



Webelos Woods Pirates

June 2 -June 4, 2023

LEADER'S GUIDE

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This booklet contains information for the 2023 Webelos Woods

Please share it with your Pack.

Only Bears and First-Year Webelos (3rd & 4th Grade) may attend.

Note these important dates:

Registration Deadline:

MAY 22, 2023

Health Forms are required of ALL Scouts & Leaders,

Parts A and B only.

Make sure that your Health Form is Up-To-Date.

Blank Forms may be found at

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

DATES & LOCATION

This event will be held Friday through Sunday June 2 - June 4 2023 at 310 Birch Hill Road Moses Scout Reservation in Russell, MA. Permission to attend this event is predicated on the Pack's agreement to remain on the event site from Friday night through the conclusion of the morning ceremonies on Sunday.

REGISTRATION & FEES

REGISTRATION for this event must be on file at the Council Service Center **no later than May 22, 2023 at 6pm**. No new or additional registrations will be accepted after the deadline for any reason.

All unit **Registration Forms** must be accompanied by the following:

Completed **roster** with the Scouts' and adults names

Payment of the **registration fees**

Medical forms are required for the weekend event and will stay with your unit.

WEBELOS WOODS is open to all Cub Scouts and their parents who are Bears (3rd Graders) and first year Webelos (4th Graders) during the current Scout year. The unit's Den Chief is also welcome. All other scouts and siblings will not be allowed to attend this event.

REGISTRATION FEES

The fee for Webelos Woods has been set at **\$20 per** youth, Den chief and Adults, this covers the cost of materials needed for the programs and events, facility rentals, den awards and patches. No refunds will be given. The deadline to register is payable no later than **May 22, 2023**.

PACK AND DEN LEADERSHIP

Adult Leadership must be two deep at all times. The BSA defines two-deep leadership to be two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth. Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age and program appropriate supervision must always be provided, youth should not be allowed to walk around the event grounds unescorted.

BUDDY SYSTEM

Webelos Woods is a Cub Scout camping event and as such will be following the **one-on-one rule**. Each Cub Scout will have one parent or guardian accompanying them during this event.

The den leaders are in charge of each den throughout the event and all Cub Scouts are encouraged to be in uniform during the opening and closing ceremonies each day.

Adult leaders, parents and Den Chiefs are urged not to assist their dens throughout the weekend at the events. Violations of this will disqualify the den for eligibility to receive a score for the event.

Den Leadership: Den leaders will be expected to perform their leadership functions during all activities and in their campsites. Each den should plan on working together as a team.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Due to the large number of participants that are expected, it is necessary to limit the event to the Scouts and their parents or guardians that are registered for this event. Siblings and non-participating parents will not be allowed into camp. **Vehicles with the proper parking passes will be allowed up to the camping area.** All other registered vehicles will be directed to the parking areas and participants will have to walk from there. (Parking map will be provided).

ARRIVAL

All units should plan to arrive between 4:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. on Friday night or between 7:00 am and 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

CHECK-IN

The first person arriving for each unit must check in at the Check-in Booth with the entire unit's necessary paperwork upon entering the camp. At this time you will be given a **Webelos Woods Welcome Kit** containing a detailed map of the event site including the location of all program areas, services areas, etc. The kit will also include a detailed time schedule of when all the events will take place during the weekend.

Please keep in mind that we split the dens depending on the number of Cub Scouts per unit. So, existing dens may or may not be traveling together. How you split them up is up to you. Also be prepared to give check-in Den names for your Cub Scouts. Only appropriate Scouting names will be accepted.

UNIT EQUIPMENT

Each unit will be responsible for their own equipment. Campsites will be sized according to the number of persons registered for the event. Please plan accordingly when selecting tents and dining flies to bring to the event. The best-size tent for an event of this type is one that has a "footprint" of less than 10' X 10'. Leave the cabin tents at home unless you are going to fill them to capacity. A generic list of equipment is included in this guidebook.

TRAILER: Some units have available to them trailers that carry their equipment or are outfitted for various functions. These trailers cannot be kept in the unit campsite. A special area will be provided to store the unit's trailer during the event. **NO TRAILERS WITH SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS ARE ALLOWED AT THE EVENT. ONLY EQUIPMENT TRAILERS ARE ALLOWED AT THE EVENT. RVS, CAMPERS AND POPUPS ARE ALSO NOT ALLOWED.**

VEHICLES

Parking spaces are extremely limited and with the number of participants expected, it will be necessary for us to limit the number of vehicles allowed in camp. Each unit will be issued a specific number of parking passes based on the number of participants registered. Only vehicles that have a parking pass will be allowed to remain in camp. Carpooling by each unit will be necessary.

Each unit will receive two equipment passes that will allow the vehicle to proceed to the actual event campsite. These passes should be issued to the vehicles designated to haul gear from the parking areas to the campsites. Passenger passes will also be issued. Vehicles with a passenger pass will be directed to the parking areas. Venture Crew 164 will be on duty to assist you with parking. All vehicles must display these passes on the dashboard.

REMEMBER THAT DURING WEBELOS WOODS THE SPEED LIMIT IN CAMP IS

8 MPH OR LESS.

NO PASSENGERS MAY RIDE IN THE BACK OF ANY OPEN TRUCK OR TRAILER.

ALL PASSENGERS MUST WEAR SEAT BELTS.

Vehicle owners are urged not to leave vehicles unlocked or windows open. We suggest that owners leave all valuables and expensive electronics or any item of value locked up and out of sight in their vehicles. Although security patrols will check parking areas, it is impossible to insure against losses. The staff is not responsible for any losses that occur.

CAMPSITES

Units must check in at the registration desk upon arrival to be assigned their campsite. A campsite guide will be assigned to assist the unit in finding their site. The size of the campsite will be based on the number of paid registrations. Campsite boundaries are not to be moved!

Units should plan on the fact that no campsite will be larger than 75 x 75 feet in size (this would be for a large unit of 60 people or more). Large dining canopies that take up your entire campsite will give the unit two choices. Either sleep under the canopy and not pitch any tents (Not recommended in case of heavy mist) or place all of the tents under the canopy. No campsite will be enlarged or moved to accommodate any unit whose canopy takes up their entire site. Any unit's canopy deemed too large so that it could cause a safety hazard will be required by the staff to have it taken down.

Each unit will be issued two signs to aid our safety and security staff:

1. **SITE NUMBER** – placed on the front edge of the campsite by your entryway.
2. **UNIT LEADER** – placed at the leader's tent.

Both signs must be visible when viewed from the front of your campsite. These signs must be returned at **Check Out** in order for the unit to receive their patches.

No firewood is to be left up on the field or placed in the dumpsters.

Campsite policy is that no holes or drainage ditches are to be dug. Garbage and trash will not be buried, but disposed of properly. Blue recycle bins will be around the field for your convenience. Paper goods may be burned in the campsites. All other trash is to be bagged and placed in the dumpster. Units should bring an ample supply of plastic trash bags for all trash.

All other material brought to the event should be taken home. Other than natural gateway materials, there should be no dumping of trash or food in the woods. Each campsite will be judged on appearance and safety.

GATEWAYS

Webelos Woods will be a panorama of color, flags, Unit Gateways, den flags, etc. and your unit can add to this panorama with their own unit gateway. Your gateway should show who you are, where you're from and things that tell others something about what your unit is all about.

Anything goes as long as it is in good taste and within the limits set forth here. The gateway must be constructed of natural materials: wood, rope, cloth, and paint are just a few. Due to the wood policy, by law, no wood can be bought into camp without being properly kiln dried. Any questions about this please email the coordinator on the front page. The gateway must be judged to be age appropriate. Some adult involvement is expected, but the scouts should have done 95% of the work. Although your gateway need not be a walk-through, if it is, it must be at least 8 feet wide and no taller than 12 feet, to allow plenty of room for safe passage. No sharp protrusions are allowed. Gateways must be free standing and supported by braces and anchored securely. Brace gateway from the inside of your campsite only. Nothing should protrude beyond your boundary.

No holes are to be dug! Any gateway with holes will be automatically disqualified.

You may use stakes to anchor your boundaries and gateways. These stakes should be no more than 1 1/2" in diameter. Your gateway should be set up at the campsite by 9:00 AM on Saturday if it is to be in the Unit Gateway Competition. The top three gateways as determined by your votes will receive special recognition.

FIELD ETIQUETTE

Youth should not be sent to the portable toilets, dumpsters, or to get water without adult supervision. There will be a "NO FLY ZONE" in effect for the event. Please do not throw balls, Frisbees, or other objects in this area.

All units must observe the lights out at a quiet time of 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Please respect your neighbors in the campsite next to you. We encourage campfire fellowship. Adults may stay up as late as they want to enjoy their campfire. We only ask that you be considerate of your neighbors and keep the noise level low. Never leave your campfire unattended!!!

Please do not enter another campsite unless you have asked permission to do so first. Treat each campsite as you would treat another person's home.

All buildings except for the NUNES building basement and the TRADING POST are off limits. Stay out of them except for emergency situations.

Please do not leave any wood on the field. Should you decide that you do not wish to bring the natural materials from your archway (i.e. long poles) home with you, please deposit them in the woods at the rear of the field where they will not be in the way of the grass cutting equipment.

DUMPSTERS

Dumpsters are expensive!!!!

In an effort to keep registration cost down we ask you to observe the following:

ITEMS NOT TO BE PLACED INTO THE DUMPSTER

#10 tin cans and other open top water containers

Broken equipment (fan furniture, gas grills)

Fans and air conditioners (yes, someone actually did this) Cardboard boxes

Tents, sleeping bags and foam mattresses

Plastic ground clothes

Tarps or canvas

Household trash (it has happened)

Firewood

Smoldering materials

Gateway materials

Some events have a rule of “you pack it in, you pack it out!”

Please do not force us to follow this rule as well.

Household recyclables can be placed into the Blue Recycle Bins around camp.

CHECK OUT PROCESS

No equipment vehicles will be allowed on the field before closing on Sunday morning. Closing ceremonies will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the flagpoles in front of the Nunes Building. All equipment vehicles will be expected to follow the same traffic pattern that applied on Friday night.

The following is the procedure that will be used to check out when the event ends.

The unit must have all of their equipment cleared from the site. The site must have been policed for any trash or other foreign objects that may cause damage to the grass cutting equipment. A member of the staff will inspect the site. When the site passes inspection the staff member will radio the check out desk at the Manor House. One representative from the unit can then proceed to the Manor House with the stakes and signs from their campsite. At the Manor House the unit's representative will trade in the stakes and signs for their unit's patches and ribbons. The unit will then be allowed to leave camp and head for home.

HEALTH & SAFETY.

RESTRICTED AREAS: The Health and Safety Staff have designated areas that are

“OFF LIMITS AT ALL TIMES”.

These areas will be clearly marked and are considered dangerous areas to enter. To avoid embarrassment and a spoiled weekend please avoid these areas. (RED OR ORANGE FLAGS WILL BE USED.)

GRAVEL OR DIRT PILES IN PARKING AREA ARE NOT TO BE CLIMBED OR PLAYED ON

THE WATERFRONT AND THE LAKE ARE OFF LIMITS FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND. THERE WILL BE NO SWIMMING, WADING, BOATING OR FISHING OR ANY OTHER WATER ACTIVITIES AT THE EVENT.

LIQUID FUELS, LIQUID PROPANE GAS AND BUTANE MAY NOT BE USED BY CUB SCOUTS. Please see the BSA guidelines on the use of chemical fuels included in this guide.

GROUND FIRES ARE NOT PERMITTED. Open fires are only allowed in approved freestanding containers, such as half barrels, washing machine tubs, etc. All such devices must be raised at least 8” above the ground cover and adequate water must be available to put out the fire. Charcoal may be used, however hot coals, lighted or smoking materials are not to be discarded into trash bags or dumpsters. Do not use candles, gas or liquid fuel lanterns inside of or near tents. Do not discard smoking materials near tents, grassy areas or in the woods. Ensure that all lighted materials are completely out before disposing of them.

FIRE PROTECTION: Every unit and den should have fire protection items in their immediate area to douse any fires that might occur. Any and all fires should be reported to the safety staff. We recommend that you keep a B/C dry chemical fire extinguisher in your cooking area.

FIREWORKS AND FIREARMS: Not permitted on the reservation at any time.

TRASH AND GARBAGE: Campsites must be kept free of trash and garbage at all times. Garbage is to be contained in plastic bags and disposed of in the containers provided (dumpster). Only paper trash may be burned in your campsites. Each unit is responsible to see that it's campsite is clean before it can be released at the end of Webelos Woods.

INJURIES AND TREATMENT OF INJURIES: ALL injuries should be reported to the Health and Safety Headquarters (First Aid at the basement of the Nunes Building). Only those designated Health and Safety staff will be responsible for the treatment and transportation of injured persons within or from the encampment area. Persons, other than those requiring assistance are not authorized to enter the First Aid Area.

FOOTWEAR: NO BARE FEET. Footwear must be worn at all times. Open toed shoes, sandals, and aqua socks/shoes are not acceptable footwear.

The above list of rules does **NOT** supersede the NATIONAL or the COUNCIL rules and regulations.

TRADING POST

Any Scout event of major size, like this, has a Trading Post where Cub Scouts, Scouters and adults can secure refreshments, snacks, souvenirs and other miscellaneous items. The Webelos Woods Trading Post will be open during their weekend. The Trading Post hours of operation will be included in the Welcome Kit that each unit will receive at check-in.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Religious observances, in conformance with the B.S.A. Policy will be held at the event site. Times and locations will be provided in your Welcome Kit and at the leader meetings.

WEBELOS WOODS EVENTS

The events have been designed for teams of six to eight scouts. Our staff will attempt to make sure that all of the Scouts have a chance to participate in each event. Larger groups will be split into multiple teams with a smaller amount of scouts on each.

It is strongly recommended that all personal equipment be labeled with the participant's last name and first initial.

Items that are recommended to bring to this event:

RAIN GEAR: It's going to be a beautiful and sunny weekend. But just in case, be prepared.

WATER BOTTLE OR CANTEEN: We want to make sure that you are hydrated.

SCOUT SPIRIT: A positive attitude, a little bit of patience and teamwork.

SUGGESTED PERSONAL EQUIPMENT LIST

It is strongly recommended that all personal equipment be labeled with the participant's last name and first initial. T-shirts should be of the ideals and standards of Scouting.

Field uniforms (formerly called Class A) are a must for boys and adult leaders.

Jeans	Shirts	Shorts & or Pants	Socks (bring extra)
Underwear	Sweatpants & Shirt	PJ's	Rain gear
Sleeping bag	Trash Bag	Flash light	Soap
Towel & or Face Cloth	Water bottle	Extra Batteries	Sneaker & or Hiking boots
Toothbrush	Comb or Brush	Toothpaste	Sunscreen
Camera or Video Camera	Scout Book	Bug Repellent	Jacket
Stuffed Animal	Pillow	Playing Cards	Spending Money

HELPFUL HINTS: Pack and label your Cub Scout's clothes by day in a Ziploc bag, underwear, shirt, shoes and socks. This way he can just grab the bag and be dressed instead of rummaging around in his stuff. This also keeps things dry in case of heavy rains.

SUGGESTED UNIT EQUIPMENT LIST

Veteran Unit Leaders recommend that you may want to bring the following equipment to help make your stay as a group more pleasant.

- _____ Alarm clock for reveille
- _____ American, Pack, and Den Flags
- _____ Camp stove/propane fuel
- _____ Caution tape to mark campsite boundaries
- _____ Clothesline
- _____ Coffee pot (non-electric!) or pot for heating water Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate, sugar
- _____ Dining Tarp
- _____ Dishpans, Soap, Paper Towels
- _____ Fire Extinguisher
- _____ First Aid Kit for Pack
- _____ Folding Chairs
- _____ Food for Unit
- _____ Foot locker to store supplies
- _____ Knapsack to carry the Den's rain gear during the day
- _____ Lanterns
- _____ Marshmallows, Cracker Jacks, Popcorn, or other small campsite snacks
- _____ Matches/Lighter
- _____ Paper / Plastic Plates, Cups and Utensils
- _____ Pots, Pans, Utensils,
- _____ Song / Campfire Skit Books
- _____ Water Jugs
- _____ Wagon to haul water and equipment
- _____ **SCOUT SPIRIT!**

DO NOT BRING

KNIVES: Folding or Fixed Blade

The events are designed so that no type of knife is needed. Please leave pocketknives and Whittling Chip Cards at home. No one is allowed to carry a fixed blade knife on the Scout Reservation. Please leave them at home. Kitchen knives for food preparation are permitted. Adults may carry folding pocket knives.

Boom boxes or Loud Radios
Electronic Devices -, iPods, iTouches, iPads, etc.
Fireworks
Fishing Gear (the lake is off limits)

Failure to abide by the above restrictions may result in dismissal from camp.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

are

NOT ALLOWED

at any youth Scouting Event

Any person found with alcoholic beverages will be asked to leave.

Anyone found with illegal substances will be reported to the **STATE POLICE**

and

dismissed from camp immediately.

Policy on Use of Chemical Fuels: Liquid, Gaseous, or Jellied

Excerpt from Guide to Safe Scouting

PURPOSE

These are the policy and guidelines on the use of chemical fuels by the membership of the Boy Scouts of America.

POLICY AND GUIDELINES

For safety reasons, knowledgeable adult supervision must be provided when Scouts are involved in the storage of chemical fuels, the handling of chemical fuels in the filling of stoves and lanterns, or the lighting of chemical fuels.

Scouts should use battery-operated lanterns and flashlights in camping activities, particularly in and around canvas tents. No chemical-fueled lantern or stove is to be used inside a tent.

Kerosene, gasoline, or liquefied petroleum fuel lanterns may, when necessary, be used inside permanent buildings or for outdoor lighting. When used indoors, there should be adequate ventilation. Strict adherence to the safety standards and instructions of the manufacturers in fueling and lighting such stoves and lanterns must be carried out under the supervision of a responsible and knowledgeable adult.

Both gasoline and kerosene shall be kept in well-marked approved containers (never in a glass container) and stored in a ventilated locked box at a safe distance (minimum 20 feet) from buildings and tents.

Empty liquid petroleum cylinders for portable stoves and lanterns should be returned home or to base camp. They may explode when heated and therefore must never be put in fireplaces or with burnable trash.

The use of liquid fuels for starting any type of fire is prohibited, including lighting damp wood, charcoal and ceremonial campfires. Solid-type starters are just as effective, easier to store and carry, and much safer to use for this purpose.

GUIDELINES FOR SAFELY USING CHEMICAL STOVES AND LANTERNS

Use compressed or liquid-gas stoves and/or lanterns only with knowledgeable adult supervision, and in Scouting facilities only where and when permitted.

Operate and maintain them regularly according to the manufacturer's instructions included with the stove or lantern. Store fuel in approved containers and in storage under adult supervision. Keep all chemical fuel containers away from hot stoves and campfires, and store them below 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

Let hot stoves and lanterns cool before changing cylinders of compressed gas or refilling from bottles of liquid gas. Refill liquid-gas stoves and lanterns a safe distance from any flames, including other stoves, campfires and personal smoking substances. A commercial camp stove fuel should be used for safety and performance. Pour through a filter funnel. Recap both the device and the fuel container before igniting.

Never store fuel, ignite it, or operate a stove or lantern in a tent.

Place the stove on a level, secure surface before operating. With soap solution, periodically check fittings for leakage on compressed-gas stoves and on pressurized liquid-gas stoves before lighting.

When lighting a stove keep fuel bottles and extra canisters well away. Do not hover over the stove when lighting it. Keep your head and body to one side. Open the stove valve quickly for two full turns and light carefully, with head, fingers and hands to the side of the burner. Then adjust down.

Do not leave a lighted stove or lantern unattended.

Do not overload the stove top with extra-heavy pots or large frying pans.

If pots over 2 quarts are necessary, set up a freestanding grill to hold the pots and place the stove under the grill.

Bring empty fuel containers home for disposal.

Do not place them in or near fires. Empty fuel containers will explode if heated.