

# Black Hawk and Iron Horse Districts



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### Black Hawk/Iron Horse District Webelos Woods

Webelos Woods will be held September 18-20, 2026 at Camp Cedars near Fremont, NE. The fee for the entire weekend is \$45.00 per Webelos or Arrow of Light scout if registered by September 1 and \$50.00 if registered after September 1. Registration closes September 14. The price includes one adult parent or guardian. All meals are included, including a Friday night Cracker Barrel at the campsite, breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday, and Sunday breakfast. All Webelos and Arrow of Light campers should arrive between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18. Camp will close by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 20.

Webelos Woods is a Webelos/Arrow of Light to Scouts BSA transition program. It will be an exciting experience for any registered Webelos or Arrow of Light scout. Webelos/Arrow of Light scouts, their leaders, and their parents will have an opportunity to interact with different Iron Horse and Black Hawk Scouts BSA troops in a camping setting. Webelos/Arrow of Light scouts will work alongside Scouts BSA troops in patrols and will engage in some hands-on programs, including knots, fire building, first aid, tent set up, and more. A list of Webelos and Arrow of Light Adventure requirements completed will be provided.

Webelos/Arrow of Light leaders and parents are strongly encouraged to attend a Webelos/Arrow of Light to Scouts BSA transition information session, at which, among other things, the differences in the Cub Scout and Scouts BSA programs will be explained. Scouts BSA experts will be on hand to answer your transition questions.

**Registration deadlines:** Registration is now open and closes on September 14, 2026. Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/326-Webelos>.

## TO SET THE STAGE...

Welcome, players, to Webelos Woods: Game On! Every great gamer knows that success does not come from button mashing alone. Heroes must build their skills, work as a team, and level up through every challenge they face. Along your journey, you may need to build a fire to restore your health after a long quest, navigate unfamiliar territory with a map and compass, or use your first aid skills to help an injured teammate. You will face obstacles, complete missions, and unlock new abilities as you adventure through camp. A Scout is brave, helpful, and prepared for whatever challenge appears on the next level. Gather your gear, join your party, and get ready to level up at Webelos Woods: Game On!

## PLANNED EVENTS

### First Aid

A member of your party has taken damage during the adventure, and it's up to your team to respond. Before you can continue your quest, you'll need to complete the First Aid challenge. Survey the scene for hazards, make sure it is safe to help, and quickly assess your injured teammate to determine what care they need. From treating cuts and scrapes to responding to sprains, burns, insect bites, and other common outdoor injuries, you'll use your Scout skills to keep your party healthy and ready for the next level. Every great adventurer knows that healing isn't just about using a health potion—it's about staying calm, making smart decisions, and helping others when they need it most.

### Firebuilding

You've reached a campsite just as the sun begins to set, and your party's energy meter is running low. Before you can continue your quest, you'll need to unlock the Campfire skill. A campfire acts as your save point—a place to restore your health, cook food, stay warm, and prepare for the next level. But this upgrade can't be unlocked by pressing a button. You'll need to gather the right materials, build your fire safely, light it responsibly, and make sure it is completely extinguished before moving on. Complete this challenge to earn experience points in one of Scouting's most important outdoor skills.

## Knots

Every great adventure game has crafting challenges, and this level is all about unlocking one of the most useful skills in your inventory—knot tying. Rope may not look like a legendary item, but in the hands of a skilled Scout it becomes an essential tool. Use the right knot to pitch a shelter, secure your gear, build camp gadgets, hang a clothesline, or help with a rescue. Each knot you master adds a new ability to your character's skill tree and prepares you for tougher quests ahead..

## Navigation

Your map has updated with a new objective, but the path ahead is filled with hidden trails, obstacles, and unfamiliar terrain. You'll have to rely on real Scout skills to find your way, as you learn how to navigate from one checkpoint to the next. Every great adventurer knows that reaching the final level isn't about guessing the right direction—it's about having the knowledge and confidence to choose the correct path.

## Knife Safety

You've unlocked a new item in your inventory—a knife. While it may be one of the most useful tools in the game, it must be used with skill, responsibility, and respect. Before you can equip this item, you must complete the Knife Safety challenge. Learn how to safely use your knife, and discover when it is—and isn't—the right tool for the job. Every Scout who completes this level gains the knowledge and responsibility needed to use it wisely. Master this challenge to level up your outdoor skills and unlock one of Scouting's most valuable tools.

A list of requirements completed will be provided at check in.

## **SCHEDULE**

### **[Subject to adjustment]**

#### **Friday Night:**

5:00-8:00 PM – Check in  
9:00 PM - Cracker Barrel  
6:30 – 10:00 PM - Troops prepare for activity presentations on Saturday  
10:00 pm – Call To Quarters and TAPS - All quiet in campsites

#### **Saturday:**

7:00 am – Reveille  
7:00 am – 8:30 am Breakfast at Troop campsites  
8:00 am – 8:30 am Final preparation/setup for Activity Sessions  
8:40 am – Opening Flags  
9:15 am – 10:15 am Activity Session 1  
10:35 am-11:35 am Activity Session 2  
10:35 am – 11:35 am 1st Webelos to Scouts BSA Transition Information Session for parents and Webelos leaders. Please attend either the morning or afternoon session  
11:45 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch and free time  
1:10 pm – 2:10 pm Activity Session 3  
1:10 pm – 2:10 pm 2nd Webelos to Scouts BSA Transition Information Session for parents and Webelos leaders. Please attend either the morning or afternoon session  
2:20 pm – 3:20 pm Activity Session 4  
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Activity Session 5  
5:00 pm – Closing Flag  
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Dinner in all campsites  
7:00-10:00 Free time/Troop time  
7:15 pm – Optional Non-denominational Scouts' Own service  
7:45 pm – Campfire  
10:00 pm – Call to quarters and TAPS/All quiet

#### **Sunday Morning:**

7:00 AM Reveille  
7:00 AM Breakfast available in dining hall  
8:00 AM Pack up and go home

## Essential Information

We anticipate that more than 250 Webelos and Arrow of Light scouts, Scouts, and adults will participate in Webelos Woods. For this reason, it is essential that individuals follow these guidelines.

### **CAR POOLING IS ENCOURAGED.**

**ATTENDANCE AND LEADERSHIP** – As important transition information will be provided, parent or guardian attendance is highly encouraged. The weekend is designed as a joint “Scout/Parent or Guardian” experience. A parent or guardian should plan on participating and observing the activities with their Webelos/Arrow of Light Scout the entire weekend. Only registered scouts may participate. This event is for Webelos/Arrow of Light Scouts. Younger siblings are not permitted to attend.

If any Webelos/Arrow of Light Scout is attending with his or her pack but without a parent or guardian, the Pack is required, under Scouting America rules at least two registered leaders from the Pack must be in attendance.

**CAMPSITE INFORMATION** – Webelos Woods is a two-night program focusing on Webelos/Arrow of Light to Scouts BSA transition. Each pack will be assigned to a campsite with a host Scouts BSA troop. Aside from check-in and a Cracker Barrel (evening snacks) with one of the troops, no formal program activities are scheduled for Friday night. This is the time to set up your camp and have a good time together while getting to know some of the Scouts. Webelos and Arrow of Light scouts should not assume that they will be camping with their charter partner or neighborhood Scouts BSA troop. The Webelos Woods committee will make campsite assignments after the registration cutoff. You will have the opportunity to engage with different Scouts BSA troops during the course of Saturday’s activities.

Each Webelos/Arrow of Light parent or guardian should plan on sharing a tent with their child. Scouting America policy prohibits non-parent/guardian adults and youths sharing tents. All items brought to camp must be carried to the campsites. *All items carried in must be carried out, including garbage.*

The buddy system will be used. Each Webelos/Arrow of Light scout needs to be accompanied by his or her parent or guardian or scout “buddy” at all times.

Packs should register as a group, where possible. Supplies for the weekend will be purchased based on registrations. For this reason, refunds cannot be given to those persons unable to attend. Substitutions will be allowed, however.

### **Webelos Woods Meals**

***Please indicate any serious food allergies when registering.***

Friday – You should **eat dinner before arriving at camp** or plan to brown bag your dinner. At approximately 9:00 p.m. a Cracker Barrel snack will be provided in each campsite. You may want to bring your own light refreshments.

Saturday - Breakfast in camp. Your host Scouts BSA troop will prepare breakfast with you in your campsite.

Saturday lunch – Lunch will be provided in the dining hall.

Saturday dinner – Your hosting Scouts BSA troop will prepare dinner with you in your campsite.

Sunday Breakfast—A continental breakfast will be available in the dining hall on Sunday morning.

## PACKING FOR WEBELOS WOODS

Each Webelos/Arrow of Light scout MUST bring the Annual BSA Health and Medical Record Part A & B must be completed for each attendee and presented at Webelos Woods check-in. **This includes all adults.**

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_AB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf)

You may use forms with current medical information from previous camp events. Medical forms will be returned to you Sunday morning.

### Suggested Camper Gear Check List

- ☐ Tent with ground cloth (try to keep tent size 9 X 9 feet or less)
- ☐ Sleeping bag (bring extra blanket, if needed, depending on weather)
- ☐ Sleeping pad/mattress to place under your sleeping bag. If the forecast is for cold weather, avoid the air mattress. It's soft but provides zero insulation from the cold ground. Closed cell foam pads or self-inflating sleep pads are great.
- ☐ Change of clothing (at least one extra pair). Dressing in layers is best.
- ☐ Rain gear (inexpensive ponchos are available at Walmart--extremely important to avoid hypothermia)
- ☐ Change of shoes (a good idea if it rains)
- ☐ Webelos/Arrow of Light scout shirt to wear to the flag ceremonies
- ☐ Pack or other scouting t-shirt for Saturday
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Water bottle / canteen
- ☐ Folding Chair
- ☐ Tooth brush, comb, etc.



**PROHIBITED ITEMS:**

**Alcohol/drugs**

**Sheath knives**

**Radios/electronic devices**

**Pets**

**Fireworks**

**Firearms**

**DO NOT STORE ANY FOOD/SNACKS/CANDY IN YOUR TENTS. IT'S AN OPEN INVITATION FOR RACCOONS TO ENTER YOUR TENT.**

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