

# 2023



**Resident Camp**



**July 16-9, 2023**

# Information Guide

## 2023 WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP - OVERVIEW

### What is a Webelos Resident Camp?

The 2022 Webelos Resident Camp is four days and three nights of Scouting fun and adventure! The goal of Resident Camp is to provide Webelos Scouts a taste of the summer camp excitement they will enjoy as a member of a Scouts BSA troop. This camp also offers the opportunity to complete some, if not all, of the requirements for select Webelos Adventures.

Webelos Resident Camp is a nationally accredited camp held at Comer Scout Reservation and is led by trained Webelos



Leaders, assisted by Camp Comer Summer Camp Staff. We expect that Webelos Scouts who attend Resident Camp will be more confident of their outdoor skills, and will have an increased enthusiasm for attending Scouts BSA Summer Camp.

### Who can attend?

Webelos Resident Camp is open to all youth currently registered as Bears (rising Webelos Scouts) or Webelos Scouts (rising Arrow of Light Scouts). There is no provision for siblings to attend.

### How much does it cost?

**The cost for each Scout to attend is \$155.00.** The first adult leader is free with a minimum of 4 Webelos Scouts registered on the same registration form. The fee for each additional adult leader is \$65.00. Payment of all fees must be submitted along with the Webelos Resident Camp Registration Form. All registration forms, rosters and fees must be submitted to the Council no later than July 1, 2022.

### What will the Webelos do at camp?

Webelos Scouts attending the Webelos Resident Camp will be exposed to a wide range of activities that meet some requirements for Webelos or Arrow of Light Adventures. Webelos Adventure programs may include Aquanaut, Into-the-Woods or Stronger-Faster-Higher. Arrow of Light Adventure programs may include Aquanaut, Outdoor Adventurer, or Scouting Adventure. Activities offered at the 2023 Webelos Resident Camp are subject to change, depending on course demand, volunteer staffing, and weather, but are expected to be similar to those offered in previous years as shown in the sample schedule.

Arrow of Light Scouts will have a full camping experience during the Outback Adventure. This experience will include the basics of canoe safety, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Leave No Trace awareness, setting up camp, cooking and an introduction to skills they will use when they join a Scouts BSA troop.

Additional activities offered for all Webelos Scouts include swimming, archery, BB gun shooting, slingshots, climbing, nature hikes, and adventure games.

### How will Webelos leaders know what each Scout accomplishes at camp?

Appropriate adult leadership must accompany Webelos Dens/Patrols to each session. At each program session, a list of the completed advancement requirements will be provided for use in recording each Scout's fulfillment of the requirements. The Den Leader will be responsible for ensuring that this information is recorded for the Scouts. Some additional advancements will be conducted by the Den leadership. Advancement summaries will be given to each unit following the closing campfire.

### What will we do at night?

Special campfire programs will be held on Sunday and Tuesday evenings. Sunday night's campfire program will feature the talents of the Camp Comer staff. At Tuesday's campfire, Webelos Dens/Patrols are invited to participate by performing songs, stunts, or skits.

### What about the facilities?

Webelos Scouts and their leaders will camp in the same campsites used by Scout Troops during Summer Camp. Most campsites have some Adirondacks that sleep four and some wall tents with cots on wooden platforms that sleep two. Camp Comer has two air-conditioned shower and restroom facilities for camp-wide use. Most meals will be prepared by our camp kitchen staff and served in the camp dining hall. Outback Adventure participants will prepare a few of their meals at their campsite and sleep in tents they bring from home. The camp maintains a full-time health lodge facility, and the Trading Post will be open for supplies and snacks.

## THE OUTBACK ADVENTURE

The Outback Adventure program is an exciting introduction to Scouts BSA style camping for Arrow of Light Scouts and Leaders. To begin the Outback Adventure, Scouts will learn the basics of canoe safety and Safety Afloat, to prepare for a trip across the lake to Camp Jacobs (weather permitting). Scouts and



adults who are classified as Swimmers will be able to canoe to Camp Jacobs, while Non-Swimmers and Beginners will travel to Camp Jacobs as passengers in Camp Comer's War Canoe. At Camp Jacobs, the Webelos Resident Camp staff will assist Scouts in setting up camp and will continue to provide instruction throughout the time at Camp Jacobs, including *Leave No Trace* principles and an introduction to Scouts BSA outdoor skills. **To**

**participate in the Outback Adventure, Scouts (as a Patrol or as individuals) will need to provide their own tents and ground cloths.** Any equipment needed for the Outback Adventure will be transported to Camp Jacobs by the Webelos Resident Camp staff. Showers are not available at Camp Jacobs; however portable restroom facilities are located nearby.



Food and cooking supplies will be provided for those participating in the Outback Adventure. Scouts will prepare and cook their own meals, with the help of the Webelos Resident Camp staff.

### Overnight Camping Experience: Adult Participation

As part of the Arrow of Light program at Webelos Resident Camp, the Scouts will have the opportunity to participate in an overnight camping experience at a site (Camp Jacobs) away from the main camp.

As most Webelos parents and Leaders are aware, on overnight camping trips conducted by the Den or Pack each Scout must be accompanied by a responsible adult. However, for Resident Camps, this requirement does not apply because the camping experience is conducted under BSA National Camp Standards with the supervision of a trained Resident Camp staff. The Scouts must however have 2-deep adult leadership in each Patrol.

One of the goals of the Resident Camp's Arrow of Light program is to give the Scouts a taste of the Scouts BSA program. On Scouts BSA camping trips, the Scouts tent with their buddies, not with their parents.

For the purpose of the Overnight Adventure, the official Adult participation for each Den (Patrol) will be limited to 2-3 adults, the Den Leader and the Assistant Den leader(s) based on the size of the Patrol (1:4 ratio).

We would encourage the unassigned adults to take advantage of training or other opportunities at the main camp, while giving their Scouts an opportunity to learn to be more independent on an overnight camping trip. We realize that some other adults will have a need to be present with their Scout. Adults who are not the "official" leaders for their Patrol can still be present at Camp Jacobs, but primarily as observers. Meal planning for the overnight experience is limited to the Scouts and the assigned leaders. Other adults will be fed at the Dining Hall, and transportation will be provided as needed

### ADVANCEMENTS AT CAMP

Resident Camp advancements for the Webelos program will be based on and reported using the current requirements as published in the *Webelos Handbook* (2021 Printing).

## **ARRIVAL AT THE WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP**

Check-in at the Webelos Resident Camp will begin at 1:00 PM on July 16, 2023. No one will be allowed to check-in prior to 1:00 PM. Please plan to arrive no later than 2:00 PM to provide adequate time to set up camp, take the swim check and take a self-guided camp tour. The Waterfront will close approximately one hour before dinner.

Participants will arrive at the main parking lot near the Dining Hall. A reception area will be set up near the parking lot. Upon arrival, one leader from each unit should come to the reception area to begin the check-in for their Pack. The check-in process includes the following:

- The designated leader will be given Event Schedules, maps and a Check-in form that includes their tentative Unit Roster, Den/Patrol assignments and the unit's campsite assignment. The leader will need to verify the roster for all Scouts and Adults associated with their unit. They also need to update / correct the roster information (Name, rank, T-shirt size) for those actually in attendance.
- The completed Check-in form should then be reviewed with the Registration Staff. Any remaining camp fees (if needed) will be collected at this time.
- Health Forms for all participants (Scouts and Adults) and Unit pre-camp Swim Qualification forms (if conducted) are to be delivered to the Health Officer at the check in station. The Camp Health Officer must review the health forms prior to the swim check, and will issue buddy tags.
- Scouts having special dietary needs should report to the Dining Hall after 3:00 PM, with a responsible Adult to discuss their specific needs with the Dining Hall staff.

While the designated leader completes the check-in, the other Adults and Scouts will hike to their assigned campsite to set up camp. Vehicles from each group will be permitted to transport equipment to their site. A unit trailer may be kept at the campsite parking area. All vehicles must return to the main parking lot immediately after unloading.

Individual campers who arrive before their Group Leader may hike to their assigned campsite to set up camp. The Group leader will need to complete the Check-in process once their entire group has been accounted for.

Dens and Patrols will be assembled after dinner. Camp T-shirts will be distributed after the Sunday evening campfire

### **Parking**

Parking will be in the main parking lot near the Dining Hall, or in the overflow parking area behind Campsite 9 (Owl). All vehicles must return to the parking areas no later than 7:00 PM. The speed limit in camp on paved roads is 15 miles per hour and 5 miles per hour on gravel roads. While the camp is in session, only camp vehicles and delivery trucks will be permitted in the camp.

No pop-up camper or travel trailers, RV's, bicycles, personal golf carts, motorcycles, or ATV's are allowed at Camp Comer. BSA policies prohibit youth or adults to ride unrestrained in the bed of a truck or on a trailer pulled by a motor vehicle.

### **Adult Leaders' Meetings**

A leader's orientation meeting will be held after dinner on Sunday to announce den assignments, and to review the schedule and final plans for the camp. Additional meetings may be held at the direction of the Webelos Resident Camp staff. These meetings will be used to review any previous announcements and make leaders aware of any possible changes to the schedule.

Adult leader training sessions may be offered at the Webelos Resident Camp. During the Webelos Den leaders' training sessions or meetings, at least one adult should remain with the Webelos Scouts in each unit to ensure proper supervision is maintained

## **Camp Security**

Camp Comer employs a working security plan for the protection of our campers. Everyone in attendance at the camp must wear identification that signifies legitimate participation in the camping program. Any time a person is spotted in camp without appropriate identification, that person should be escorted to the office to sign in and the Webelos Resident Camp staff should be notified.

All visitors to the camp must stop at the camp office and sign in. A guest book for this purpose will be maintained and positive identification will be required. Visitors will be issued a visitor's wristband that must be worn at all times while in camp. Upon conclusion of their visit, guests will sign out so that camp administrators will know who is on camp property at all times.

For the safety and security of both adults and youth, NO ONE may leave camp without notifying the Camp Directors or a member of the Webelos Resident Camp adult staff. A sign out/in sheet will be provided. Campers checking out early will be released only to authorized adults. This is for the safety and security of both adults and youth.

## **Meals**

Prior to each meal, campers and leaders will assemble at the parade field near the Dining Hall for prayer and flag ceremonies. Beginning on Monday, seating in the Dining Hall will be by assigned Dens/Patrols. Class "A" (Field) uniforms should be worn for the Sunday and Tuesday evening meals. The following procedure will be implemented for meal service:



- Adult volunteers will be asked to assist in serving each meal.
- Each Den/Patrol will appoint one cleanup team per meal (2 Scouts and 1 Adult).
- At meal time, everyone will enter the Dining Hall and take a seat at their assigned tables. They will wait there until they are called to go through the serving line.
- Once the meal is over, the appointed team will clean tables and sweep and/or mop under the tables.

## **DEPARTING FROM CAMP COMER**

Advancement summaries, patches and survey forms will be given to each unit following the closing campfire on Tuesday evening.

On the last day of Resident Camp, a full breakfast will be served in the Dining Hall. Following breakfast, Webelos Scouts will have an opportunity to participate in Swimming, Shooting Sports, Climbing and other activities. All Webelos Resident Camp participants should plan to leave no later than 11:30 AM.

Before leaving your campsite area, Leaders should supervise Scouts in cleaning up all trash in the campsite area. Trash should be placed in plastic garbage bags and tied. A designated area for the garbage bags to be left will be provided and the garbage bags will be collected by the Webelos Resident Camp staff.

At the time of departure, a Den leader should go to the Camp office and notify a member of the Webelos Resident Camp staff of their departure from Camp Comer. At that time, the Den leader should turn in their completed survey forms and they will receive their copies of the Annual Medical and Health Record forms for the Scouts and Adults associated with their Pack. These forms are valid for one year, and may be used again for other Scouting events during that period.



## CAMP COMER INFORMATION

### **C. M. Jespersen Dining Hall:**

Camp Comer has a centrally located Dining Hall where meals are served cafeteria style. Scouts should be able to assemble, enter the dining hall, obtain their food, and sit down in a short amount of time. A salad bar will be available during all lunches and dinners.

### **Special Diets**

Camp Comer will do its best to accommodate common dietary restrictions, but in some cases, a participant may need to bring his/her own food. Dry and chilled storage space will be provided as needed. **Requests for special dietary needs must be noted on the Camp Roster, and submitted along with the Registration form.** In addition, please contact the Camping Program Director by e-mail (camping@1bsa.org) a minimum of 3 weeks in advance to request special dietary needs. If a Scout has dietary restrictions, please make sure that it is indicated on his medical form. Scouts having special dietary needs should report to the Dining Hall after 3:00 PM on Sunday, with a responsible Adult to discuss their specific needs with the Dining Hall staff.

### **Camp Office:**

The camp office is located in the central area of the camp and is adjacent to the Health Lodge. It houses the administrative offices for the Camp Director.

### **Blue Cross & Blue Shield Health Lodge:**

The Health Lodge is located next door to the Camp Office, across from the Dining Hall. The Camp Health Officer lives in this facility and is available to address any medical needs. Webelos units are encouraged to maintain and utilize a unit First Aid Kit in their campsites to treat minor cuts and scrapes, headaches and other minor ailments. Medical staff is available 24 hours a day.

### **High-Tech Productions Science & Technology Center / Leader's Lounge:**

The left door of the Science & Technology Center is our Leaders' Lounge. The Coosa Lodge Order of the Arrow has furnished this room for leaders to relax. During the day, the Leaders' Lounge may be used for the adult leader training sessions to be offered during the Webelos Resident Camp. In the evening, the Leaders' Lounge will be open for ADULTS ONLY after dinner until Taps each night. Access to wireless Internet for adults may be obtained from the Camp Director.

### **Moran Colburn Trading Post:**

Camp Comer has a well-stocked trading post that is also located in the main camp area. The Trading Post offers Camp Comer souvenirs as well as general Scouting and craft items. The Trading Post also offers snack items. The Trading Post is much like a convenience store, with batteries, stamps, flashlights, shirts, patches, craft items, and other general merchandise available for purchase. Most Scouts will find their way to the Trading Post several times during Webelos Resident Camp and this should enhance the camp experience for the Scouts. In addition to cash, the Trading Post accepts Visa, MasterCard, and Discover.

### **Flatt Rock Arena:**

Sunday and Tuesday night campfires are held in the Flatt Rock Arena. Constructed by the Coosa Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, the Arena showcases the natural beauty of Lake Republic and the surrounding rocks and trees.

### **Lost and Found**

The lost and found for the Webelos Resident Camp will be located in the camp office.



## HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

Comer Scout Reservation operates a well-equipped medical facility that is administered by the Camp Health Officer. The medical staff is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please alert the Health Lodge of a non-medical emergency after normal office hours. Unit leaders should contact the medical staff or any leadership team member for assistance, even in emergencies. **ALLOW THE STAFF TO CALL 911 IF NECESSARY.** We have special arrangements for contacting and working with emergency response personnel. Help will arrive much quicker if camp medical personnel make the call.

If a non-emergency problem arises, such as an illness that is beyond the scope of our medical technicians, we will contact the parents and unit leader. The parents and unit leaders must then arrange for care, and transport the Scout to a medical facility. The parents or unit leaders must pay the costs of such care; the parents should file insurance claims.

In the event of an injury or illness requiring immediate medical attention, the care of your Scout will be provided by local emergency medical personnel, who may require the use of ground or air ambulance service at their discretion. **All expenses associated with this additional treatment and/or emergency transportation is the responsibility of the Scout's parents or guardians.** The providers will directly bill the patient or other responsible party; we will not make payments.

We encourage adult leaders to provide first aid for minor cuts, small blisters, etc. using your unit first aid kit. For anything more serious, and any situations requiring medication, please use the health lodge.

### **Insurance**

Each Pack in the Greater Alabama Council is covered by supplemental accident and sickness insurance. This will cover them during participation at the Webelos Resident Camp. This coverage is excess insurance to any health or accident insurance that a family may already have in place. This coverage is primary only if no other insurance is available. This insurance covers all authorized camp program activities while in camp. This insurance does not cover the co-payments for a family's primary insurance. All claims are handled directly with the insurance company. **Units not chartered in the Greater Alabama Council must provide proof of insurance upon arrival at camp.**

### **Insect Bites**

Ticks spread many diseases in North America. If you find an imbedded tick, report to the Medic Lodge so it can be properly removed and recorded.

### **Buddy System**

The buddy system will apply to all campers, staff and leaders during all programs or activities with an element of risk, and is highly recommended at all times while at Camp Comer. This is our primary measure to prevent lost persons.

### **General Cleanliness**

Scouts and adults should be clean in everything they do, including personal hygiene and cleanliness of the camp. Hot showers are available for Scouts and Leaders. Trash barrels are in each campsite and throughout camp. Please remember to leave the camp cleaner than you found it.

### **Other Safety Guidelines**

No pets are allowed in camp. For the safety of everyone at the Webelos Resident Camp, no bicycles, scooters, skates, or skateboards are allowed in camp. Closed-toed shoes must be worn at all times.

Please note that cell phone reception is very limited on the reservation. Most calls cannot be made or received from within the camp itself. Ask a staff member where to find cell service.

## SWIMMING AT LAKE REPUBLIC

All Scouts and Adults who wish to use the lake and boats at camp are required to have a current swim check. There are no exceptions.

Everyone participating in BSA aquatics must be classified according to swimming ability. There are three swimming ability classifications: Non-Swimmer, Beginner and Swimmer.

**Non-Swimmer** – No specific requirements other than to get wet with all your friends.

**Beginner** – Jump in water over your head, swim 25 feet and come back to where you started.

**Swimmer** – Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, and begin swimming. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy, resting backstroke. The 100 yards must include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating. The duration of the float test is not significant, except that it must be long enough for the test administrator to determine that the swimmer is in fact resting and could likely continue to do so for a prolonged period of time.

Units are encouraged to conduct swim checks prior to arrival at Camp. It is recommended that Den Leaders work with a local Scout Troop to conduct these pre-camp swim checks. Swim classification tests may be done at a unit level, but should be conducted by one of the following council-approved resource people: BSA Aquatics Instructor; BSA Lifeguard; or other qualified lifeguard, swimming instructor, etc. Results must be recorded on BSA Form 430-122, *Unit Swim Classification Record* which may then be presented at check-in along with the Unit's medical forms. Each individual will be issued a buddy tag under the direction of the camp aquatics director for use at the camp.

On the first day at camp, Webelos and Adults who have not taken a pre-camp swim check should travel to the waterfront for a swim check, which will determine the areas allowed for them to swim. All designated areas are clearly marked. The requirements for each classification are as follows:

All swimming activities are conducted following BSA Safe Swim Defense policies. For more information, adult leaders are encouraged to visit <https://my.scouting.org/> and take the Safe Swim Defense training.

**ADULTS PARTICIPATING IN ANY WATER ACTIVITY WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO PASS THE SWIM CHECK.**

NOTE: Waterfront staff members are trained BSA Lifeguards, a safety program recognized by the State of Alabama.





# SAMPLE WEBELOS ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

## GREATER ALABAMA COUNCIL WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP

### WEBELOS

**SUNDAY** Register/ Find Campsite/ Swim Test/ Explore Camp  
 6:00-6:10 Evening Assembly /Flag Ceremony/Prayer Class A Uniform  
 6:10 -7:00 DINNER Den Assignments  
 7:00-8:00 Adult Orientation Meeting. while Webelos are making their den flags  
 8:15-9:00 CAMPFIRE Class A Uniform  
 9:00-9:30 Pick up-T shirts  
 9:30-10:00 Return to Campsite - Lights out

**MONDAY**

Dens 1 and 2	Dens 3 and 4	Dens 5 and 6	Dens 7 and 8
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7:30-7:45 Morning Assembly/Flag Ceremony/Prayer - (Webelos Dens 1 & 2)  
 7:45-8:30 BREAKFAST (with assigned Den)  

Archery/Slingshot	Web 101	BB's	Forestry 1
Forestry 1	Archery/Slingshot	Web 101	BB's
BB's	Forestry 1	Archery/Slingshot	Forestry 2
Forestry 2	BB's	Forestry 1	Archery/Slingshot

12:45-1:30 LUNCH w/Dens  

Web 101	Hike	Forestry 2	Hike
Hike	Forestry 2	Hike	Web 101
Den Time - Skit		Water Slide	
Water Slide		Den Time - Skit	

 5:45 - 6:00 Evening Assembly/Flag Ceremony/Prayer (Webelos Dens 3 & 4)  
 6:00-7:00 DINNER - w/Dens  
 7:00 - 9:00 Choices: Ultimate, Stronger-Faster-Higher, Cyber Chip, Climbing, Protect Yourself Rules  
 9:00 - 10:00 Return to Campsite - Lights out.

**TUESDAY**

7:30-7:45 Morning Assembly/Flag Ceremony/Prayer - (Webelos Dens 5 & 6)  
 7:45-8:30 BREAKFAST w/Dens  

BB shooting	Slingshot/ Archery	Aquanaut/Swim	Aquanaut/Swim
Slingshot/ Archery	BB shooting	(till 10:15)	(till 10:15)
Aquanaut/Swim	Aquanaut/Swim	BB shooting	Slingshot/ Archery
(10:45 - 12:15)	(10:45-12:15)	Slingshot/ Archery	BB shooting

12:45-1:30 LUNCH - w/Dens  

Geology	Compass	Outdoor Ethics	Den Time - Skit
Den Time - Skit	Geology	Compass	Outdoor Ethics
Outdoor Ethics	Den Time - Skit	Geology	Compass
Compass	Outdoor Ethics	Den Time - Skit	Geology

 6:00 - 6:15 Evening Assembly/Flag Ceremony/Prayer (Webelos Dens 7 & 8)  
 6:15 - 7:15 DINNER - w/Dens Class A Uniform  
 7:15-8:00 Practice for Campfire (Skits/Songs)  
 8:15-9:00 CAMPFIRE Class A Uniform  
 9:00-9:30 Pick up Advancements and Patches  
 9:30 - 10:00 Return to Campsite - Lights out.

**WEDNESDAY**

8:00 - 8:45 BREAKFAST  
 9:00 - 11:00 Choices: Swimming, Water Slide, Archery, BB's, Slingshot Climbing, Hike, Fishing  
 11:00-11:30 Depart Camp

# SAMPLE ARROW OF LIGHT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

## GREATER ALABAMA COUNCIL WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP

### ARROW OF LIGHT

#### SUNDAY

Register/ Find Campsite/ Swim Test/ Explore Camp  
 6:00-6:10 Evening Assembly /Flag Ceremony/ Prayer Class A Uniform  
 6:10-7:00 DINNER Patrol Assignments  
 7:00-8:00 Adult Orientation Meeting. while Scouts are making their patrol flags  
 8:15-9:00 CAMPFIRE Class A Uniform  
 9:00-9:30 Pick up-T shirts  
 9:30-10:00 Return to Campsite - Lights out

#### MONDAY

	<b>Patrols 1 and 2</b>	<b>Patrols 3 and 4</b>	<b>Patrols 5 and 6</b>	<b>Patrols 7 and 8</b>
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7:30-7:45 Morning Assembly/Flag Ceremony/Prayer

7:45-8:30 BREAKFAST (with assigned Patrol)

Aquatics (8:45 - 10:15)	Outdoorsman Compass	Climbing/Patrol Time (Swim Test makeup)	Compass Outdoorsman
Outdoorsman	Aquatics (10:45 - 12:15)	Compass	Climbing/Patrol Time (Swim Test makeup)
Compass		Outdoorsman	

12:45-1:30 LUNCH - w/Patrol

Leave for Camp Jacobs	Canoeing/Fire building/Safety, Knots
Fire building/Safety, Knots	Leave for Camp Jacobs

3:30-5:00 Set up tents/Practice Competitive events

5:00-6:00 Meal Preparation and Cooking

6:00-7:00 DINNER - w/Patrol

7:00 - 7:15 Evening Flag Ceremony

7:30 - 9:00 Competition: String Burn/ Stretcher Race/ Knot Relay

9:00-10:00 Return to Patrol Site - Lights out

#### TUESDAY

7:30-8:00 BREAKFAST

8:00-9:00 Pack Gear, prepare for hike

9:00-9:30 Break camp

9:30-11:45 Hike to Indian Cave - Explore Cave - Hike back to camp

11:45 - 12:30 Collect gear/Patrol time

12:45 - 1:30 LUNCH -w/Patrol

Climbing/ Patrol Time	BB shooting Archery/Slingshot	Aquatics (1:45 - 3:15)	Archery/Slingshot BB shooting
BB shooting	Climbing/ Patrol Time	Archery/Slingshot	Aquatics (3:45 - 5:30)
Archery/Slingshot		BB shooting	

6:00 - 6:15 Evening Assembly/Flag Ceremony/Prayer

6:15-7:15 DINNER - w/Patrol Class A Uniform

8:00-9:00 CAMPFIRE Class A Uniform

9:00-9:30 Pick up Advancements and Patches

9:30-10:00 Return to Campsite - Lights out.

#### WEDNESDAY

8:00 - 8:45 BREAKFAST

9:00 - 11:00 Choice: Swimming, Water Slide, Archery, BB's, Slingshot, Climbing, Hike, Fishing

11:00 - 11:30 Depart camp

## **REGISTRATION**

All Registrations must be submitted to the Greater Alabama Council by June 30, 2023, accompanied by payment in full and a legible roster of Webelos Scouts and Adults attending the Webelos Resident Camp. A current Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A and B only) for each attendee (Scouts and Adults) must be presented at check-in at camp. Registrations should be made by Packs or Dens, but may be made on an individual basis when necessary. Scouts who register individually without an accompanying Adult Registration must identify the Adult in Camp who will be responsible for their welfare.

## **SPECIAL NOTES AND GENERAL INFORMATION FOR WEBELOS ADULT LEADERS**

### **Adult Leadership Requirements**

Webelos Den Leaders and/or supervising adults are responsible for the discipline and behavior of their Webelos Scouts attending the Webelos Resident Camp. In addition, adult leaders may have some additional duties such as recording of advancements, conducting some den-based advancements and assisting during mealtime.

The minimum leadership requirement for Resident Camp is a ratio of two adults to a maximum of eight youth, and one additional adult for each four youth (or part thereof). At least one adult leader from each sending Unit must be at least 21 years of age and should be a registered adult leader with the Boy Scouts of America. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth. Additional adults need not be registered leaders, however all adults spending 24 hours or more at camp must have completed BSA Youth Protection Training. Adults who are not registered with BSA must complete this training (available online) and have a copy of their current training certification at check-in.

During the course of Resident Camp, participating Scouts will gather in different ways at different times. For example, during the scheduled program times, Scouts will be assigned to Dens or Patrols, and will have the appropriate leadership as described below. At other times, such as when they are at their campsite, they will be camping with their home Unit (Pack) along with other Units who are assigned to the same campsite. In either case, the minimum required leadership ratio is based on the total number of Scouts in the assigned Den or campsite, not just the Scouts from an individual Unit.

It is not required that each Scout have a parent/guardian attend, however every Scout in camp must have an adult in camp who will be responsible for their welfare. While the minimum leadership ratios at camp must be maintained at all times, it is important to remember that the two-deep leadership principle is shared across Units while at Camp. This means, for example, that one adult can bring up to four Scouts to camp.

### **Den Leadership at Camp**

Webelos Scouts at Camp will be assigned to Dens (Webelos) or to Patrols (Arrow of Light). Each Den/Patrol needs at least two Adult Leaders present (Two-deep Leadership) at all times: a Den Leader and an Assistant Den Leader. Depending on the size of the Den/Patrol, additional adult leadership may be necessary to maintain the minimum 4:1 leadership ratio. It is neither necessary, nor recommended that all adults accompany their Scouts at all times. The positions of Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader may rotate between the Adults within the Den or Patrol, but someone needs to be filling those roles at all times.

There may be training and other opportunities available for Adults. Adults will need to coordinate their schedules to ensure adequate Den coverage at all times.

## RESIDENT CAMP CHECKLIST FOR WEBELOS SCOUTS

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow                         | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pairs of closed-toed shoes* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swim suits                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Cub Scout or Webelos uniform*  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair of pants               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 towels                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas or sleepwear           | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pairs of shorts             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Webelos Book                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Neckerchief and slide          | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 pairs of socks              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils and paper                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag or blanket        | <input type="checkbox"/> Raincoat or poncho            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jacket or sweater                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal health & medical form | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 sets of underwear           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scout t-shirts                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent and sunscreen | <input type="checkbox"/> Reusable cup/water bottle     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal toilet articles (i.e. soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, shampoo, etc.) |                                                         |                                                        |

**Arrow of Light (Second year Webelos) Scouts and adults participating in the Outback Adventure will need to provide their own tents and ground cloths (either for the Den or for individuals). Participants should also bring a tarp to protect their equipment in the event of rain. All clothing and equipment must be labeled to ensure proper identification.**

**Arrow of Light Scouts should also bring a pocket knife, which needs to be kept in the care of their responsible adult until it is time for it to be used in the program.**

An Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A and B) for each attendee (both Scouts and Adults) must be presented at check-in at camp. The current version of this form (2019 Printing) may be found at: [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_AB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf)

### UNIFORMS

\* Class "A" (Field) uniforms should be worn for the Sunday and Tuesday evening meals and campfire programs. Sturdy, closed-toed shoes must be worn at all times.

### OPTIONAL SUPPLIES

Scouts and Adults may also want to bring: cameras, fishing pole and tackle, musical equipment or instruments, mosquito net or repellent, Bible or prayer book.

### ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT SUGGESTIONS

In addition to the list of equipment above, leaders may want to consider the following items:

- Camp Chair
- Daypack for Scouts to carry their rain gear during camp
- Clipboard or folding notebook to carry notes and handouts
- Camp lantern (battery only inside tents and Adirondacks, No chemical fuel)
- Den or Pack water cooler (bags of ice will be available at the Trading Post)
- Props for closing campfire skits
- Toilet paper (just in case)
- Song books and skit books

### Visitor Meals

Any family member visiting during the Webelos Resident Camp can eat in the Dining Hall; however, reservations are required for those not registered for the Webelos Resident Camp. Reservations can be made by telephone at (256) 849-2601. A \$5.00 fee will be charged for each visitor's meal, which is payable upon arrival at Camp Comer. Any visitors eating in the Dining Hall during Webelos Resident camp should arrive between 5:30 PM and 5:45 PM. The Webelos Den leaders for each unit will have the schedule of meal service for each unit.

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURES AND GUIDANCE

The registration form for the 2023 Webelos Resident Camp has 2 pages; the registration (payment) page and the roster page. To ensure proper registration, **both pages must be completed** and submitted together by the registration deadline date. Be sure to identify any special needs or requests on the registration form.

To ensure accurate registration, please register and submit payment for all Den participants on the same form. Credit for the Free Leader will be given **only** when the Leader and at least 4 participants are both registered and paid for on the same form. Registrations for individual youth will be accepted, but must clearly indicate the identity of the responsible Adult in Camp on the Roster page.

Please be sure to clearly indicate which program each Scout will participate. Webelos Scouts (first year Webelos) will participate in the Webelos program. Second year Webelos, Arrow of Light Scouts, normally participate in the Outback Adventure program, but may elect to participate in the Webelos program.

### **Camperships:**

A limited number of camperships are available each year for Scouts registered in the Greater Alabama Council. Camperships may be requested for those Scouts who desire to attend camp but cannot afford to go. These are for specific Scouts and not for the unit as a whole to reduce the cost of camp. Packs should plan to aid Scouts as much as possible prior to asking for assistance and should be selling popcorn to teach Scouts how to provide for themselves. Applications for camperships are available on the council website ([www.lbsa.org](http://www.lbsa.org)). The deadline for campership requests is one month before the first day of camp (June 19, 2023) and the maximum amount is \$75.00 per Scout. Requests received after that date may not be processed.

### **Refunds:**

Fees are transferable to other Webelos Scouts, but it is up to the canceling individual to arrange for payment reimbursement from the replacement Scout. Refunds, less a 20% service fee, will be considered for sickness, death in the family or a school related issue. All refund requests are to follow the below procedures:

1. All refund requests must be submitted in writing to the Greater Alabama Council.
2. Refunds are issued for Scouts who cannot attend camp due to sickness, death in the immediate family, relocation, or summer school. No-shows will not receive a refund.
3. All refunds will be sent to the original payer.

Remember that a current copy of the Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A and B) for every attendee (both Scouts and Adults) must be presented at check-in at camp. Please **do not** send these forms with your registration, but instead bring them with you when you arrive at camp. The current version of this form (2019 Printing) may be found at: [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_AB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf)

Webelos units are encouraged to conduct swim checks prior to arrival at Camp. Den Leaders may work with a local Scout Troop to conduct these pre-camp swim checks. Pre-Camp swim checks must be conducted and recorded following the procedures found on BSA Form 430-122, *Swim Classification Record* which may then be presented at check-in along with the unit's medical forms.

### **T-Shirts**

The registration fee includes a patch and Camp T-shirt for youth participants. Please be sure to clearly indicate the proper t-shirt size on the Roster page. Remember that T-shirts come in both youth and adult sizes, and that you must specify which type you want.

Adult registration fees include a patch, but do not include a T-shirt. Adult T-shirts may be purchased for \$10.00 by pre-ordering them on the registration form. Please be sure to clearly indicate the proper t-shirt size on the Roster page. A limited number of T-shirts may be available for sale during camp at the Trading Post.



## 2023 WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Want to make your time at camp even more rewarding? Adults attending Webelos Scout Resident Camp may want to spend some time helping the staff at times when they don't have specific responsibilities with their son's Den or Patrol.

We are looking for some volunteers to help as guest instructors in a number of program areas, including BBs, Archery, and other Scouting Skills. Adults may also want to help out at camp in other ways. We always need help in the kitchen or with plumbing, electrical work, carpentry, and other camp maintenance.

Please use the form to tell us about your interests. If there are questions, we will get back in touch with you.

Name of Adult: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Pack/Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Scouting Position: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEN will you be available at camp? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please Check the Things You Want to Volunteer for at Camp**

\_\_\_\_\_ Instructing Webelos on Advancements or scout skills (Activity Pins or Adventures)

List Topics: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Help with camp maintenance and improvements

List things you can do or want to do \_\_\_\_\_

Turn in this form with your unit's registration forms

OR

Mail or Fax this form to:  
Greater Alabama Council, BSA  
P.O. Box 43307  
Birmingham, AL 35243-0307

Fax: 205-970-0349

# Swim Classification Record

(Changes and/or corrections to the following chart should be initialed and dated by the test supervisor.)

Unit Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Swim Test \_\_\_\_\_

	Full Name (Print) <small>(Draw lines through blank spaces)</small>	Medical Recheck Parts A-B	Swim Classification		
			Non-Swimmer	Beginner	Swimmer
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					
13					
14					
15					

The swim classification test performed at a unit level should be conducted by one of the following council-approved resource people: Aquatics Instructor, BSA; BSA Lifeguard; BSA Swimming & Water Rescue; or other lifeguard, swimming instructor, etc. Test administrators should utilize chapter 5 of the [BSA Aquatics Supervision Guide](#).

**NAME OF PERSON SUPERVISING & FACILITATING THE SWIM TEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Authorization/Training  
(Attach a copy of certification if required by council procedure)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date if applicable

## SWIM CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES

The swim classification of individuals participating in a Boy Scouts of America activity is a key element in Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. These swim classification tests are a foundational unit of the Aquatics Continuum.

All persons participating in BSA aquatics are classified according to swimming ability. The classification tests and test procedures have been developed and structured to demonstrate a skill level consistent with the individual's circumstances in the water.

## SWIM TESTS FOR COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Swim tests for **council activities** are conducted following procedures approved by a council-level committee, preferably the Council Aquatics Committee. The council committee should use the guidance contained in *BSA Aquatics Management Guide*. SPECIAL NOTE: When swim tests are conducted away from camp, the camp aquatics director retains the right to review or retest any or all participants to ensure that standards have been maintained.

### REGARDLESS OF WHERE OR WHEN THE SWIM TEST IS GIVEN THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES APPLY:

- **The test is given one-on-one.** The test administrator and the swimmer are buddies during the administration of the test.
- **Each component of the test is important.** The test must not be changed either to assist the Scout or to expedite the process.
- **The test must be completed without aid or support.** Aid includes lifejackets, wetsuits, fins, etc. Swim goggles may be used to avoid eye irritation.
- **Swim tests must be renewed annually.** preferably at the beginning of the outdoor season.

### TO THE SWIM TEST ADMINISTRATOR

#### SWIMMER'S TEST:

Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, and begin swimming. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: side stroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting back stroke. The 100 yards must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

#### BEGINNER'S TEST:

Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, swim 25 feet on the surface, stop, turn sharply, resumeswimming as before, and return to starting place.

Anyone who has not completed the beginner or swimmer tests is classified as a **nonswimmer**.

# 2023 WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

Pack # \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult in Camp: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Comer Scout Reservation

July 16-19, 2023

(Sunday afternoon - Wednesday morning)



Resident Camp



List Number of Scouts and Adults Attending:

# Scouts	Program	Camp Program Requested	Fee Per Person	Total Fee
	Webelos (1 <sup>st</sup> Year Webelos)	Activity Pins	\$155.00	
	Arrow of Light (2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Webelos)	Activity Pins and "Outback Adventure"	\$155.00	
# Adults				
	First Adult Leader is FREE (with a minimum of 4 registered Webelos on this form)		\$0	
	Additional Adults		\$65.00	
	Adult T-shirts		\$10.00	
	<b>TOTALS</b>			\$

Total Registration fee is due with this form by June 30, 2023  
A completed Webelos Resident Camp Roster form **must** accompany this registration.

I have enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to BSA).

Type of Payment: Cash \_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_ Credit \_\_\_\_ (Visa MasterCard Discover)  
**(Circle one)**

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Council account #1-6701-483-21**

Please mail, fax or deliver registration form and payment to:  
GREATER ALABAMA COUNCIL - P.O. Box 43307 - Birmingham, AL 35243 Fax # 205 970-0349



# WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP ROSTER



Pack \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Scout's Last Name	Scout's First Name	M/F	Program (Webelos or AoL)	T-Shirt Size (YS, YM, YL, AS, AM, AL, AXL)
Adults	Name		M/F	T-Shirt Size (For pre-orders only)
<b>Note: If no Adults are being registered, the responsible Adult in camp must be identified here.</b>  →				

This form must be completed and submitted to the Council along with your Webelos Resident Camp Registration Form. A completed BSA Annual Health and Medical Record, Parts A and B for each participant must be presented at Check-in. **Please identify any individual special needs on this form.**