



Webelo-Ree

River Trails District

October 3-5, 2025

S-F Scout Ranch

Participation Manual

Cub Scouting is a family-oriented program designed to promote home-centered and neighborhood-directed activities. Webelos and Arrow of Light's are the final steps before joining the Scouts BSA ranks. The Webelos outdoor camping program gives the Webelos, their parents, and their leaders an introduction to the outdoors and an appreciation of nature. The program also helps the transition from Cub Scouting to Scouts BSA and offers each Webelos and Arrow of Light Scout the opportunity to learn and practice safe, practical, and **fun** camping.

The Webelo-Ree is an outdoor camping program that seeks to capture these opportunities for Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts. It is designed to guide these scouts and their parents as they prepare to enter the Scouts BSA program. Its primary purpose is to build a genuine desire to know more about Scouting and give the Webelos and their parents a preview of Scouting skills and camping. The benefits of the Webelo-Ree are many:

- An introduction to Scouting skills and fun for the Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts;
- An opportunity to learn about and experience the primary GSLAC camping facility - S-F Scout Ranch;
- The thrill of participating in outdoor activities and adventures;
- Open the door to Scouts BSA and build the enthusiasm to continue;
- An opportunity for parents to spend quality time with their scout and build a closer relationship at the time in his life when it can be most beneficial;
- And much more.

This manual will hopefully answer all of your questions and prepare you for a great time. Should you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact any of the following:

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Visit: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-50655> for registration

WHAT IS WEBELO-REE?

Webelo-Ree is specifically for Webelos and Arrow of Light (AOL) Scouts, their leaders, and parents. The goal of Webelo-Ree is to give the Webelos and AOL's a little taste of Scouts BSA life and keep them active and involved in the scouting program. It is also designed to give adult leaders and parents information on the resources and opportunities that are available to them as they move up with their scouts in the Scouting program.

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE?

The Webelo-Ree is open to all Webelos and AOL Scouts (4th grade and above only), their parents, and unit leaders. ***The camp is not open to younger scouts or siblings, so please make alternate arrangements for them for this weekend.***

This year's Webelo-Ree runs from Friday, October 3rd through Sunday, October 5th, at S-F Scout Ranch in the Camporee field. Scouts and their adults may come for the day on the 4th, or spend the weekend. Camping is available in the Camporee field for Friday and Saturday night. ***Per Council, you are NOT required to secure your own reservation for Friday night. That is covered through the event.*** Program activities are on Saturday morning, afternoon, and ending with a campfire in the evening. All units camping are responsible for their own camping, cooking equipment, and meals. Our recommendation, is to pair up with a Troop, and see how they operate on a weekend, and if that is a unit you might consider joining!

EVENTS OF THE DAY

Scouts will be placed into a group and follow a rotation schedule. Scouts will participate in the planned program activities both morning and afternoon. Activities are planned as a hands-on experience. Tentative Scout activities for the day will be archery, BB guns, cooking, Scout games, realistic first aid, pioneering, map and compass skills, STEM challenge, and fire building. The group assignment, schedule, map of activities, and evaluation will be presented at opening on Saturday morning.

Anticipated activities for parents/adults will include tours of the Ranch, pressurized fuel training for those wanting to get certified, and a presentation of the Scouts BSA program with a question and answer session. Schedules and sign-up sheets will be available at check-in.

There is NO FISHING in Nim's Lake at any time during this event.

LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENT

Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts can camp as a den without every parent. As long as at least one BALOO trained leader and one other adult over 21 years of age. Two-deep leadership is required for each den. Also all Youth Protection policies will be followed the entire weekend. **It is strongly recommended that Webelos scouts have a parent or guardian present if they are camping overnight.** Although the minimum ratio is four youth per one adult, it is highly recommended that one adult attend with each Webelos. Remember, too, we will have youth and adults in camp that are camping for the first time. This will give the older scouts and experienced adults the chance to teach the camping experience to the younger scouts and their parents. Some parents who thought they would never enjoy camping end up having a terrific time!

PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged for Webelo-Ree. Far from being useless paperwork, this information is important in order to planning the best use of space available. There is a lot of coordination and organization required to pull together a large group of staff and youth and adult participants.

This year pre-registration is due by Thursday, October 2nd, 2025. At least an e-mail with the information on the registration form must be received by Keith Mueller by this date. **The registration form can be found in the back of this manual.** Knowing how many people and tents is vital to good planning. An exact count is not necessary, be sure to register with your best estimate for scouts and adults. A "best" estimate is important in planning the sizes of the groups and acquiring program materials. Each unit must plan early and pre-register, this is the best way to guarantee adequate space for your unit at camp. Late registrations may be split up and may not be able to remain as a group for the activities.

REGISTRATION FEE

Every scout, leader, and adult is required to pay a \$14.00 registration fee per person. This applies whether or not they attend the entire weekend or just part of it. This fee covers the cost for a patch, program materials, the porta-potties, dumpsters and the other supplies needed for the Webelo-Ree. The fee for all participants will be collected when the Pack registers. **NO REFUNDS ONCE THE FEES ARE PAID.** However, the fee can be transferred to someone else in the unit. All checks should be written to GSLAC and include the account #1.6801.605.20.

WHAT ABOUT A HEALTH HISTORY OR PERMISSION SLIP?

Before any minor attends an event, such as the district campout, paperwork is needed from their parent or guardian. **A HEALTH HISTORY is REQUIRED to be in camp for each Scout.** Health histories may be obtained on the Council website. A signed permission slip for each Webelos who attends is also recommended to ensure you have the latest health and contact information for each scout. A sample permission slip is at the back of this manual and may be copied for your use. The health history and permission slip grants the unit leader permission to seek appropriate medical attention should there be an accident or other medical problem. If a scout has a medical condition such as reaction to bee stings, peanut butter allergies, asthma, etc., be sure that this information is clearly stated on the form. Also, be sure this information is in the safe keeping of one primary leader and appoint a back-up leader who will also know where this information is kept.

WHEN IS CHECK-IN AND REGISTRATION?

Before arriving, assign the responsibility for check-in and registration to ONE adult. This adult will take the responsibility of communicating information to the other members in the unit.

CHECK-IN begins at 5 p.m. on Friday. An adult will check-in to receive the unit's camping location. Campsites are easier to set up in the daylight. **Please do not arrive any earlier than 5 p.m. on Friday.** The staff needs the time to set up. There may be another district sharing the grounds with our district. Watch for the River Trails and headquarters' signs. It is important to check-in and receive your camping location.

UNIT REGISTRATION will be held on Friday night from 8:30 p.m. until 9:15 p.m. Day-only and Saturday night campers may register from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. ***Even if pre-registered, every Unit MUST complete a final registration on Friday evening (or Day-only units on Saturday morning) or you will not be placed in a rotation!***

Each unit will be required to have the following at registration:

- Completed **"Unit Registration Form"** (if not previously submitted);
- Completed final **"Camp Roster"** with scout and adult names with correct addresses and phone numbers;
- Additional registration **fees**.

Saturday events will start promptly at 8:30 a.m.

CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

Before your Pack leaves your campsite on Sunday morning, please follow this procedure:

1. All camp equipment and tentage taken down and transported to vehicles.
2. Scouts should perform a police line to pick up and dispose of all debris including food, rocks, logs, charred wood, candy wrappers, etc.
3. Bag all trash. Do not burn it. Bagged trash should be taken with you or placed in an available dumpster.
4. All fires should be completely out and the area of the ground fire should be fairly flat with no rocks or charred wood.
5. All unused wood should be taken with you.
6. Go over the evaluation form with your Webelos and fill it out. Get their input and ideas.
7. Bring the evaluation form to Headquarters and request an inspection. (Please note: an evaluation needs to be received before patches are distributed to your unit at a future roundtable.)
8. Accompany the staff back to your campsite. The staff member will ask your scouts to once again patrol your campsite for trash and debris.
9. Once the campsite is acceptable, the staff will approve departure.

REMEMBER - always leave things better than you found them!

HOW ARE CAMPING AREAS ASSIGNED?

Since campsites are determined by the size of your pack, making an accurate pre-registration is very important. Sites will be assigned by the district staff to make best use of the grounds. We will have numbered stakes designating camping lanes that run from west to east across the camporee field, please try and stay within your lane. The last packs to register may have the farthest walk to their campsite.

Space is limited, so care needs to be taken not to spread out into another unit's site. Take only the area within your designated campsite. No one wants to move tents once they are set up. But your camp staff will have no problem asking!!!

Accurate and timely pre-registration is key to assigning adequate space for your unit. Before camp opens Friday afternoon, the district staff will stake off an appropriate amount of space for your unit **based on pre-registration**. If a unit is not pre-registered, that unit will be placed **where** possible. If you are sharing leadership/resources with another pack or a troop, please note this on the Unit Registration Form.

WHAT ABOUT PARKING?

When you arrive, you will be greeted by a staff member who will direct you to your camping location and explain where you can park. Our gravel road is a ONE WAY ROAD, from North to South. Per new Council regulations, parking is no longer allowed on either side of the gravel or paved roads in the camporee area. Only trailers will be allowed to park in the grass along the gravel road at your campsite. All vehicles will be allowed to park at the lot at Famous Eagle or the new parking area at the south end of the camporee field behind Scout Lodge. Therefore, a quick drop off of campers and their equipment must be made while parking on the hard surface road. **ABSOLUTELY NO DRIVING OR PARKING ON THE GRASSY AREAS. NO PULLING OFF OF THE DIRT OR BLACKTOP ROAD ONTO THE CAMPOREE FIELD.** Illegally parked cars will be towed at the owner's expense.

Parking is limited, so we ask that you make every effort to carpool.

WHAT STUFF DO I BRING?

Each Pack is responsible for bringing personal gear, camping equipment and cooking equipment. This includes tents.

WHAT ABOUT FOOD?

Each Pack is responsible to provide and prepare their food for both day-only participants and overnight campers. The foods you plan to serve and the number of people to feed has quite a ripple effect. Proper planning helps you determine not only the quantities, but also the equipment needed. Consider preparing some ahead of time such as cutting vegetables, making up foil packs, etc. (Note: A quick lunch on Saturday is best. Only an hour is allowed for lunch.) Be sure to include the scouts in the selection of the menu, the meal preparation, and the cleanup. And don't forget to post your duty roster in a noticeable location in your campsite.

WHAT ABOUT THE RACCOONS?

Scout camps are not only a facility for Scouts but for some pretty big raccoons. Make sure that all food items and trash are in secure containers. It is also wise not to have any food or bar soap in your tents as raccoons have been known to enter a tent without using the zipper!

FIREWOOD, CHARCOAL, AND PRESSURIZED FUELS

Each Pack should bring its own wood or charcoal to cook with. The use of flammable liquids (charcoal lighter) to start any fire is not allowed. For charcoal, use a charcoal chimney and newspaper. For a campfire, have a Boy Scout teach your boys the proper way to build and start one.

Ground fires are permitted at scout camps. Because of the space constraints, only one fire per camping lane is allowed. To keep damage to the grounds to a minimum, please consider joining with some of the units around your area. To ensure that warm campfire at night, bring your own wood! **Do not dig any holes.** Learn the five (5) fire safety rules found in the Webelos Handbook. Better yet, POST THEM at your campsite. *REMEMBER: Fires should be a minimum of 15 feet from the nearest tent and no unattended fires or operating pressurized fuel devices*

Only those with a **Toasted Chit Card** will be allowed to use pressurized fuels at your campsite. This includes the use of propane lanterns and Coleman stoves for light and cooking. All rules of safe pressurized fuel use will be strictly enforced, including the proper storage of the fuels. Campers found to be violating the safety

rules will be asked to store their pressurized fuel and equipment and not use them for the balance of the weekend. **Toasted Chit Card** training will be provided on Saturday.

However, in keeping with the spirit of Scouting, consider cooking your meals using charcoal or wood. Cooking over natural fuels is a great experience for the boys and helps everyone appreciate the skills required for a good meal. And remember: only the people with the Toasted Chit Card will be allowed to use pressurized fuels. Use of these fuels by the Webelos or by adults without the Toasted Chit Card is **prohibited!**

KNIFE POLICY

Sheath knives are not allowed on scout property. A "Totin Chit" is required for all scouts in order to carry a folding pocket knife. Scouts should limit the use of pocket knives strictly to their own campsite and under the direct supervision of an adult. Pocketknives WILL NOT be needed in the program areas.

BSA SMOKING POLICY

"This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate **smoking**. All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a **smoke-free** basis, with **smoking areas** located away from all participants."

It is preferred that there is no smoking at Webelo-Ree. If an adult must smoke, please do so away from the youth participants. Please field strip all cigarettes. The scouts are expected to leave the campsite cleaner that they found it. It is not fair to have the youth picking up adult cigarette butts.

HOW DO WE LOCATE A PACK LEADER?

One responsible unit leader should have his or her tent clearly marked so that person can be identified in case of an emergency. Affix to this leader's tent (in a noticeable location) a **large**, bright, weather-resistant sign bearing a red "X". It should be at least 1 foot x 1 foot. This leader should be the leader of record and should be the person marked on the check-in information as the contact person. This person's cell phone number should also be given at check-in on the "Unit Registration Form".

WHERE DO I TAKE THE STUFF I FIND?

A lost and found is at headquarters. Please keep track of all items. Placing the scout's name and pack number on all items will help identify lost items. If something is missing, check at headquarters. If something is found, give it to any staff member or bring it to headquarters. During each of the group gatherings an announcement will be made to try to find an owner. After the weekend, all leftover articles will be brought to the next Roundtable. After that, all items will be thrown away. **Please remember—socks are not lost items** (they just decided to leave the campsite)!

FIRST AID AND MEDICAL TREATMENT – REPORT ALL INCIDENTS TO HEADQUARTERS

Safety is first and foremost at all scouting events. Each Pack should have its own properly equipped first aid kit. If the unit's kit has not been opened lately, be sure to dust it off and restock any missing or expired goods. Hopefully the weekend will be accident-free. All accidents must be reported IMMEDIATELY to headquarters.

WHAT ABOUT BATHROOMS?

Several outdoor latrines and a number of porta-potties will be available near the camping area. Please observe the following rules in their use:

1. All campers are to use the latrines and porta-potties for their bodily functions. Only bears go in the woods. Please note: There are no flushable facilities available.
2. Do not put trash, soda cans, or other debris into the latrines or porta-potties.
3. Observe the signs marked "HANDICAPPED", "LADIES", and "STAFF". Scouts are not to use these marked facilities!
4. Please remind Scouts (and adults) to use the "Boy Scout flush" – putting the seat cover down after usage. This keeps the draft from pulling up the fragrances and keeps the smell down.

A SCOUT IS REVERENT

Religious services will be held on Saturday evening after dinner. Specific time and location information will be issued in the final schedule. Class A uniform is expected at religious services. Allow adequate time to get to the service to avoid any delays in the closing campfire that follows religious services. Also, please remind Scouts to say grace before each meal.

CAMPSITE INSPECTION-A SCOUT IS CLEAN

Clean up is the responsibility of EVERYONE participating in the Webelo-Ree. To check out on Sunday, a staff member will inspect each campsite. See the "Check Our Procedures" on page 4 of this manual for details.

CAMPSITE QUIET (I want to go to bed!)

11:00 p.m., both Friday and Saturday night, is the official time for campsite quiet and lights out for both boys and adults. The boys are understandably excited, especially Friday, and may have trouble settling down. We encourage the leaders and adults to observe and enforce the 11:00 p.m. deadline. It is important the scouts (and leaders) get a good night's sleep. Saturday starts quite early and everyone will need his or her rest to make it through a very busy schedule. Saturday night the scouts usually go down quickly and the parents can relax around the campfire. Be sure to remind the moms and dads to keep their voices down and be careful what they say. Tents are not soundproof, nor the trees, nor the campfire smoke, etc. A Scout is clean – including their jokes and stories. However, if you do experience any problems with a neighboring unit, alert HQ and a staff member will assist with a solution. REMEMBER ADULTS -- BE RESPECTFUL AND LEAD BY EXAMPLE!

SATURDAY NIGHT CAMPFIRE SHOW

A camp-wide campfire program will be presented by the staff on Saturday evening. After the religious services are complete, a torch-light procession will proceed to the campfire. The campfire is for both the day-only participants and those that are staying the night. This is a wonderful experience for both the Scouts and adults that you won't want to miss. Campfire is the official ending of the day.

WEATHER

Fall and Spring are two of the most unpredictable times of the year for weather. It is not uncommon for fall and spring camps to have a "bit" of inclement weather. Every year dozens of Scouts arrive at camp without adequate clothing or sleeping gear to protect against both the cold and the wet. Such things as hypothermia and other weather related medical problems become serious threats to a person's health and well-being when the temperature drops. Please be prepared for whatever Mother Nature brings us. Extra clothes, rain ponchos, extra shoes, rubber boots, or snow pants are some suggestions in case of bad weather.

We want to stress that one of the most important areas of scouting is -BE PREPARED. It is better to have a warm coat or rain jacket and not need it than to need it and not have it. **The program will go on regardless of the weather, so come prepared!**

PROPER UNIFORMING

Class B (scout t-shirt) uniform is acceptable for the day program. Class A (official Scout uniform) is expected for religious services as a sign of respect and reverence! Class A uniform will carry over to the campfire program.

CAMP RULES

- **NO DRUGS or ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES!**
- **NO SMOKING!**
- **NO unattended fires.**
- **NO tagalongs or PETS.**
- NO fireworks, firearms, bow-and-arrow, etc.
- NO pressurized fuel equipment (lanterns, stoves, heaters, etc.) **unless** you have taken the Grater St. Louis Area Council Training and have received your **Toasted Chit and have it with you.** Charcoal or wood is recommended for all cooking.
- NO flames of any kind inside or near tent.
- NO heaters of any kind inside or near tent.
- Fuel lanterns may be used to illuminate the campsite. However, battery operated lanterns are much safer and shed more light.
- Water sources are for filling water containers and drinking only, not for bathing or for washing the dishes. Please ask your scouts not to play in the faucets. This creates a muddy mess in a very short time.
- NO live trees may be cut. Follow the Outdoor Code.
- NO digging around any tents. Use proper pitching to avoid ditching.
- **NO PARKING** on or alongside the dirt or paved road. **NO PARKING** on any grass.
- **Sheath knives are strictly forbidden for ALL Scouts: Youth, Adults and Leaders.** A Totin' Chit is **required** by the Scout to carry a folding pocketknife. These tools must be used safely and properly at all times. Limited use of knives is expected and only at the campsite with adult supervision.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

5 p.m.	CAMP GATES OPEN for arrival and camp setup (please do not arrive earlier!)
8:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.	WEBELOS FINAL REGISTRATION at Headquarters by one representative from each unit. Bring completed "Unit Registration Form" (if not previously submitted), completed final "Camp Roster" with scout and adult names with correct addresses and phone numbers, and any additional registration fees . <i>Even if pre-registered, every Unit <u>MUST</u> complete a final registration on Friday evening (or Day-only units on Saturday morning) or you will not be placed in a rotation.</i>
9:15pm	Leaders meeting (Webelos leaders and Scouts BSA leaders and SPLs)
9:30pm	Staff Meeting (Scouts BSA Only) With refreshments to follow the meeting.
11 p.m.	LIGHTS OUT!

SATURDAY

6:30 a.m.	REVEILLE
6:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	BREAKFAST and Clean Up
7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	REGISTRATION FOR Day Only Participants
8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	ASSEMBLY at the Flag Pole in front of Headquarters
8:30 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.	FLAGS and OPENING
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	PROGRAM ROTATIONS - exact schedule given at opening
12:20 p.m. - 1:25 p.m.	LUNCH
1:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Continue PROGRAM ROTATIONS
4:50 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.	DINNER
5:00 p.m.	LEADER MEETING at Headquarters to confirm evening schedule (only one adult from each unit attends)
7:00 p.m.	RELIGIOUS SERVICES (locations announced at leader meeting)
TBA	CAMPFIRE assembly and retreat (time and location details at leader meeting)
11:00 p.m.	LIGHTS OUT!

SUNDAY

7:00 a.m.	REVEILLE, BREAKFAST, clean up, and pack up
By 10:30 a.m.	BREAK CAMP, turn in evaluation, and campsite inspection

Deadline is Thursday, October 2nd , 2025.

UNIT REGISTRATION FORM Pack # _____

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The Webelo-Ree registration fee is \$14.00 per Scout and adult. This fee includes a patch for each participant, program materials, porta-potties, dumpsters, and other supplies.

	# Attending:		Total	REGISTRATION:
CAMPING: Webelos I		X \$14.00 =		__ w/ Council/OL
Arrow of Light		X \$14.00 =		__ Pre@Roundtable
Leaders/Adults		X \$14.00 =		__ Email
				__ On line \$ _____
DAY-ONLY: Webelos I		X \$14.00 =		__ Cash: \$ _____
Arrow of Light		X \$14.00 =		__ Check: \$ _____
Leaders/Adults		X \$14.00 =		# _____
				TOTAL:
Total attendance		X \$14.00 =		\$ _____

Are Webelos camping with another unit? _____ no _____ yes /with/ Troop # _____

CONTACT PERSON FOR REGISTRATION:

Name _____

Phone # _____ e-mail _____

CONTACT PERSON AT CAMP DURING THE EVENT:

Name _____ Phone # _____

Unit Registration Form and the required fees should be returned by the October 2nd deadline via:

- COUNCIL CAMPING DEPARTMENT (payment required)
- ON-LINE @ <https://scoutingevent.com/312-50655> payment required

PERMISSION SLIP ** River Trails District ** Webelo-Ree

Cub Scout Pack _____ Den _____ will attend the Webelo-Ree at S-F Scout Ranch.

We will start camp at _____ on _____.

Time of departure is _____ on _____. Return time is _____ on _____.

Contact person and phone number at camp for emergency:

LEADERS: Please complete this upper portion and give to your parents.

PARENTS: Please complete the bottom half, tear off, and return to your unit leader.

My scout, _____, has permission to accompany

Pack _____ Den _____ on a trip to S-F Scout Ranch, October _____ to October _____. Scout is in good physical condition and I will make sure that he does not attend if they don't feel well. They do have permission to receive any emergency medical treatment at my expense.

My scout has the following ALLERGIES:

Use the reverse side of this form to indicate any medical situations that your leader should be aware of (sleep walking, asthma, seizures, bed-wetting, etc.) If your scout requires any medication, be sure to include this information as well.

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #1 : _____ Phone #2 : _____

Location you can be reached on the weekend of the Webelo-Ree: _____

Location Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #'s: _____

Other Emergency Contact: _____

Title: (Grandmother/Aunt/Uncle/etc.) _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Signature of Parents/Guardians: _____

Note: This page may be copied and distributed to all attending Webelos. This form is for unit leader information only. It will not be turned into district headquarters.

CAMP ROSTER

Webelo-Ree
S-F Scout Ranch

(completed roster due at time of *final* registration)

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DISTRICT: River Trails

PACK: _____

Den Name: _____

Scouts # _____

Name	Address	Phone Number	Age

Adults # _____

Name	Address	Phone Number

Please note: no Scouts BSA should be listed on this form. All Scouts BSA are considered staff and listed on a separate "Staff" roster.