2025 Fall WEBELOS ACTION CAMP

(FWAC)

RESOURCE GUIDE



VAC ADVENTURE BASE

7254 Boulder Lake Rd, Duluth, MN

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# Cost to attend Fall Webelos Action Camp

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| Webelos First year | $25.00 |
| Arrow of Light | $25.00 |
| Unit Leaders/Adults\* | $15.00 |
| Youth/Adult Staff | $10.00 |

Registration closes on 10/1/25 at 11:00 pm to allow us time to provide adequate program supplies and food.

**\*Unit leaders: Please plan accordingly. Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including all meetings. 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 or female adult program participants.**

***Cub Scout Programs – Overnight Exception:* Cub Scout parents or legal guardians taking part in an overnight Cub Scout program with their own child or legal ward are not required to register as leaders. All adults must review the “**[How](https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/parents-guides/) [to](https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/parents-guides/) [Protect](https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/parents-guides/) [your Children](https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/parents-guides/) [from](https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/parents-guides/) [Child](https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/parents-guides/) [Abuse:](https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/parents-guides/) [A](https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/parents-guides/) [Parent’s](https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/parents-guides/) [Guide](https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/parents-guides/)**” that can be found in the front of each Cub Scout Handbook. In addition, the parent or legal guardian must be accompanied by a registered leader at any time they are with youth members other than their own child/ward. All other overnight adults must be currently registered in an adult fee required position.**

**If non-registered adults attend with your Pack, they can NOT be counted toward 2 deep leadership requirements at any time.**

**First Year Webelos Program**

“Put Action in Action Camp”

As Webelos, you will be participating in stations where you will challenge yourself and each other “Scouting Style” by learning and using skills that will be needed for future Scouting adventures. You may be timed, required to work as a team, and dared to improve yourself.

“Whether you think you can or think you cannot, either way you are correct.”

 – Henry Ford

Get ready for a day of action, fun and good memories that will last a lifetime!

Webelos Action will include:

* BB Gun Shooting
* Archery
* “Stronger, Faster, Higher” Adventure activities
* Knot Tying
* Shelter Building
* “Walkabout” Adventure activities
* Fire Building

(Cub Scouts are asked to please bring a fire-starting ignition source other than matches or lighter i.e. flint and steel or fero rod and striker if the Scout already has one.)

* First Responder – visit from EMT
* “Bobcat” activities

Webelos will face these challenges at the VAC Adventure Base.

# Arrow of Light Program

A Trip to Scout Island

Arrow of Light Scouts will put their outdoor skills to the test as they prepare for a canoe trip to Scout Island in the BWCAW!

We will set the stage for a high adventure trip in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness of northern Minnesota. The Scouts will be challenged to think about their needs during a canoe trip. They will engage in hands-on opportunities to build specific skills related to camping in the wilderness, including what to do when things don’t go according to plan. We will use the EDGE method (Explain, Demonstrate, Guide, and Enable) to teach and practice skills that are widely used during Scouts BSA Troop campouts. There will be some twists and turns, so AOL Scouts will need to think outside the box as they problem solve their way through the stations, completing each task needed for a successful trip to Scout Island.

AOL skill challenges will include learning and practicing the following:

· Building an Emergency Shelter/Signaling

· Fire Building

· Purifying Water

· Hanging a Bear Bag/Knot Tying

· Canoeing

· Packing a Backpack

. BB Guns

\*\* Canoeing will be part of the AOL adventure. Please have your AOL’s swim tested prior to the event and turn in completed swim test form at ckeck in.\*\*Personal Flotation Device Required\*\*\*\* If you don’t have a lifejacket, one will be provided\*\*

This AOL adventure will take place on the grounds of Camp Horace Johnson.

A lunch will be provided as part of our programming. Be prepared… for a great adventure in scouting!

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# FALL WAC SCHEDULE

**Subject to Adjustment**

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| FRIDAY |  |
| 5:00 P.M. | Check in opens and set up campsites-Eat dinner before you arrive- Bring your own snacks for campers |
| 8:15 P.M. |  Dutch oven cobbler (provided by staff)(Diagonally from the Mess tent) |
| 9:00 P.M. | Cracker Barrel for ADULTS (MANDATORY)-meet at Mess Tent -Stargazing activity for scouts |
| 10:00 P.M.SATURDAY | Lights out |
| 6:30 A.M. |  **Wake up, breakfast in campsite** (cook your own- keep it simple) |
| 7:30 A.M. | **Opening flag ceremony** at main Campfire ring next to Mess Tent |
| 8:00 A.M. |  **Morning activities begin** |
| 12:00 P.M. |  **Lunch** provided by staff |
| 12:45 P.M. |  **Afternoon activities begin** |
| 5:00 P.M. | **Closing flag ceremony** |
| 5:15 P.M. | **Non- Denominational Worship Service** at main campfire ring (all campers should attend). |
| 6:00 P.M. | **Dinner** at your campsite (cook on your own. Please refer to Req. 1 of “Stronger, Faster, Higher” adventure) |
| 7:30 P.M. | **Quiet time**-wait quietly at your campsite to be escorted to the Campfire Program. |
| 7:50 P.M. | **Campfire*** Bring bag chairs and/or blankets, rain gear, flashlights
* After campfire, back to your campsite “cracker barrel” snacks on your own.
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| 11:00 P.M.SUNDAY | **Lights-out** |
| 7:00 A.M. | **Wake up**-Breakfast provided by staff at Mess tent (Eat Breakfast before breaking camp!!) |
| 8:00 A.M. | **Campsite breakdown** and clean up Check out with WAC SPL-Practice Leave No Trace with your unit |
| 9:00 A.M. | **Depart camp** |

# Preparing for Fall Webelos Action Camp

This is a Webelos event. Be sure that for every three Webelos Scouts you have one registered YPT adult. The BSA guideline of two-deep leadership will also be followed the entire weekend, before, during and after all events. Units with girls attending must have 2 female Scouts for the buddy system and have a registered adult female with them.

When registering, make sure all parents have filled out BSA Annual Health & Medical Record Part A and B for their Scout, and themselves if they plan on attending camp with their Scout.

As this event is in October, the weather can be warm and sunny, or it can be cool and rainy, or even snowy! Please monitor the weather forecast and pack accordingly (have scouts help pack their own gear so they know what they have and where to find it while at camp).

Make sure you have correct clothing and bedding including adequate tents and tarps for all campers! Day time temperatures average about 55 degrees and nighttime lows average about 30-40 degrees. Be prepared for a possible rain shower or two.

***One individual vehicle will be allowed at your unit campsite!*** This will be designated as your Bear Box. All others will be required to park in designated areas only. (Staff approved vehicles will be identified with red parking passes.)

You as a unit will be preparing meals for Saturday breakfast and Saturday dinner. We strongly recommend that everyone eat dinner on Friday before arriving at WAC. Saturday lunch and Sunday breakfast will be provided by the WAC staff.

Make it simple! Include your Webelos Scouts in the planning and preparation of meals to earn advancement.

# What to Bring to Fall Webelos Action Camp

1. Each pack is responsible for bringing their own **tents, ground pads, water, food, eating and cooking utensils, trash bags.** We recommend that packs/dens plan, cook, and eat their meals together. Keep the cooking simple for fast easy clean up!

Water on-site will not be accessible at Adventure Base due to water treatment needed. Emergency refills will be available from Horace Johnson, upon request.

1. **Water bucket** for fire. Firewood will be available. The weather can get chilly, and there will be no other heat source in the campsites.
2. A personal folding table if desired. One picnic table will be provided at every campsite.
3. Wear **rugged closed toe shoes or boots and a hat with a visor** You will be walking on Saturday and Sunday and be outside the entire time.
4. **Clothing** Weather can change in a very short time so plan for both warm and cold weather. Layering is recommended. Avoid cotton base layers in cool/cold weather.
5. **Class A uniform** Scouts travel and attend camp-wide events in Class A uniform. Class A is also required for the religious service and campfire. **Activity uniform** Any Scouting T-Shirt will be the uniform for Saturday’s action activities. Adult leaders, volunteers and parents are also encouraged to follow uniform standards during the event.
6. **Completed Annual BSA Health and Medical Forms A & B for scouts and adults attending camp.**

# Fall WAC Packing Checklist

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| Tent, Poles, Stakes | Pajamas/Sweatshirt and Sweatpants |
| Waterproof Ground Cloth | Extra Socks and Shoes |
| Sleeping Bag, Pillow, Bed Roll/Insulating Pad | 1 Extra Outfit (pants/shorts, shirt, underwear) |
| Mess Kit: Plate, Bowl, Cup, Silverware | Sunscreen and Bug Spray (Non-Aerosol) |
| Filled Water Bottle | Toothbrush, Toothpaste and Comb,Deodorant |
| Cub Scout Class A Uniform | Lawn/Bag Chair(s) |
| Durable, Closed-Toed and Comfortable Shoes – preferably waterproof | Extra Plastic Garbage Bags (in case of rain to create extra poncho) |
| Raincoat, Rain Pants or Poncho | Flashlight/Headlamp |
| Warm Jacket/Coat | Personal First Aid Kit |
| Gloves | Single Use Hand Warmers(optional) |
| Ball Cap (sun protection) | Hand Sanitizer |
| Winter Hat (for sleeping in) | Webelos Handbook |
| Fire ignition source (flint&steel or fero rod) | **Pack provided cooking gear & food** |

**No one will be allowed to participate at the event without a completed Annual BSA Health and Medical Form.**

**ADDITIONAL PACKING NOTES:**

We will be on the go all day on Saturday, so carrying a daypack with a filled water bottle, snack, sunscreen, bug spray, personal first aid kit, and weather dependent clothing is highly recommended.

# Fall WAC Check-in Procedures

We want your check-in process to be as smooth as possible. Have the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record ready to be checked by our medical staff**. One leader from each pack will need to collect all the information for every member in attendance and bring them to the check-in tent before the Pack will be allowed to enter camp**. (please advise us at check in if any in your group are arriving late so we can direct them to your camp.)

**PAPERWORK NEEDED TO CHECK IN:**

Please have the following materials ready when you arrive at the check-in station:

* WAC Unit Roster (completed with name and info for ALL participants attending, including the number of participants for your unit in each program age category: First Year Webelos, Arrow of Lights, and all adults.)
* Annual BSA Health and Medical Record (one completed for each person attending, including all adults)

BSA Annual Health & Medical Record and Permission

Forms are available to be printed at the end of this guide or at

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-001_ab.pdf>

Please complete both sections “A” and “B” of the Annual BSA Health & Medical Form. You do not need a doctor's appointment or Dr. signature for either of these sections. If you have attended any other BSA events since September of the previous year and your information has not changed, you do not need to complete a new form. BSA Health & Medical Records are not retained by the council from previous council or district events. Please give a copy of your completed forms to your Den Leader prior to this event.

**IMPORTANT** – Den Leaders are responsible for collecting all Health and Medical Forms to be turned in at check-in. When checking in, you will be asked to speak to the Medical Personnel for updates on medical concerns.

**IF A CAMPER DOES NOT HAVE THE APPROPRIATE MEDICAL FORMS, THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CAMP AT WAC.**

Medical forms will be collected when you check in. Be prepared to turn in the completed forms for ALL participants to the medical staff located at the registration table. If you are aware of any health or behavior concerns, please inform medical staff. We strive to make this a fun and safe event for everyone.

Leaders, we recommend that you put health forms in a manila envelope to keep all health forms organized and confidential. If any of your participants need medical attention, you (or an adult you designate) will be responsible to alert medical staff about pertinent health information.

**OTHER CHECK-IN INFORMATION:**

Once checked in you will follow the road to your campsite assignment to unload your gear before moving your vehicle to the designated parking area.

Registration opens at **5:00 P.M. on Friday, October 4.** Please do not arrive before then.

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

If you will be driving to VAC Adventure Base, please keep in mind that there is limited parking. Each vehicle that arrives should be full of either camping gear or Scouts. Please car-pool. Your name, phone number and pack number must be visible from the dashboard of your vehicle so that WAC Staff can locate you, if needed. (These car info forms will be available at the check-in

table.)

Please remember while arriving and departing to pay close attention to your surroundings (dirt roads), there will be people everywhere so there is a 15-mph speed limit.

**Fall WAC PARKING PROCEDURES**

Safety is our first concern. Please drive carefully and follow the directions from posted signs and WAC staff. For safety, please adhere to the following guidelines:

1. **No parking on the road.**
2. You will be directed where to park by one of our attendants. It will be tight quarters for parking so please pull forward. Realize that you will also be parking close to other vehicles so watch when opening doors.
3. You will be handed a vehicle information slip at registration. Fill it out and place it on the dashboard of your vehicle so we can read it. This is very important, as it contains your contact information in case we need you to move your vehicle.
4. Only ONE personal vehicle is allowed to remain at your unit campsite. All others park in designated parking areas.

# FALL WAC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

**SUPERVISION:**

Two-deep leadership is a policy of Cub Scouts & Scouts BSA to ensure the safety of all youth registered in the program. There should also be one registered and YPT adult for every three Webelos attending with a minimum of two adults per pack. You must follow the buddy system for both adults and Scouts! If your unit consists of two or more families, at least two adults must be registered with the BSA, and must be twenty-one years of age or older. Also keep in mind that all adults must be Youth Protection trained (Youth Protection training is available on-line at https://my.scouting.org) Leaders registered with camping units are to stay with the unit during the event.

**UNIFORMS:**

WAC is a uniformed activity for all registered youth and leaders. The uniform affects the appearance of the event and encourages good behavior. The uniform helps transform WAC from an ordinary event into an inspirational and thrilling Scouting spectacle. Please remind Webelos Scouts and leaders to bring their full class A uniform.

**BEHAVIOR:**

Many people will observe the conduct and appearance of your Scouts while attending WAC. The Scout Oath and Law are the standards of behavior for all participants. All participants and their unit leaders are responsible for proper conduct and appearance.

The following items are not allowed for participants at WAC: bringing in Fireworks, Firearms, Ammunition, Archery Equipment, Bicycles, Paintball Guns, Pets, Alcohol, Illegal Drugs, ATV’s, Electronics.

**MOTORIZED PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION, BIKES, ETC:**

The use of all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, mopeds, etc. is prohibited at WAC. In addition, participants are not allowed to bring or use personal bikes, skates, or skateboards. Powered wheelchairs for persons with physical disabilities are allowed. Once programming begins, no vehicles will be allowed past barriers of the designated campsites and programming areas without the approved red parking pass. Only staff are allowed to use side by side to help with transportation of camping gear and other needs.

# Northern StarAdventure Base Facilities

**TOILET FACILITIES :**

Permanent latrines are located at both Adventure Base and Horace Johnson, along with portable latrines throughout camp. There are separate male and female facilities identified. Please use the appropriate one.

**SHOWER FACILITIES:**

There are no shower facilities available to campers during WAC.

**TRASH REMOVAL:**

The BSA takes great pride in keeping the camping and activity areas litter free. Be prepared to leave your camping area cleaner than when you arrived. Please recycle as

much as possible. “Trash only” dumpster will be available Remember: LEAVE NO TRACE!

**WATER:**

Due to water treatment needed, water will not be available at Adventure Base. **Packs must bring their own water in containers for their campsite.** WAC staff can refill containers at Horace Johnson in an emergency. We encourage all participants to carry water bottles with them.

**DISHWATER DISPOSAL:**

Grey water (dirty dishwater) should be disposed of in a responsible Scout-like manner. Typically, graywater is dumped in the tree lines surrounding your sub-camp, not in your campsite or the walking paths in your sub-camp.

Do not dispose of greywater at or near the water taps. If you are unsure of proper disposal, please ask any staff member to demonstrate these proper techniques.

**ELECTRICITY:**

Electricity is not available for pack use in the Sub Camps. Please do not bring generators.

**COOKING, CAMPFIRES, & LANTERNS:**

Webelos Action Camp will allow cooking on stoves that use only propane, butane and/or white gas (Coleman Fuel). Due to safety concerns, no other fuel types will be allowed for unit cooking. Some of the campsites are equipped with a fire pit. Also a picnic table will be available at each site. If your unit plans to cook on an open fire, we encourage you to bring an above ground fire pit. A water bucket should be brought for the campfire at your campsite.

**FOOD STORAGE:**

Units are required to properly store their food away from the wild animals. One vehicle will be allowed to remain at each campsite to use as a Bear Box.

# EMERGENCY INFORMATION

**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION:**

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| Patrick Sirois | Course Director | 218-348-5073 |
| Kadi Steinhaus | Medical Staff | 218-590-0876 |
| Brian Mattson |  Scoutmaster | 218-590-7838 |

Anyone calling the emergency numbers needs to be prepared to leave a message with location and a call-back number. It may take some time to locate the person and have them return the call.

**MEDICAL/ FIRST AID:**

First Aid services will be available throughout the entire weekend and located at the HQ/Mess Tent. All injuries must be reported to unit leaders and the medical staff. Weather can be unpredictable at this time of year. Please review safe camping practices like staying warm and dry, drinking water to keep hydrated, good footwear, fire safety and checking for signs of hypothermia. Conditions requiring emergency medical attention will be referred to a nearby hospital and/or medical facility. The decision to transport a participant will be made by leaders and parents on-site. Every effort will be made to contact the responsible adult to accompany a minor needing medical evacuation. We will also attempt to contact the emergency contact listed for the Scout on the Annual BSA Health & Medical Record. Should the condition of the participant require removal to a hospital, home, or the care of a family physician, the related expenses are a family responsibility. If there is a need to leave the event due to illness, the participant must check out with the medical team headquartered at the Mess Tent. Communication to the parent or guardian of a youth will be the responsibility of the unit leaders.

**YOUTH MEDICATIONS:**

The storage and administering of youth medication is the responsibility of unit leaders. Use a medication lock box and make sure parents send meds in labeled original Rx containers with dosing and other instructions clearly labeled.

**LOST/MISSING PERSON:**

If a participant becomes lost or is missing, follow your unit buddy system process first to verify there is in fact a person lost/missing. Communicate with other leaders in your unit and re-unite the unit to verify the missing/lost person. Once you have determined you have a lost or missing person, contact a WAC Staff member. Please stay in the location where you last saw the Scout. Do not walk around looking for the person’s group or “buddy.” Many times, the lost person is within 100 yards of his/her group and the group who is in the process of finding the lost participant. Allow other adults to look while one unit leader stands still.

At the beginning of the event, discuss with your scouts the “buddy system,” what to do if they get separated from the group and decide on a location to meet if you become separated. (For example, the mess tent.)

**SEVERE WEATHER:**

If severe weather causes a need to take shelter, an alarm signal of sounding car horns in a series of three horn blasts will be used to warn participants, exhibitors, and staff. If you hear this signal, proceed to the mess tent and you will be given further instructions. Please stay in the area or shelter area until a staff member has issued an “all clear” notice. Lightning conditions may result in the same actions taken as severe weather. In addition, you may be instructed to squat with your feet close together. You then have minimal contact with the ground, thus reducing danger from ground currents. If the threat of lightning strikes is great, your unit should not huddle together but spread out at least 15 feet apart. The designated vehicle in each campsite may be used for emergency shelter, if needed. If required, Adventure Base will be evacuated, and shelter will be available at Horace Johnson.

# FALL WAC CHECK OUT PROCEDURES

As Webelos Action Camp comes to an end, everyone will need to pack up their equipment, clean up their campsite, and be checked out by a WAC staff member. Units MUST NOT leave camp until their camp site has been inspected by WAC staff and the staff gives the unit leader the units Health forms and given permission to leave. Remember to LEAVE NO TRACE!

**CHECKOUT TIME AND PROCEDURE:**

Packs may begin striking camp **after** breakfast on Sunday*. (Come through the chow line and eat before striking camp).* Please send a unit leader or parent to the food tent to notify the SPL when your campsite is ready for inspection. After a pack has had its campsite area inspected and approved by one of the WAC staff, the unit may depart.

**PRACTICE LEAVE NO TRACE:**

While at the camp, your unit is expected to pick up all trash and return the site to a better condition than when you arrived. That includes making sure there are no food scraps, sunflower seeds, etc., in the campsite when you are ready to leave. You will be required to pick such things up on Sunday before you can leave. If you take care not to make a mess, there will be no mess to clean up on Sunday morning.

**SPECIAL NEEDS PARTICIPANT:**

If one of the participants in your unit requires special needs assistance, please let WAC Staff know and assistance will be given as needed.