

Troop Leader Guide

Pecos Park Campfire Connections

December 12, 2026

Campfire Connections is designed to help Troops engage with Webelos and AOL Scouts and show them the options they have for continuing their Scouting journey when they complete the Cub Scout program.

The format of this event is a showcase, allowing multiple Troops in a local area to setup and represent themselves to Cub Scouts and the general community that may be interested in learning about Scouts BSA, specific Troops and discover which Troop best meets their needs for Scouting.

This is not intended to be a competition between Troops, it is an event where Troops are coming together with the goal of helping youth find a path for their continued journey in Scouting, regardless of what Troop best meets those needs. You are here to support and promote Scouting, not simply your Troop.

We look forward to seeing your Troop at Campfire Connections, join us in promoting Scouting!

Event Overview:

- **Date:** December 12, 2026
- **Troop Check-in / Setup:** Noon
- **Event Start:** 1 PM
- **Event End:** 4 PM
- **Cleanup Complete:** 5 PM

Troop Registration:

Troops can register online at: https://scoutingevent.com/010-123202

The fee for registering your Troop is $10, this cost covers all participants from your Troop.

Troops will be permitted to have up to 8 members participating in the event (adults and youth).

Troops are required to have 2-deep leadership and comply with youth protection rules for their unit.

Registration will get your Troop an area to put up a 10x10 canopy along with an area in front of your canopy which can be used to promote your Troop and/or host a fun activity for those coming to visit and learn about your unit. The specific area your Troop is assigned will be provided to you when arriving at the event.

When registering you will be asked to provide information about your Troop. Please fill this information out completely and accurately as these details from all troops will be compiled into a handout to be given to Cub Scout families who attend the event.

Requirements for setting up canopy:

To set up a canopy your troop must meet the following requirements:

- Canopy must be 10x10 or smaller
- Canopy must be weighted down (Staking is **NOT** permitted in the Park)
- Canopy must be setup in the area designated to you when checking in

Activities and promoting your Troop:

Troops are asked to keep activities and promoting their Troop within the approximate area they are assigned for their canopy and activities. We want to provide all Troops with equal opportunity to engage with Cub Scouts visiting without unnecessary distractions.

Remember promoting your Troop should be positive, highlighting your Troop and providing information that helps Cub Scout families make a choice about what Troop their Scout will go to. All members of your Troop should be promoting with the Scout Oath and Law in mind, supporting Scouts in finding the Troop that works for them.

All Troops are encouraged to have an activity at their station that helps engage Cub Scouts, make the day fun for them and that hopefully represents your Troop in a positive light. While we encourage Troops to be creative in their activity ideas; **ALL Troop activities at the Campfire Connections must be pre-approved.** This is for safety, complying with any requirements from the city for use of the public park and making sure an activity is not creating disruption to the overall event.

A list of pre-approved activities is available for Troops to select from on a first come basis. This list is provided to help inspire Troops and identify Cub Scout appropriate activities that Troops can host at the event. Troops are not limited to these activities and if you feel there is something your Troop would like to host beyond this list you can submit a proposal for review and approval.

To see the list and secure your activity from the pre-approved list please sign up at:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4DACA823A3FACF8-67162596-campfire#/

Please send any proposed activities beyond the pre-approved list to jpiwowscouting@gmail.com for review. Activities must be submitted for review by December 5th.

Some guidelines regarding proposed activities are below. Please note that meeting all of these does not guarantee approval of a proposed activity; these are a limited list of key considerations for approval of an activity, not a complete list.

- No activity will be permitted at Campfire Connections if it has not been pre-approved.
- Approval of activities is at the discretion of the event organizers.
- Activities must be appropriate for Cub Scouts and aligned with the Guide to Safe Scouting.

- Activities must remain in the general area of your Troops canopy and designated area near your canopy.
- Activities cannot provide participants with items which will inherently cause disruption to the event in general.
- Activities cannot involve burning of wood, charcoal or other materials. (no fires)
- No activities that would fall under range and target sports will be permitted.
- Activities cannot include the use of axes or pocketknives by Cub Scout participants.
- Activities cannot involve the launching of items into the air above the height of your canopy or propelling items that will leave the general area assigned to your Troop.
- Serving food beyond store purchased and individually and pre-packaged items with no food preparation at the event is not permitted.

Be Prepared:

Troops should make sure their Scouts are prepared for the day and event.

- Make sure your Scouts have water and any snacks they may need while they are at the event.
- Troops should bring their own canopy, chairs, tables etc… to setup your area.
- Troops need to bring all supplies needed for their planned activity.
- Bring any promotional materials you need to showcase your Troop and send home with families.