

2023 Webelos Weekend

Leader's Guide



Camp Geiger, Pony Express Council

July 12th-15th, 2023

Dear Leaders & Parents,

Welcome to Webelos Weekend at Camp Geiger! We are truly excited for Webelos Weekend this year with many fun-packed opportunities for both the leaders and the Scouts! Our goal for this camp is not only to have a fun time while learning scout skills and completing adventures but also to help you get used to Camp Geiger and its operations during Scouts BSA Resident Camp. Unlike Cub Scout Wolf and Bear Camp, this camp is geared more towards the Scouts taking their own classes and getting used to Camp Geiger operations.

Now that you as well as your pack is registered, get ready to enjoy a great time at Camp Geiger. Our staff has worked hard to make sure that you and your packs have the experience of your life while you are at Webelos Weekend 2023.

Please take the time to read through this leader's guide. It spells out what you need to do while planning for your pack's great stay at camp and what you and your Webelos can expect once you arrive at camp. Make sure that every leader or parent that will be attending camp has had the opportunity to read this leader's guide. This leader's guide is also available on the website at www.ponyexpressbsa.org

Each pack will have an assigned campsite where they will have assigned platform tents. Cots are not provided by the camp for the tents so please plan accordingly. Scouts will get a chance to spend time in larger groups as well as have some quality time with their friends in their packs. Meals will be served family-style in the dining hall, just like the Scouts at summer camp. Cubs are encouraged to work together to share campsite and dining hall duties.

Packs throughout the weekend will compete in a number of Camp Geiger Survivor challenges that will challenge their scouting skills and knowledge. We also encourage each pack to come up with a skit to perform at the campfire on Friday evening.

If there are any questions that you may have about our program or about the operation of Webelos Weekend, please do not hesitate to email me at peccubcamping@gmail.com or contact the council office at 816-233-1351. We look forward to a fun-filled stay with you and your pack this summer at Camp Geiger!

Yours in Scouting,

The Pony Express Council Cub Scout Camping Team

Registration Information

Important Dates:

June 23rd- Registration DUE, Early fee rates end after this date

July 3rd- Pre-Camp Leader's Meeting via Zoom

July 12th-15th – Webelos Weekend: Camp Geiger Survivor

Camper Fees:

\$103 per Scout by June 23rd and \$113 starting June 24th*

\$93 per Adult by June 23rd and \$103 starting June 24th*

*This fee includes meals, lodging, program supplies, and patch.

Refund Policy:

Refunds will only be made in extenuating circumstances such as illness or death; these will be approved by the council office on a documented case-by-case basis. Refunds will be paid by the council service center. No refunds will be given at camp.

Leadership:

During Webelos Weekend at Camp Geiger we observe 2 deep leadership for every pack at all times. All adults (registered scouts and parents) attending Webelos Weekend with a pack MUST complete Youth Protection Training.

*The exception to this rule is when Scouts are attending their activity rotations during the day on Friday and Saturday, at this time the staff will serve as these Scouts 2 deep leadership. Leaders are more than welcome to still attend these activity rotations.

Camp Visitors:

If there are parents visiting, they must check in at the camp office to sign in and get a visitors badge. Visitors do not count towards the leadership requirement, cannot be in camp after lights out/taps or before reveille, they also cannot actively participate in camp activities, but are more than welcome to watch. Visitors will also not be able to eat in the dining hall, as your unit's settings are set up according to your unit's numbers.

Camperships:

A limited number of camperships are available for the Pony Express Council Scouts with financial need. Campership applications are due no later than 4/1. Unit leaders are encouraged to plan ahead and discuss fees, fundraising opportunities in their pack, and/or financial need with parents well in advance of payment deadlines. Forms are available at www.ponyexpressbsa.org Contact the Pony Express Council Service Center for more information.

Check-in & Check-Out Procedures

When you arrive at Camp Geiger for Webelos Weekend this year the check-in procedures will be very similar to the past years. We have created this check-in process to make it more

user friendly for our campers and leaders, as well as make the transition between Cub Camping and Boy Scout Summer camp easier. To make your check-in experience run smoother please plan on everyone from your pack to arrive at the same time to avoid delaying your check-in process.

Check in starts at 1pm; please do not arrive at camp before 1pm, as the staff will not be prepared for your pack.

BEFORE CAMP:

The check-in process actually starts at the virtual pre-camp leaders meeting held the Monday before the camp (July 3rd). At this meeting the Director team will cover very important information for the upcoming camp as well as confirm numbers to make campsite assignments, and leaders guide packets. Trading Post hours will be announced at the leader's meeting. Each pack needs to have at least 1 representative at this meeting.

Checking in the Day of the Event:

Upon arrival at camp we ask a few simple things that will help make your check in process easier. *Please have your scouts arrive in their swim trunks, as they will go through swim checks before going to their campsites.*

1. When arriving at camp, go directly to the main parking lot, to help with traffic flow.
2. Leaders and scouts should go directly to the Octagonal Pavilion to meet up with their staff host, this host will take the boys through the check-in process (There is a member assigned just to your pack)
 - a. NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT GO THROUGH CHECK-IN WITHOUT YOUR STAFF GUIDE
 - b. You will receive your campsite assignment during the check-in process from a member of the commissioner staff.
 - c. Please make sure each boy has a copy of their physical form and medications with them before starting your check-in process
3. The host will take your unit through the check-in process in handicraft corral as well as to the pool for swim check and your campsite. Enjoy your tour of Camp along the way!
4. Once you get your campsite assignment consolidate all of your packs camping gear to as few vehicles as possible
 - a. These vehicles will be able to go into the campsite to drop off the gear
 - b. Only 2 vehicles per campsite, you will receive the campsite pass from a staff member by the road into your campsite
 - c. Please move your vehicle from the campsite after it is unloaded

To ensure a minimal wait time, and smooth process please make sure everyone from your unit arrives at approximately the same time to Camp Geiger!

Checking out of camp:

1. ONLY 2 VEHICLES PER CAMPSITE
2. Make sure you move all items out of your campsite when loading
3. Tie your tent flaps in bow knots
4. If you moved any cots out of tents please return them before your departure
5. Please join us for the closing Awards ceremony at 8:30 am in the Handicraft Corral.

Program

General:

The program at Camp Geiger Webelos Weekend is built around improving the scout's skills, working towards completing adventures while having fun. There will be a number of fun and exciting activities for scouts to build their schedules around!

Activities offered:

The class grid of activities can be accessed at the end of this document

*All activity offerings are offered on a first come, first served basis with our online sign up system. No bumps will be made.**

Campwide Activity:

During this time all scouts on camp will participate in Camp Geiger Survivor Challenges, some that they saw LIVE at our campfire and meal programs!

Leader Program Opportunities:

In 2023 we will be offering multiple adult leader training and activity offerings for our adult campers. The costs of these programs are covered through your camp fees. This is a great opportunity to catch up with your training while you are at camp!

A full schedule of adult leader training offerings will be made available at a later date.

Baden Powell Outpost Program

A PERFECT pair for our Camp Geiger Survivor program, our outpost program has been revised and is back in 2023! Join us for the newly redesigned Baden Powell Outpost program the night before Webelos Weekend begins! This is a wilderness survival program that offers the ultimate camping experience for scouts and their leaders! The newly redesigned program includes:

- Guided wilderness survival shelter building by a qualified staff member

- o Demonstration shelters on site!
- Wilderness Outpost meals cooked by your group over a fire!
- A special rustic campfire program in the woods, with a special guest!
- A night out under the stars in the woods of Camp Geiger
- A Leave No Trace Round Robin training fair in the morning
- Early Swim Checks (beat the check-in crowd!)
- A tasty lunch to start off your Webelos Weekend experience
- A special gift only available to Baden Powell Outpost participants!

Camp Policies

Adult Leadership:

All packs must have a minimum of two registered leaders.

Every pack that attends must be under the supervision of its own adult leadership at all times. According to the BSA Youth Protection Policy, two-deep leadership is required for all activities, one leader who is at least 21 years of age and a second who is 18 years of age or older.

You are in charge of your pack at all times and responsible for the discipline and organization of your pack. It is never the camp staff's task to take over your role as leader of your unit.

Youth Protection Guidelines must be followed. This includes that no adult can stay in a tent with any scout unless it is his parent. All adults (Leaders and parents) must have completed BSA's youth protection training. There are NO exceptions!

Camp Physicals:

All Webelos and adults are required to bring a copy of their BSA Annual Health and Medical Record. Parts A and B are required and must be completed within the previous 12 months.

All participants in the Baden Powell Outpost Program will need to bring a copy of their BSA Annual Health and Medical Record, Parts A, B and C.

Tobacco Products:

In accordance with the national policy of the Boy Scouts of America, Adults are asked to use discretion when using tobacco products and should avoid using them in the presence of campers. Smoking is not permitted in camp buildings nor is the use of tobacco products by those under the age of 18.

Controlled Substances:

In accordance with the national policy of the Boy Scouts of America, alcohol and illegal drugs are not permitted on camp property. Discovery of these items will result in immediate

dismissal from the property. All medications must be under lock and key. Medications can be turned in to the camp health officer on arrival to be placed under lock or in the campsite.

Firearms:

Firearms and ammunition are available at the camp for use in the Shooting Sports area. Personal bows, shotguns, and other firearms are not allowed on camp property.

Footwear:

Except when at the pool, shower or lake area, closed-toe and closed-heel shoes must be worn in camp, no sandals or flip-flops

Youth Protection:

One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is not permitted. In situations that require a personal conference; the meeting is to be conducted in view of others. Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing into swimming suits or taking showers at camp and intrude only to the extent that health and safety requires. Scout campers must extend the same courtesy when female leaders are present in camp, signs are available to indicate the gender of the latrine or shower occupant.

Vehicles:

All vehicles must be parked in the main parking lot or on the ridge in between the dining hall and headquarters. No Vehicles are allowed in camp without the express permission of the Camp Director. NO ONE IS PERMITTED TO RIDE IN THE BACK OF PICK-UP TRUCKS OR TRAILERS.

Telephone and Mail:

The camp emergency phone number is (816) 364-1523 and is to be used only for camp business or emergencies. Parents and others should remember that due to the camp size and individual schedules, it is not possible to locate campers or leaders at a moment's notice. Mail is delivered daily to Camp Geiger and should be addressed as follows:

Scouts Name & Unit #
Camp Geiger
9525 County Road 388
St. Joseph, MO 64505

Leaving Camp Early:

Anyone, Scout or leader, who leaves the camp property, must checkout with the camp office. If a Scout is planning to leave camp (i.e, Summer school, soccer game, etc.) a "Camper Release Form" must be on file in the camp office in order to facilitate a speedy checkout. Please, advise all parents that they will have to prove their identity when checking a Scout out of camp and please understand that we need you (the unit leader) to be present at the time to verify that the Scout is allowed to leave with this specific person, even if they are the parent.

Trading Post:

The Flaming Crow Trading Post is conveniently stocked with handicraft projects, Scouting literature and materials, snacks, drinks, camp souvenirs, along with a wide assortment of BSA and camping supplies. The Trading Post accepts cash, checks and Credit/Debit cards. This year you can also log onto the Online Trading Post website to order souvenir t-shirts, care packages and MUCH more for your scouts camping with us. The store can be accessed at: <https://squareup.com/store/Camp-Geiger>.

Electronic Devices:

Radios, video games, and other electronic devices are strongly discouraged, but the policy will be left up to the individual unit leadership. Camp Geiger cannot ensure their safety. Also, the past has shown them to be disruptive and annoying to the program as well as the general camp environment. So we encourage you to keep them at home.

Meals:

All of the meals will be served family style in the dining hall, unless otherwise noted during the pre-camp meeting.

In the dining hall you pack will have assigned tables, your pack will need to provide a table waiter for each table. PLEASE ONLY SET EACH TABLE FOR 8 PEOPLE!

Buddy System:

The buddy system is simply a pairing of boys that go places together. The buddy system should be used at all times during camp. Everywhere the boys go they should be with a buddy. No Webelos Scout should be seen alone in camp away from his group.

Camp Health and Safety

Health Lodge:

The camp has an on-site Health Officer, trained in First Aid and Emergency Response. The Health Officer provides routine medical treatment and handles minor medical problems.

Program Areas:

All program areas, including the lake and climbing tower, are off-limits when closed.

Fire Prevention:

In case of fire, the Camp Office is to be notified immediately. Each unit is to organize a Fireguard Plan furnished by the camp. Camp Staff members serve as the principal fire fighters. All Campers are required to stay clear of any fire areas. Leaders are instructed to assemble their Scouts in a safe area and take a roll call. No liquid fuel may be left in the campsite. No fires or flames are allowed in tents or campsites. YOU MUST NOTIFY THE

CAMP DIRECTOR AND CAMP RANGER IF YOU HAVE PROPANE IN YOUR CAMPSITE.

Emergency Procedures:

Emergency procedures are provided to all leaders at the pre-camp meeting and when checking into camp. The procedures are specific campsites assigned to the unit. It is important that these procedures are shared with all unit leaders.

Webelos Weekend Schedule

WEDNESDAY, July 12th, 2023

1-4 PM- ARRIVALS
1- 5 PM- Swim Checks at the Pool
5:15 PM- Leaders Meeting at Large Arrow Council Ring
6:00 PM- Packs Assemble on the North Side of the Dining Hall
6:15 PM- Dinner
7:30 PM- Campers line up in corral for Campfire
7:45 PM- Campfire
10:00 PM- Call to Quarters
10:15 PM- Amazing Grace
10:30 PM- Taps

THURSDAY, July 13th, 2023

6:45 AM- First Call
7:00 AM- Reveille
7:10 AM- Waiters Call
7:20 AM- Parade Call
7:25 AM- Flag Raising
7:30 AM- Breakfast
9:00-9:45 AM- First Activity
10:00-10:45 AM- Second Activity
11:00-11:45 AM- Third Activity
12:10 PM- Waiters Call
12:20 PM- Parade Call
12:25 PM- Assembly on Flag Plaza
12:30 PM- Lunch
1:15-1:50 PM- Rest Period
2:00-2:45 PM- Fourth Activity
3:00-5:00- Camp Wide Activity (In Scoutcraft Valley)
5:00-5:50 PM- Free Swim/Rest Period
6:10 PM- Waiters Call
6:10 PM- Flag Lowering
6:15 PM- Dinner
7:45 PM – Campers line up in Handicraft Corral

8:00 PM- Campfire
10:00 PM- Call to Quarters
10:30 PM- Taps

FRIDAY, July 14th, 2023

6:45 AM- First Call
7:00 AM- Reveille
7:10 AM- Waiters Call
7:20 AM- Parade Call
7:25 AM- Flag Raising
7:30 AM- Breakfast
9:00-9:45 AM- Fifth Activity
10:00-10:45 AM- Sixth Activity
11:00-11:45 AM- Seventh Activity
11:15 AM- Leaders Meeting at Large Arrow Council Ring
12:10 PM- Waiters Call
12:20 PM- Parade Call
12:25 PM- Assembly on Flag Plaza
12:30 PM- Lunch
1:15-1:50 PM- Rest Period
2:00-2:45 PM- Eighth Activity
3:00-5:00 PM- Camp Wide Activity (Scoutcraft Valley)
5:00-5:50 PM- Rest Period/ Free Swim
6:00 PM- Waiters Call
6:10 PM- Flag Lowering
6:15 PM- Dinner
7:15 PM – Campers go to corral for Arrowpath program, Cracker-barrel Following
10:00 PM- Call to Quarters
10:30 PM- Taps

SATURDAY, July 15th, 2023

7:00 AM- Reveille
7:30 AM- Continental Breakfast in the Dining Hall
8:00 AM- Non-Denominational Scout's Own Service at the Chapel.
8:30 AM- Camp Geiger Survivor Awards Show and Closing in the Dining Hall

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