



LEADER GUIDE

Portage Creek District Webelos Earth Rocks at Vulcan

Earth Rocks is one of the most interesting elective Adventures for Webelos Cub Scouts. As part of pursuing the Webelos Earth Rocks Adventure, Scouts learn all about geology, mining, and history while discovering the many ways rocks and minerals are found in natural and man-made settings. Again, this year, the nation's largest producer of construction aggregate, Vulcan Materials Company, is generously hosting Scouts on this adventure.

About Vulcan Materials

Vulcan operates more than 560 locations across the United States, and McCook Quarry is one of the company's largest quarries. The quarry is over 150 years old. The quarry extends 720 acres, and the pit is currently over 300 feet deep.

There are nearly 112 men and women who work at the McCook Quarry in various jobs such as: Plant Manager, Equipment Operator, Water Truck Driver, Dispatcher, Mechanic, etc. Rock from McCook Quarry has formed the building blocks of Chicagoland's roads, bridges, homes, hospitals, schools, office buildings and infrastructure. Rock from McCook was used in the runways at O'Hare Airport, Soldier Field, Wrigley Field, Sox Park, The Dan Ryan Expressway, many of the Metra and Chicago L Lines and Stations, and likely - even YOUR home.

Parent Guide

Who Can Attend?

BSA registered Webelos & Arrow of Light Scouts (4th & 5th grade girls and boys) are welcome for the Portage Creek District Vulcan Quarry Scout Day, Earth Rocks advancement adventure (<https://www.scouting.org/cub-scout-adventures/earth-rocks/>). All Scouts must be adult accompanied (2 for every 5 Scouts). The event has the capacity for 80 Scouts and is limited to 40 accompanying adult leaders.

How to Register?

All Scout and adult participants must register in advance. No walk ups shall be permitted.



Please register online at <https://scoutingevent.com/456-102644> or
Online registration accepts payment by credit card or electronic check.
Registration closes Thursday, September 11th at 5 PM.



Logistical Information

Location

The Vulcan McCook Quarry is located at 5500 Joliet Rd., McCook, IL 60525 on the corner of 55th and Joliet Road in McCook IL (<https://goo.gl/maps/15YQpw6JkXMzmtaW6>). To arrive at the location, take 55th east from LaGrange Road until the dead end at Joliet Road or Joliet Road from 1st Avenue until the dead end at 55th St.

Transportation

All Scouts and accompanying adults are asked to consolidate driving activities to the greatest extent possible. Please consider meeting your Pack at your normal Scout meeting place and carpool to the event to minimize the number of cars in the Vulcan Quarry parking lot. The lot has a limited number of parking spaces with enough of all participants carpooling.

Check-in shall begin at 7 AM with the event PROMPTLY at 8 AM at the ground level parking lot/meeting location. All participants will board assigned buses to be shuttled to the base of the quarry facility. All activities will take place at the base of the quarry. No transportation will be provided from the surface parking lot once the buses have left for the base quarry location. The event will last 3 total hours and end at 11 AM.

Schedule

7:00 AM	Buses arrive at McCook Central Parking Lot
7:15 – 7:45 AM	Registration (registration cut off at 7.50am)
8:00 AM	Buses depart (firm departure)- if folks are late and are not on buses, they will not make event as all VMC personnel will leave with buses
8:15 AM	Arrive at stations (20-minute rotations)
10:15 AM	Rotations end and begin loading buses
10:25 AM	Back on bus and start 30-minute quarry tour
10:55	Back at Central Parking Lot and unload buses and Scouts receive Webelos Earth Rocks Adventure pin upon unloading
11:00 – 11:15 AM	Scouts Depart

Parking

Parking will be in the lot adjacent to the Vulcan Quarry property. Parking instructions will be provided upon arrival. Look for Vulcan Quarry personnel to direct participants into the lot based on dropping off or parking. Drop offs are allowed but asked to depart the lot at the soonest convenience. Scout departure and pickup will be from the same lot with direction again being provided by the Vulcan Quarry personnel. Please be respectful and cautious when moving about the parking area.





Adult Leader Information

Adults are welcome to join the Webelos Scouts for this adventure but limited to 2 adults for every 5 Scouts. Please arrange with your Scouts and Scout parents to conform to this requirement. Adults are asked to act as active mentors and primary supervisor for the Scouts in their care. Safety instructions will be provided, and adult leaders are asked to actively support the Quarry safety standards in overseeing their Scouts.

Adult Leadership Requirements

All adults attending the Quarry Day event must register online and depart with their Scouts.

What to Expect

Sign In

All participants must check-in at the registration table between 7:15 – 7:45am and will be assigned to a patrol. All patrols will depart together, stay together and have the exact same experience throughout the quarry tour.

Emergency Information

The Vulcan staff will review tour safety procedures upon arrival and prior to the beginning of the event tour. Please provide the adult accompanying your Scout with emergency contact information. In the event of an emergency, the adult leaders should have emergency contact information for their Scout participants.

Weather

Every effort will be made, consistent with [BSA's Guide to Safe Scouting](#) guidelines, to offer a full outdoor program during the Vulcan Quarry Day event.

Safety Rules

At Vulcan Materials Company, the number one priority – above all else – is the health and safety of everyone who enters the quarry. Please take time to become familiar with the Vulcan safety rules to support and supervise your Scouts.

1. Closed-toe shoes are required.
2. Do not run.
3. Do not throw rocks.
4. Do not climb on the berms.
5. Stay in the designated areas.
6. Leave only footprints; take only pictures (Practice the [BSA Outdoor Code](#))

Please help us in making sure that everyone goes home as they arrive. Safety is everyone's responsibility.