2024 Webelos Weekend Leader's Guide



Camp Geiger, Pony Express Council
July 10th-13th, 2024

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 Adventure Camp, this camp is geared more towards the Scouts taking their own classes and getting used to Camp Geiger operations.

Now that you and your pack are signed up, 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 2024.

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 Clue activities 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 Thursday 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 10th- Registration DUE, Early fee rates end after this date July 1st- Pre-Camp Leader's Meeting via Zoom July 12th-15th – Webelos Weekend: Camp Geiger Clue

Camper Fees:

\$108 per Scout by June 10th and \$118 starting June 11th*

\$88 per Scout by June 10th with the \$20 Cub Scout Adventure Camp discount (\$98 starting 6/11)*

\$98 per Adult by June 10th and \$108 starting June 11th*

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

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 Thursday and Friday, 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 1st). 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 Scout has a copy of their health 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

- *Starting June 1st 2024, Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts will be separated into two different program requirements. Please ensure your Scout is signed up for age-appropriate offerings.
- *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 CLUE-based activities that will get them moving and in the detective spirit!

Leader Program Opportunities:

In 2024 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 2024! 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, 2 leaders who are at least 21 years of age.

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 Health Forms:

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. Part C requires a physical examination by a qualified medical professional.

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 21.

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:

In cases of emergencies only, Camp Director Jim Beesley can be reached by cell phone at (713) 854-8594. There is not an active landline phone in the camp headquarters. 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 Scouts that go places together. The buddy system should be used at all times during camp. Everywhere the Scouts go they should be with a buddy. No Webelos Scout should be seen alone in camp away from their 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. 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, and shared with the Scouts at the opening night campfire.

Webelos Weekend Schedule

WEDNESDAY, July 10, 2024

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 11, 2024

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 12, 2024

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 13, 2024

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 Clue Awards Show and Closing in the Dining Hall

Camp Geiger Traditions

Original Camp Geiger Song (Camp Geiger Memories)

Camp Geiger and her memories, All of her hills, and rocks, and trees. Where God has made the sky so blue, Created friendships strong and true. Whether in summer, spring or fall, We hear Camp Geiger's magic call. And when our camping days are gone, Dreams of Camp Geiger linger on. Paul Spence, 1949

Camp Geiger Song

On the hills above the river, in among the trees, Flows the flag of old Camp Geiger, waving in the breeze. Hail Camp Geiger, Hail Camp Geiger, With your Scouts so true. With your spirit of good Scouting, Hail, O hail to you.

The Scout Vesper Song

Softly falls the light of day, As our campfire fades away. Silently each Scout should ask, Have I done my daily task? Have I kept my honor bright? Can I guiltless sleep tonight? Have I done and have I dared Everything to be prepared?

Camp Geiger Grace

For food, for shelter, for clothing, For family, for friends, and for freedom, We thank thee, O Lord.

Chieftain Eagle Feather, 1950

CAMP GEIGER MEDLEY



Photo of the actual, original Camp Geiger song, as penned by Paul Spence in 1949

What You Need to Bring to Camp

Individual Scout

	Scout's Name			
CCOLITE (DECLUDED)				
SCOUTS (REQUIRED)				
BSA Physical, signed	Swim wear			
Scout Uniform - Class A	Flashlight			
Several pairs of socks	Long sleeve sweatshirt			
Changes of underwear	Insect repellent			
Raincoat or poncho	Hat or cap			
T-shirts	Scout Handbook			
Shorts	Individual program needs*			
Jeans and/or long pants	Towel			
Closed-toe shoes	Toothbrush, toothpaste			
Soap and shampoo	Cot			
Sleeping bag or alternative	Sunscreen (SPF 30)			
Water bottle	Pens, pencils, notebook			
* Certain merit badges and other activities may have specific materials you need to bring. These are noted in the activities section of the 2020 Camp Geiger Leader Guide. Get this information from your Scoutmaster or other troop Leader.				
SCOUTS (OPTIONAL)				
Class B shirts	Bible or prayer Book			
Pocketknife *	Sewing kit			
Air mattress	Phone / camera			
Musical instrument	Sunglasses			
Laundry soap	Pillow			
Mosquito netting				

* Scouts should have earned their Totin' Chip certification in order to use axes or saws. Scouts must have completed the Scout Rank requirement regarding pocketknife safety to carry and use a pocketknife.

Only foldable knives are permitted, and blade length cannot exceed six inches. Sheath knives and switchblades are not permitted.

Scout / Scouter Medication Storage Waiver

The completion of this waiver will allow for an individual's medications to be stored outside of Camp Geiger's Health Lodge, provided that the following conditions are met. It is the duty of the responsible party or parties to ensure that all of the guidelines are followed through the entirety of the camping session. Camp Geiger and its staff will not be responsible for any problems related to this arrangement.

Requirements for troop storage of medications include, but are not limited to the following requirements:

- Secure, locked storage container with access restricted to responsible parties only.
- Medications stored and administered as per manufacturer's guidelines and physician's orders.
- Responsible party or parties must keep a medication log of dates and times that medications were taken.
- Medication logs must be accessible to Health Lodge staff upon request.
- Medications must be accessible to Health Lodge staff in the event of an emergency
- Sharps must be properly disposed of in the sharps containers in the Health Lodge.

Medications requiring refrigeration or other special storage arrangements or requirements must still be stored at the Health Lodge.

Name of Scout or Scouter	Troop No	
Names of Adults Responsible for Medications:		
Signature of Adult Taking Primary Responsibility		
Date		

This form must be attached to the Scout's or Adult's physical exam form.

This form must be on record and attached to the Scout or Scouter's physical examination form at the time of check-in and before medications may be stored outside the health lodge.

This form must be used if prescription or over the counter medications are to be kept outside the health lodge.

Camp Geiger Camper Release Form

This form is to be completed for any Scout leaving camp during his session. Completed forms should be submitted at the unit's check-in.

Scout's Name	Troop	Campsite
Date and Time camper is to leave camp		
Date and Time camper is to return to camp		
Leaving with	Relationship	
Reason camp is leaving		
Signature of Parent / Guardian		Date
Signature of Campmaster / Scoutmaster		Date

Note: When a camper leaves during the session, the person picking up the Scout is required to provide a picture ID before the Scout will be allowed to leave. An adult Leader from the troop is to accompany the Scout to headquarters to check out.

Campership Application

Camperships are for youth members registered in the Pony Express Council.

General Information

Note: Funds available for camperships covered by this application come from funds restricted by the council or donated by individuals for the use of Scouts attending camping activities at Camp Geiger and District Day Camps.

Please read all instructions completely and fill in all spaces. Do not include extra paper with this application.

The Council Camping Committee is concerned about the individual needs and the unit's individual evaluation of the Scout for whom this request is made. Generally, camperships are limited to no more than 75% of the activity cost. Each Scout, his family or his unit should provide a minimum of 25% of the activity cost.

Camperships are not transferable, refundable and have no cash value.

Applications must be submitted by April 1st. Applications received after April 1st will be reviewed, but may not be granted due to lack of funds.

All information in this application will be treated confidentially.

Instructions

Campership Request

Please list the amount or portion of the cost provided by the Scout, the family, the unit and/or the chartered organization to arrive at the amount requested.

The ninth part of the Scout's Law is "A Scout is THRIFTY." A Scout works to pay his own way. The Council Camping Committee is very interested in what the Scout has done to assist his family in providing him with this camping experience. This is a character building opportunity for the Scout to learn the importance of being THRIFTY.

Family Information

Briefly describe the general circumstances that require campership assistance for the Scout to attend camp.

Unit Endorsement

This area is extremely valuable to the Council Camping Committee. Failure of the unit to provide this endorsement may result in the application being denied or delayed until further information can be obtained.

Information should be provided as to the Scout's participation in the unit's fundraising activities like the popcorn sale.

In many cases, the unit will be aware of the financial need of the Scout. Confirmation of this fact or further explanation is helpful. Do not merely repeat information already provided.

In keeping with the policies of the Boy Scouts of America, the rules for acceptance and participation in camp activities are the same for everyone without regard to race, sex, creed, color, national origin, age or physical limitation.

Return completed application no later than April 1 to

Pony Express Council 1704 Buckingham St. St. Joseph, MO 64508-8157

	St. Joseph, N	ИО 64508-8157 	
Scout's Legal Name			DOB
City		State	_ Zip
Telephone Number		Parent's Name	
Council		_ District	
	Applica	ation is for:	
Camp Geiger	Cub Resident Camp	Webelos Weekend	District Day Camp
If attending Scout camp,	what session?		
Age	Rank	Years in Scouting	_ Years at summer camp

Campership Form, continued	Scout's Name	
Campership Request		
Cost of Camp	\$	Briefly explain what Scout has done to earn a portion of his camp fee. Include Council, unit, and individual
Less Cost Provided by Scout		fundraising activities and service work performed
Less Cost Provided by Family		
Less Cost Provided by Unit		
Less Cost Provided by Chartered Partne	er	
Net Campership Request	\$	
Scout's Popcorn Sales Last Fall / Spring :	\$	
Family Information		
ships are not granted to families who have income over		ership assistance for the Scout to attend. In most cases campe
Total yearly household income:	\$	
Names & Ages of Other Children in the	Home (under the age of 18)	
Date of Request		
Parent Signature		
Unit Endorsement		
Please provide as much information as possible to assist	the Council Camping Committee in evaluating this	application
Does this unit participate in FOS? Yes No	Does this unit sell popcorn? Yes No	
Is this Scout a newly registered Scout? Yes No	If yes, date registered	Did Scout advance in rank in last 6 months? Yes No
Unit Leader Signature		
camps with a percentage of the cost based on need, but is fee. Campership aid is for only ONE camping experience.	not intended to provide the full fee. Families, units and The above Unit Leader attests that he knows the Scout igent effort to fund this Scout's fees from the unit, the	ce (campership). This fund assists deserving Scouts to attend d/or the chartered partner are expected to provide a portion of th and his family and believes the facts on this application are accucommittee, committee members and/or the chartered organizatioures will be returned to the Unit Leader.
Council Action		

Requested Amt: \$_

CCC Initials _

Granted Amt: \$_

Date _

Guideline Amt: \$ _

Date Received _

