

The Mafeking Cadets
Colonial District Fall Scout Camporee
Gunston Hall, Lorton, VA
October 19-20, 2019

WEBELOS-REE ANNEX

Sign up for the Mafeking Cadets!

1.0 The Colonial District Webelos-REE will be conducted at Gunston Hall concurrently with the District Camporee. Webelos-REE will be a separate event, in a separate area for program and camping, in accordance with the *Guide to Safe Scouting* and the Cub Scout Outdoor Program Guidelines.

The Camporee guidance and rules apply to all aspects of Webelos-REE. Units should understand the requirements for camping, cooking, first aid, etc. contained in the 2019 Camporee Guide that is found on the district website <https://www.ncacbsa.org/colonial/> in the **REGISTER FOR WEBELOS-REE** section, [2019 Webelos-REE/Camporee Guide](#).

2.0 Eligibility to Participate

- 2.1 Webelos-REE is open to all First and AOL/Second Year Webelos only.
- 2.2 All Webelos must be registered by a pack at the time of the event.
- 2.3 All Webelos must participate in activities only as a den and under adult supervision.
- 2.4 Cubs of other ranks are not eligible to attend or participate.
- 2.5 Webelos-REE is considered Webelos Den Overnight Camping, and not Family Camping.

3.0 Applicable BSA Guidance

- 3.1 Extract, **Cub Scout Outdoor Program Guidelines**, No. 510-631, p. 4 (Webelos Den Overnight Camping)

Webelos den campouts serve to move the Webelos Scout to the next level of the BSA's ever-increasing challenge in the outdoors. The Webelos and parent or guardian will be introduced to the basics of Scouts BSA camping....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....BSA

health and safety, age-appropriate guidelines for Cub Scout activities, and Youth Protection guidelines apply....Webelos dens are encouraged to visit Scouts BSA camporees....The purpose of these visits should be for the Webelos to look ahead with anticipation to their future as Scouts BSA and observe troops they might join. Webelos Scouts should not compete or participate in activities designed for Scouts BSA....A separate Webelos-only event known as a Webelos-Ree should be provided by the council or district. To provide leadership for this event, Webelos den leaders should have completed the BALOO course, which is available online.

References: Cub Scout Leader Book, No. 33221; Webelos Leader Guide, No. 33853.

3.2 Extract, **Cub Scout Outdoor Program Guidelines**, No. 510-631, p. 4 (Webelos-Ree)

A Webelos-Ree is a district or council overnight camping experience for Webelos dens with den leadership present. The local council or district sponsors the event and provides the program and leadership.... **In most cases, each Webelos will be accompanied by a parent or guardian.** In all cases, a responsible adult will be designated for each youth participant. BSA Youth Protection standards will apply regarding sleeping and bathroom arrangements. This camporee-style event is intended for Webelos Scouts, with events and activities planned for their ability level according to age-appropriate guidelines for Cub Scouts. Scouts BSA should participate only in leadership and support capacities.

3.3 Extract, [*The Cub Scout Outdoor Program*](#), Webelos Den Overnight Camping

Webelos Scout overnights introduce Webelos Scouts and their parents to the basics of the Scout camping program. These campouts are conducted under the leadership of a trained Webelos den leader and include one night of camping.

Webelos dens are encouraged to have several overnight campouts each year. These campouts should be parent/guardian-son/daughter events, under the direction of the Webelos den leader. At the den overnight campouts, the Webelos den leader may be assisted by the assistant Webelos den leader and the Webelos den chief. Webelos den leaders should have completed [BALOO] prior to leading an overnight campout.

Webelos Scout dens are encouraged to visit Scout camporees.... The purpose of this visit should be for the Webelos Scouts to look ahead with anticipation to their future as members of a troop. Webelos dens should not compete in activities designed for troops and should not spend the night at events that are Scout troop-based.

Reference: Cub Scout Leader Book, No. 33221

3.4 Guidance Emphasis:

3.4.1 Per the *Guide to Safe Scouting*, each Webelos must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, or another designated adult.

3.4.2 No Webelos, as an individual or as part of a Webelos den, is authorized to camp with a Scouts BSA unit or in any area outside the designated Webelos-Ree camp.

4.0 Program and Schedule. Unit leaders can structure and supplement any of the activities to meet the requirements for an Adventure.

4.1 Friday, October 18. Webelos dens may, at their discretion and as an option, camp overnight on Friday. Units may arrive after 4:00 PM but before 8:00 PM. Leaders must inform the Webelos-Ree staff before October 18 if they plan to camp on Friday. The staff will assign a camping space to the den on arrival. The only services available will be water and portapotties. There will be no Webelos-Ree activities.

The Friday overnight camp is not considered part of the Webelos-Ree but is available to units that wish to camp. Note, Scouts BSA units will be arriving for Camporee on Friday night. Leaders are advised there will be traffic on the roads. **Webelos campers should remain in their camp** and on the Webelos-Ree side of the road. **No visits to Scouts BSA units are authorized Friday night.**

4.2 Saturday, October 19. Units may arrive at any time after 8:00 AM and throughout the day. After checking in, units will be assigned a camping space and may set up their camp, if camping overnight. Each Webelos will then receive a passport-type card to record their activities.

4.2.1 Saturday Morning. The morning schedule is at the leader's discretion. The unit leader decides which activities to participate in. These activities are:

- Jamboree on the Air (JOTA). Webelos can visit the radio station and talk by radio with Scouts all over the world. The JOTA patch can be bought online. See <https://www.scouting.org/jota/> for more information.
- Archeology. Visit the active dig at Gunston Hall and meet the archeologist.
- Bring your own rakes and pruning shears and perform a trail maintenance service project while hiking a Gunston Hall trail.
- Visit the Camporee.
- See the film in the visitor's center, visit George Mason's home, and learn about Mason's role in the founding of the Nation.

4.2.2 Opening. Units should assemble with all of their Webelos by 12:45 for an opening at 1:00.

4.2.3 Webelos-Ree Activities will begin after the Opening in the Webelos area with age-appropriate Webelos and Mafeking Cadets-related tasks and skills. Adult leaders will be asked to lead their Webelos and assist the staff. Activities will have a Mafeking Cadet theme and include: Signaling; First Aid; elementary Orienteering; Knots; and a Game.

4.2.4 Visit the Camporee during the morning or the afternoon, at the leader's discretion. An important part of Webelos-Ree is for Webelos to observe Scouts BSA units. Note, Webelos may only **visit** the Camporee. Per BSA guidance, Webelos may **not participate** in Camporee events other than supper with a troop and/or the campfire as explained below.

4.2.5 Supper. Webelos leaders are encouraged to arrange for a Scouts BSA troop to host them for supper. Contact the staff well ahead of the event if you need help in finding a Scouts BSA unit. Otherwise, dens will prepare their own supper meal in the Webelos-Ree area.

4.2.6 Campfire. Likewise, Webelos leaders are encouraged to coordinate with a Scouts BSA troop to accompany them to the campfire. There will be no separate Webelos campfire. Webelos cannot attend the campfire unless with a troop. Webelos leaders are expected to monitor the behavior of their Webelos and adults.

4.2.7 For all program and activities, Webelos will function and move about only as dens, not as individuals. Bring your den/patrol flag.

4.2.8 Webelos may attend all or part of the Webelos-Ree activities. They may arrive, depart, and return throughout the day. The Webelos leader is entirely responsible for approving and keeping track of individual arrivals and departures. Note, those Webelos and adults who attend only part of Webelos-Ree are expected to pay the full fee since we are obligated for the costs by person outlined in sec. 5.3.

4.3 Sunday, October 20. Break camp, clean up, check out after staff inspects your area. Units are welcome to participate as dens in the Scouts Own service in the Camporee area and closing.

5.0 Registration.

5.1 Units should register on the [district website](#).

5.2 Units are permitted flexibility in adding youth and adults at the Webelos-Ree check-in, i.e., it is OK if you show up with more than you registered for online. Bring a check. However, we do not have a way to reimburse for subtractions for any number of individuals you registered online who do not show up.

5.3 Fees. The fee is calculated based on use of the area at Gunston Hall, insurance, portapotties, patch, and other obligations.

6.0 **Important Details.** As the 2019 Camporee Guide states:

6.1 You are responsible for preparing your own meals. Ensure you follow the safe food handling and storage procedures that you learned in BALOO.

6.2 No ground fires are permitted. That means you must cook with some other means, e.g., propane or charcoal, or portable fire pit.

6.3 This is a Leave-No-Trace event. You must pack everything out. This includes charcoal, ashes, and all trash. No dumpsters will be provided. Understand that your unit will be billed for a professional crew to clean up any charcoal, ashes, or trash that you leave behind. We do not have a means to “magic away” anything you leave behind.

7.0 Siege of Mafeking

In 1899, a British army colonel named Robert Baden-Powell commanded a small group of soldiers in Mafeking, an isolated but important town in what is now KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa. When the Second Boer War began, Mafeking was surrounded by the Boers who cut the rail and telegraph lines, and laid siege.

Seeing that he was cut off and outnumbered, Baden-Powell tricked the Boers into believing that Mafeking was too heavily defended for them to attack. One of Baden-Powell's officers, Lord Edward Cecil, organized 24 boys aged 12-15 into the Mafeking Cadet Corps to perform vital support duties for the defenders. Among other duties, the Cadets carried messages, served in the hospital, acted as lookouts, and spied on the Boers to observe, map, and report their movements.

Although the Boers often outnumbered Baden-Powell's force by four to one, Baden-Powell held Mafeking for 217 days until a relief force fought its way through the Boers and broke the siege.

Queen Victoria recognized the Cadets for their important service and awarded them the Defence of Mafeking bar to the Queen's South Africa Medal.

And, Baden-Powell later formed the Boy Scouts in part with the Mafeking Cadets in mind. Many of the skills you learn in Webelos are the same skills that proved to be so valuable to the Cadets and to Baden-Powell.

8.0 Point of Contact. Refer all Webelos-Ree questions to Joe Pallone, joepallone@verizon.net, 571 289-1522.