Scouts**:

Every Webelos and their adult family member who is attending with them, needs to register and fill out paperwork with their den leader (or designated trip adult in charge). It is that person's responsibility to collect the forms and complete the roster for your group.

Besides the normal individual family information (Scout name, Adult name, phone, email), everyone should have the following

**Pack information** to enter on their registration:

**Pack Number:** Yes, there may be some people in your unit who do not have this memorized.

**Pack Event Leader:** The person who is the primary contact between your Pack and Webelos Woods, this should be a pack leader who is attending the event. Usually this duty falls to either the Webelos Leader or Cubmaster, but can be any adult upon whom your pack decides.

**Pack Leader E-Mail:** E-Mail address for the above person.

**Pack Leader Home Address:** Home address for the above person.

**Pack Leader Phone:** Phone number for the above person.

### **Where Do We Park Our Vehicles During Webelos Woods?**

There is no parking at the camp sites. We cannot allow vehicles to drive on the grass and pull up to each camp site and unload. Parking will be along the road or in the designated parking lot about 150 yards away. Please obey all parking rules. If you're parked illegally, you will be ticketed. For this reason, we strongly suggest carpooling.

### **What Time Do We Check in on Friday or When Should We Try to Arrive?**

You can check in starting at 4 pm on Friday. We suggest you arrive as close to that time as possible Friday afternoon. It is always easier to set up a tent in the daylight. The camp and the parking lot will get more crowded the later you come.

### **What About Cooking? Do We Bring and Prepare All Our Own Food?**

You will need to bring your own food. *No group food is planned at this time, although we are toying with the idea of a group dinner for Friday. If there is enough interest, we'll cook something fun for the boys.* You need to bring everything for cooking, cleaning, plates, utensils, etc. as well as your food. Water is available near, but not inside, all campsites. Bring a water carrier.

### **Can a Webelos Scout Camp Without a Parent?**

All the official BSA Literature states the following regarding events like this *"In most cases, each youth member will be under the supervision of a parent or guardian. In all cases, each youth participant is responsible to a specific adult."* Since your Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts are still officially Cub Scouts, this is still "family-style" camping, meaning there *should* be a parent with each Webelos Scout. A parent can be responsible for one "extra" scout, along with their

own child, as long as that parent is not in charge of the whole unit (i.e. the Cubmaster or the Webelos Leader). So as long as someone is willing to be in charge of the boy, he's more than welcome to come. In these cases, it's extra important that the boy's paperwork is complete, especially Part A of the Medical Forms which permits someone else to drive him to and from the event.

### **What is the Policy about Siblings? Can We Bring Younger Children?**

We mildly discourage the attendance of siblings. Younger children demand attention and require close supervision. This event is for the benefit of Webelos-aged boys. If it means a Webelos would not be able to attend, because there is no one else to take care of the younger sibling, then of course they can bring the younger child. But before a family makes that decision, they should consider the following rules regarding siblings:

There are no program activities for the siblings and they must stay in out of the Boy Scout Skills Demonstration areas. Siblings must remain under the direct and close supervision of their parents at all times. Siblings may not accompany Webelos Scouts to the activities except to the Nature Hike and campfire. Webelos Scouts may not function as baby sitters for younger children at this event. Siblings must be registered the same as the other attendees.

The goal of this event is to introduce Webelos to Boy Scouting. The ideal way is to have a parent with their Webelos-age son, free of outside distractions. This allows them to discover all the wonderful things that are in store for them in Boy Scouts. Again we are not forbidding siblings, but discretion must be used.

### **Can People Come up Just for Saturday?**

Yes, however the price does remain the same. They will still be getting a patch. Most everything (90%) is happening on Saturday and it is not fair to everyone else to encourage people to attend just for the day. A few people will be arriving on Saturday due to "special circumstances" and will be joining their units for the balance of the event. But they will have the normal challenges finding their unit, dragging their gear to the campsite and joining an event in progress.

### **Do We Need to bring our own Tents and Sleeping Bags?**

Yes, you do. There are no tents for rent at this event. You also need to bring enough tents to comply with BSA's Youth Protection Guidelines (YPG). If you are in need of tents, please let me know, and we will try to provide some for your use.

### **Does Our Pack Need a Tour Planning Worksheet?**

No, they do not. The practice has been discontinued by BSA.

### **Can Webelos Attend if their Webelos Leader Does Not?**

It is not required that the Webelos Leader attend, but it is highly recommended that they do so. If the Webelos Leader cannot attend, another Den Leader, the Cubmaster or one of their

assistants could fill in to provide leadership for the unit. If none of that works, I suggest that one of the parents camping with the Webelos be designated as unit leader for the weekend.

### **What Time Do We Go Home on Sunday?**

Sunday morning, everybody will be breaking camp after breakfast and there will be a "Scouts Own" worship service, which you may choose to attend. I expect most everybody will have left by 11 am.

### **What Type of Restroom Facilities Are Available?**

The bathroom facilities at El Dorado Park are not the most attractive, but they are permanent structures with running water, toilets and sinks. They are very close to our campsites. We will try to monitor them for clean-up issues, but please try to encourage your boys to be respectful and clean as best they can. I am looking into "Porta-Potty" type facilities. Running water is also available although it may not be right at your campsite. Bringing drinking water is always recommended over tap water. There are no shower facilities available.

### **What Can I Do, to make this Campout Easier on Myself?**

- Carpool with as many people as possible.
- Pack light; do not bring a lot of extra gear.
- Plan ahead about how you will pack your car, drop your gear, and then park your car
- Plan your meals well in advance (do not wait till the night before the event!!!)
- Cook and eat as a group. If your group is large enough, designate a person or two to stay in camp and cook, while others take the Webelos & Arrow of Light Scouts around to the activities.
- Know how to set up your tent (in the dark) before arriving.

**Bring your Scout Spirit, you will meet and make friends with lots of new people this weekend. Many of them will be sharing your campsite with you.**

**Some questions that have come up with week:**

**I see that we are supposed to have payment submitted and forms finished by the 26th. I don't think I can meet that deadline. Is there any way I can have some more time?** Absolutely. At this time, I am mainly interested in head counts. If I could get paperwork by the end of next week, that would be ideal. Roundtable is the day before the event, and I only want to collect last minute items at that time.

**Do you have the Health Forms, Medical Condition Alert form, and Tour Plan form?** I have attached them to this email.

**Is the cost for this event \$25 per person?** It's \$25 per Scout, with the plan being that they have one free adult per scout. At this time, we do not plan on charging for an additional adult if another wants to attend.

**Can I have the updated schedule?** Attached in the Pack Information Packet

**Since the scouts and parents will sleep in separate areas, will this be far from each other?** The Webelos and Arrow of Lighters will camp in the same site as their parents, just in separate tents. Ideally, have the boys on one side, and the parents on the other. This helps with noise issues as well.

**Do the scouts cook their own food or can they join the parents?** Cooking should be a group activity. We will be able to loan you some Boy Scouts to help your boys with cooking, but really it is up to the parents to supervise. For that reason, you should plan on the scouts and adults cooking together (unless the den is remarkably motivated and experienced). Take advantage of the free help. They need to learn how to cook on a campout. You cannot make a cooking fire, but instead should bring your own propane stoves.

**Is there a link for the required forms?** Attached!

**I was wondering what is the best way to get the checks to you, do I need to drop them off or can I mail them in?** Either bring them to the LDS Church at 4000 W Orange Ave next Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup>, or mail them to me (Dan Moran) at my residence: 4181 Howard Ave, Los Alamitos, CA 90720.

**Can I email the final roster to you?** Yes, please.

**Should I wait to send in the activity waiver forms at the Camporall, as well as health forms?** We can collect these next Thursday, at Roundtable the night before Camporall, or the Friday of check-in if you really want to make everyone stress out.

**My son has a late football game Friday night, is it okay if we come Saturday morning?** Absolutely OK - One of the biggest reasons we have it at El Dorado Park

**If he doesn't know any other campers, is it okay if he & I share a tent?** Also OK, but we will probably have other boys in the same boat, and we will bring along some large tents for that very situation, so if he makes friends and wants to camp with other boys, we will have the gear to make that a possibility, but having you as a backup is a good plan.