



Goose Creek Webelos-O-Ree 2022

October 1-2, 2022
Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



The Webelos-O-Ree is an overnight camping event designed to introduce Webelos Scouts and their parents to the Scouts BSA program. The weekend is filled with fun and skills activities led by Goose Creek District troops. This Guide applies to both Webelos Scout and Scouts BSA youth and Adult Leaders. It begins with an opening ceremony Saturday morning and ends Sunday morning after chapel services. The Saturday evening campfire is a special highlight featuring a ceremony by our Order of the Arrow Chapter's team and skits put on by the Webelos themselves.

REGISTRATION

Participation in the Webelos-O-Ree is open to all Webelos Scouts (including those working on Arrow of Light). Registration by Unit (Pack/Den) is encouraged to help our administrative efforts, but individual registrations will be accepted. All registrations made in advance by September 20 will receive Early-Bird pricing of \$5 OFF for each category. After this date, Regular pricing goes into effect, raising all fees by \$5 per person.

To register online, go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-51838>

All Scouts from each Pack will be assigned to the same campsite, regardless of the way they register or when they register.

Rate A – Camping overnight. The cost is \$40 per person (\$35 if 'Early Bird') and includes dinner Saturday evening and breakfast Sunday. BSA policy permits a Webelos Scout to participate in overnight camping when accompanied by a parent/guardian. If a parent/guardian cannot attend, another youth's parent (but not the Den Leader) or another adult may substitute at the campout. Responsible adult partners must be at least 21 years of age. An adult cannot be responsible for more than two Webelos.

Rate B – Staying through campfire. The cost is \$35 per person (\$30 if 'Early Bird') and includes dinner Saturday evening. At least one adult must attend for every five Webelos in a Den.

Rate C – Visiting for the day. The cost is \$30 per Webelos (\$25 if 'Early Bird') to cover the event fee. One adult is required for every five Webelos. These adults do not pay a registration fee.

Den Chiefs attend this event **free** of charge.



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PLEASE NOTE

The Webelos-O-Ree is a ***Rain or Shine*** event (excluding hurricanes and really, really large tropical storms).

NO REFUNDS for event fees of \$25 or less per person.

Siblings and/or friends are not allowed at the Webelos-O-Ree.

Saturday lunch is **not** provided.

EVENTS AND SCHEDULE

Arrival

We will open the camp entrance at 7:00 AM Saturday morning for those coming in to set up their tents. **Scouts should arrive in uniform.** As you come in you may drive to the campsite drop off point to unload your equipment. Do not pull off the road to park and unload and do not drive into the campsite. Please unload, return the car to the parking lot, then come back to set up (we need the space for the next car to unload). **Cars cannot be left at the campsites (there are no exceptions to this Camp Snyder rule).**

You may leave the camp at any time to go to a school, church, or sporting event. You do not need to check in/out with the Webelos-O-Ree staff but should coordinate this with your Unit Leader.

Please note that there is no need to check-in when you arrive. Check-in will be done during the lunch period by one adult for the entire Unit.

Campsite Assignments

Camp Snyder has 14 campsites and we will be using all of them (some for the Packs and some for the Scouts BSA Troops). Assignments will be listed on the maps that will be sent out to the Unit contacts via email about two days before the event. Hardcopy maps will be available on Saturday morning as people come in. We will be making the campsite assignments to get as even a distribution of campers at each location as we can. All members of a Unit, however, regardless of when their registration was received, will be assigned to the same site.

Each campsite will have multiple Units camping there. Make sure you introduce yourselves to each other.

Opening Ceremony

The Webelos-O-Ree will begin at 9:00 AM with an opening ceremony. All Scouts should be in uniform for this. Scouts may change out of their uniform after the ceremony. Maps showing all the activity locations and the latest schedule will be available at this time.

Campsite Road Closure

Because several of the activity areas are in the campsites and Scouts will be traveling on the road between them we will be closing the road to traffic at 9:00 AM for the rest of the day for safety reasons. Anyone coming in after this time with camping gear or other items will need to drop it off by the Headquarters pavilion (right at the beginning of the camping area), take their car to the parking lot, and then come back to walk the items in.

Anyone who needs to pick a person up during the day please arrange a meeting location outside the camping areas. We suggest the area in front of the Hylton Training Center at the front entrance to Camp Snyder.

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Activity Programs

The activity programs will open at 9:30 to 11:30 AM and from 12:30 to 3:00 PM. We will be closing the entry line to the shooting areas a half hour before the end of the activity periods. This will allow time for those already in line to do the event and for the staff to finish up on time to get their lunch/dinner.

Unlike Day Camp or Goshen, there is no rotation schedule or assignment of activities/times for a Pack. What activities you visit, when you visit them, and how much time you spend there is up to you. Choose activities that interest you and are not crowded and rotate through them all. There are approximately two hours of activities before lunch and two and a half hours after lunch. Budget your time to see and do it all.

Please note that the shooting ranges are near the opening ceremony site. They are usually crowded right after the opening ceremony. You might want to use that time to go to some of the other activity areas and come back to the shooting ranges later.

Lunch and Unit Check-in

Lunchtime is from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM. **This meal is not provided as part of the program, please bring something to eat.** Remind your Webelos to bring a lunch or arrange one for them.

Campfire Auditions

During lunch time we will be holding campfire auditions for those Dens that would like to perform a skit at the evening campfire. The purpose of this audition is not to select the skits/songs that will be used (all Dens that want to perform will be allowed to) but to ensure that the Scouts know what they are doing, that there will not be duplicate skits performed, and so that the Campfire Master of Ceremonies knows the order to call the units up.

Webelos Challenge

The Webelos Challenge is a special activity, puzzle, or quiz for the Scouts to do during the activity periods and takes about 15 minutes. How well the Webelos do in the challenge **determines their placement in the dinner line!** Given the fact that we usually have to get 300+ people through the line, the order in which we call Packs in can be very important.

The Challenge Event varies each year but is always based on knowledge of the Arrow of Light's Scouting Adventure requirement, items #1 and #5 (Scout Oath, Law, Motto, square knot, Scout emblem, etc.).

Webelos to Scout Orientation

After the activity areas close we will be holding a Webelos to Scout Orientation. This orientation is for those Webelos earning the Arrow of Light this year and their parents. The orientation is all about the transition into a Scouts BSA Troop. It will go over how Troops are organized, how to select a Troop, and what the first year in a Troop will be like.

Evening Flag Ceremony

After the activity areas close there will be the evening flag ceremony (uniforms are not required). Since we'll be going from the ceremony directly to the dinner line everyone should wash their hands before coming.

If your Den would like to assist in the flag ceremony please send an email to WebelosORee@GooseCreekDistrict.org. The Den selected for the flag ceremony should be in uniform.

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Dinner

Dinner will begin immediately after the evening flag ceremony (around 4:45 PM depending on weather and ability to get all the cooking fires ready on time). The meal will be foil packet meals that you will put together (ground beef, turkey, or veggie burgers (available for vegetarians), carrots, potatoes, onions, peppers, spices) and cook over a charcoal fire back at your campsite. Plates, silverware (okay – plasticware), and drinks will be provided and the cooking fires will be started by our Scouts BSA Troops. Each campsite has a fire circle and two aboveground firepits to cook the foil dinners.

Vegetarians – as stated above we have veggie burgers for the foil packets. These will only be given out, however, to those who have the special ‘Vegetarian’ meal tickets that are given out at unit check-in. There is no cost for the ticket, it’s just our way of making sure that those who reserved the meal get it. **Remember to mark the number of vegetarian meals needed on the online registration form.**

Halal meat – if your unit requires Halal meat then please mark this on the online registration form. We may ask for your unit to purchase it and bring it to the event and we will reimburse you for the cost.

All of the food/snacks that we will hand out will already be checked to be peanut free.

Campfire

The Scouts BSA Order of the Arrow (OA) will be hosting our campfire. Any Den wishing to perform a skit or lead a song at the campfire must audition for a position on the schedule (audition times are listed on the event schedule).

Evening Snack

As you exit the campfire Scouts and adults may pick up some snacks (chips, dried fruit snacks, cookies) for the evening.

Lights Out

We are asking for quiet time beginning at 10 PM and for the adults at each campsite to help enforce this.

Remember: If a WEBELOS Scout and an adult(s) are sharing one tent, then the adult(s) must be the parent or legal guardian of that Scout. In Scouts BSA, youth and adults must tent separately.

Reveille and Breakfast

Camp breakfast will be at 7:30 AM and will consist of juice, fruit, muffins, and bagels. If any group wants to cook their own breakfast they may do so.

Chapel

Remember that a Scout is reverent and respects the rights of others to observe their religious beliefs. Chapel will be at 8:00 AM. It will be a nondenominational service. Scouts should attend chapel in uniform.

Clean em’ up and move em’ out

You should police your campsite (go around picking up trash) and have it checked by one of the hosting Scouts BSA Troops before leaving. Remember that a Scout is clean and always leaves a campsite cleaner than when they found it. **Camp closes at 10:00 AM and everyone must be out by that time.**

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We will follow the same car rules for leaving the campsite. Please have all your gear packed up **before going to bring your car in**. Stay on the road and do not pull off onto the side.

No cars will be allowed into the campsites before 7:00 AM. If you need to leave earlier please carry your gear out to the parking area.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Tents

You will need to bring your own tents. Each campsite has about ten wooden tent platforms which can be used, but it is not required that you set your tent up on one.

Bathrooms

All of the bathhouses will be open for the Webelos-O-Ree this year. Each bathhouse has separate facilities for Scouts and adults (both male and female). Following BSA youth protection guidelines **we require that adults use only the adult facilities and not enter the area assigned to the Scouts and that Scouts do not use the adult facilities**.

Medicines/Medical Forms

It will be the responsibility of each adult partner to hold and administer medicines. Each unit leader should have a copy of the Scout medical form for all of his/her Scouts. These do not need to be turned in to the Webelos-O-Ree staff.

Water

Each Scout and adult should bring a personal water bottle, canteen, etc. for use during the program. Soda is strongly discouraged; it does not replenish body water and may lead to upset stomachs with all the activities. Along the road near every campsite are pumps for potable water.

Campfires

Fires should be attended at all times by an adult and should be extinguished before departing the campsite for events or evening activities. You must also have an adequate supply of water readily available to extinguish the fire (fire pails will be available at each campsite). Also note that state regulations may prohibit the use of any open or ground fire during this season if it has been too dry. Please check with the Webelos-O-Ree staff before starting a campfire.

Firewood

Due to local and state laws it is not permissible to bring firewood to the camp. This is to prevent the spread of insect pests and other tree diseases that may be present in the transported wood. You are allowed to use any deadfall around the campsites and Camp Snyder usually does have wood piles set up for use.

Equipment

Each attendee will be responsible for packing and bringing their own personal gear. This includes uniform, tent, blanket/sleeping bag, ground cloth, poncho, flashlight, and toiletries. Everyone should be fully prepared for the weather conditions typical for this time of the year. Either rain or shine, hot or cold, be prepared to bring enough clothing to be as comfortable as possible during the weekend. Hiking boots are preferable to sneakers, especially in wet weather.

Electronics

Cell phones are a part of modern life and are now being incorporated as tools by Scouts BSA. However, as experience has shown, camping is a great place to break or lose something that is

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expensive. We ask that all gaming devices be left home (we should have enough activities to keep everyone busy) as we will have only a single recharging station that will be only available for adult phones.

Poison Ivy!!!

Poison ivy is present in the woods and Den Leaders should go over with everyone camping how to recognize and treat for it (recognizing it is a Scouts BSA advancement requirement, so start teaching and have Scouts learning now).

BSA REGULATIONS

1. MEMBERSHIP – Scouts eligible for the Webelos-O-Ree **MUST** be registered members of a **Webelos Den** and meet the requirements of Den membership as established by Scouts BSA.
2. LEADERSHIP – Scouts will be under the supervision of their Den Leader and other adults in attendance at all times. The welfare of all Scouts is the joint responsibility of the Den Leader and the accompanying adults. The Den Leader must have Youth Protection training. Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders (OLSWL) and Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) training, however, are **not** required for this District event. The Den Leader should also have a copy of the medical forms with Parts A and B (which only requires information supplied by the parent and not a physical exam) filled out for each of their Scouts. Medical forms do not have to be turned in to the camp staff.
3. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SMOKING – **Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at Scouting functions. Anyone found possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages will be required to leave camp immediately.**

Smoking is discouraged at Scouting events. If you must smoke you should move to an area away from all Scouts. Scouts BSA has determined that smoking includes the use of electronic smoking devices (vaping).

4. AXES – Webelos may not use axes under any conditions. All chopping must be done by adults in an approved ax yard. Knife use must be done under adult supervision.
5. LANTERNS AND STOVES – Propane-fueled lanterns and stoves may be used under adult supervision. Liquid-fueled equipment using fuels such as Coleman fuel, kerosene, or white gas are **specifically prohibited**. There should never be any open flames in a tent. Tent light should be provided, where necessary, by flashlight or battery-powered lanterns.

FAQ's

Registration

- Q. What if I'm not sure which parent will be attending when filling in the registration forms?**
- A. Our main concern is that there is a commitment of an adult for each camping Scout, or one per five Scouts visiting. Changing the adult at the last minute is not a problem as long as another, equally qualified, adult takes their place.
- Q. Does the registration fee cover both the Scout and adult?**
- A. No, this is a per person fee. A Webelos with an adult camping would be two fees. The only adults who do not have to pay a registration fee are those for Rate C (visiting for the day).

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Q. Can one adult be the responsible adult for more than one Scout?

A. Yes. If a parent/guardian cannot attend, arrangements can be made by the Scout's family for another youth's parent (but not the Den Leader) or another adult relative or friend to be a substitute at the campout. Responsible adult partners must be at least 21 years of age. An adult, however, cannot be responsible for more than two Scouts. The non-related adult, however, cannot share the tent with the Scout.

Q. If we are only visiting for the day must there be an adult for each Scout and must the adult register?

A. During the day we require that there be at least one adult for every five Scouts. There is no registration fee for an adult that is just there for the activity periods.

Q. Can more than one adult register with a single Scout?

A. Yes. We have often had both parents attend with their son.

Q. Can our Den Chief (i.e., Scouts BSA assistant) attend?

A. Yes. In fact, we want to encourage it so much that there is no fee for them to attend.

Q. If we can't make the event how do we get our money back?

A. This is a rain or shine event with the Council handling the registration payments. They have a policy of no refunds for fees under \$25. You should first see if someone in your unit who is registering late can replace you and have them reimburse you. As a fallback, the Webelos-O-Ree staff may be able to put you in touch with someone in another unit, but there is no guarantee on us being able to do that.

Check-In

Q. Where do I check in when I arrive?

A. When you come in you, if camping, go directly to your assigned campsite (people will be at the entrance with maps) or if not then directly to the flag area by the dining hall.

Q. If I come in later, how do I find my unit?

A. Since there is no assigned activity rotation schedule for the units we can't tell you where your unit is at any given time. We suggest that everyone coming in have either the phone number of someone who will be there to direct you to them (providing they haven't turned their phone off) or have set up a prearranged meeting time/place.

Parking

Q. Why is the parking lot so far away?

A. A large area is needed for the number of visitors that Snyder gets for some events and needs to be close to the activity areas that are used during the day but away from the camping areas to cut down on the noise.

When parking please remember not to park in such a way that you block another car in. Even if you are not planning on staying long the other cars may still be leaving before you or can be needed in an emergency.

Q. Why can't I leave my car at the campsite?

A. The county fire marshal requires that all cars be placed in the parking lot. In addition, there are only so many places to park by each campsite and leaving a car in one prevents another person from being able to drop off their equipment.

Q. Why is the road into the campsite area closed at 9:00 AM?

A. A number of the activities run by the Troops are in the campsite area so there is constant foot traffic along the road. As a safety precaution we found it best to have the road closed.

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- Q. I have special needs that would require my car to be parked at the campsite, is that allowed?**
- A. Sorry. No. We've run this by the camp several times and have always gotten the same answer. Whether you are handicapped or on-call and need instant access to your car you cannot leave it at the campsite.

Camping

Q. Are there platforms for the tents?

- A. Each site has 10 large wooden tent platforms that are designed for the camp's large wall tents (which were taken down for the winter). They can be used for smaller tents. Given the number of campers we usually get for this event we expect to have more than 10 tents per site so some will be on the ground. Getting a platform will be a matter of 'first come, first serve.'

Q. Can Webelos share a tent?

- A. Yes, unless an adult is also in the tent. Only the responsible adult (parent or legal guardian) for each Webelos Scout may be in the same tent as the Webelos Scout.

Q. What gear should I bring?

- A. You will be responsible for you own camping gear (tent, sleeping bag, flashlight, etc.). We will supply the utensils, plates, and cups for the meals and get the cooking fires ready. Make sure that you bring raingear and water bottles/canteens. A Scout is always prepared and having a camping trip where it doesn't rain is considered unusual by most Troops. Many of the activities will require a lot of walking/running around and we want to make sure that no one gets dehydrated.

Q. The parent staying with the Scout overnight cannot be there during the day, can the Scout still attend with someone else for the activity period?

- A. Yes, as long as one adult doesn't have to watch over more than 5 Scouts.

Q. Can an adult camping overnight also be responsible for Webelos visiting for the day?

- A. Yes. The adult cannot be responsible for more than four non-camping Scouts and should not be the person responsible for their transportation home.

Q. Is there electricity at the campsites?

- A. No.

Q. Should we bring firewood for our fire?

- A. No. To prevent the dispersal of insect pests from one area to another the state does not allow for the transport of firewood. Camp Snyder staff, however, does try to have firewood piles available for campfires.

Other

Q. Can I bring younger siblings, friends, or other Cub Scouts?

- A. No. This is a Webelos only event.

Q. Can I bring our dog?

- A. No.

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Q. If we can't make it for the morning can we still come in later?

A. Yes. For those visiting just for the day we definitely recommend that you arrive no later than noon, however, or you will have missed most of the day's activities that you can attend.

Q. Should Webelos wear their uniform?

A. Scouts should always wear their uniforms when traveling to and from events and camping trips. All Scouts should be in uniform for the opening ceremony, after that they may change to other clothing. Uniforms will not be required for the evening flag ceremony, dinner, or the campfire, unless the Scout is involved in the evening flag lowering/ retreat ceremony. They must wear their uniform for that.

Q. What Webelos/AOL requirements will be covered by the event?

A. The emphasis we have placed on the Webelos-O-Ree is showing what fun camping is and what being in Scouts BSA is like and not on signing requirements that are already being covered in Den meetings and other outings.

Q. Why does it take so long to get through the dinner line?

A. The dinner line is our biggest bottleneck of the weekend and every year we work on improving the speed we get people through it. Last Webelos-O-Ree the staff managed to get 300+ people through in about 30 minutes (that's one person in/out every 6 seconds). Nonetheless, that's still a 30-minute wait for those at the end (which is really why you want to make sure your Pack does the Webelos Challenge to get to the beginning of the line).

Q. What happens with really bad weather?

A. If the weather forecasted for the day of the Webelos-O-Ree is a safety issue then we will cancel the camp and try to arrange a new date/location (as happened in 2015).

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Directions to Camp William B. Snyder
6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket, VA

Leesburg



From Sterling/Cascades/Ashburn (about 45 minutes):

1. Travel south on Route 28 to Interstate 66.
2. Travel west on Interstate 66 to exit #40 (Haymarket, VA).
3. Travel south (left) on Route 15 to the first traffic light (1/4 mile) and turn right onto Route 55 (John Marshall Hwy). A Sheetz station will be on the opposite corner.
4. Travel west about 1 mile to Antioch Road.
5. Turn right onto Antioch Road, go over 66, and follow signs to Camp Snyder on the left.

From Western Loudoun:

1. Travel south on Route 15 to Interstate 66.
2. Cross over Interstate 66 and go to the first traffic light, turn right onto Route 55 (John Marshall Hwy). A Sheetz station will be on the opposite corner.
3. Follow directions #'s 4 and 5 above.



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Schedule



Saturday 10/1

7:00 AM	Packs arrive. All cars must return to parking lot after dropping off equipment.
9:00 AM	Opening Ceremony (uniforms required)
9:00 AM	Road to campsite areas closed to traffic
9:30–11:30 AM	Activity Areas open
11:00 AM	Entry to shooting sports area closes.
11:30–12:30 PM	Lunch (bring your own), Campfire Skit Auditions (at the Headquarter pavilion)
12:30-3:00 PM	Activity Areas reopen
2:30 PM	Entry to shooting sports area closes
3:00 PM	Activity areas are closed.
3:15 PM	Arrow of Light Scouts – Webelos to Scouts BSA Orientation
4:30 PM	Evening Flag Ceremony (uniforms not required, wash hands before arriving as you'll be going straight to the dinner line)
4:45 PM	Dinner
8:00 PM	Evening campfire, meet and wait on road at campsite #11
10:00 PM	Lights Out

Sunday 10/2

7:00 AM	Reveille – no cars permitted into the camp until this time.
7:30 AM	Breakfast area open
8:00 AM	A Scout is Reverent (non-denominational service)
9:00 AM	Break camp
10:00 AM	Camp is closed, everyone must be out by this time



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Registration Instructions

- Registration is online. Go to <https://scoutingevent.com/082-51838> to register.
- There are three different Webelos-O-Ree rates:
 - A - Camping Overnight
 - B - Staying for dinner and campfire
 - C - Visiting for the day.
- For Rate A – Camping Overnight, there must be an adult for every Scout. In some cases, an adult can be responsible for a second camping Webelos (see FAQ for where this is allowed).
- Scouts BSA Den Chiefs do not have to pay to attend (FREE!). Please note that a Den Chief is not an Adult Den Leader!
- Registration can be done either individually or as a Unit. All Scouts in a Unit will be assigned to the same campsite, regardless of how/when they are registered.
- We will be sending out periodic emails to those who register to let them know about any changes/notes about the event. About 4 days prior to the event we will send out the final schedule and campsite assignments.
- Note: If you start but don't finish a registration, retain your registration ID #. When you return, type it in under "Lookup" in the upper right on the front page. If you don't remember this, don't panic. Contact the Registrar or the Course Director and we will look up your registration #.
- For Pack/Den leaders we can let you know which Scouts in your Unit have already registered.