

2026 Unplugged
Leader & Parent Guide

1. Quick Reference Guide

Event Basics:

- Date: October 2-4, 2026
- Location: Rainbow Scout Reservation, 2600 Winterbottom Rd Morris, IL 60450

Key Contacts:

- Event Chair: Robert Haas

Schedule at a Glance:

- Friday: Check-in (5-8 PM), Opening activity (8:30 PM)
- Saturday: Full day of rotations (9 AM - 5 PM), Evening program (7:30-9 PM)
- Sunday: Scouts' Own (9 AM), Check-out by noon

2. Welcome and Introduction

Welcome to Unplugged 2026! This event is designed to provide Webelos and Arrow Of Light (AOL) Scouts with an exciting introduction to the Scouts BSA program, facilitating their transition to the next level of Scouting.

Event Objectives:

1. Showcase key Scouts BSA skills and activities
2. Foster connections between Webelos and AOLs and current Scouts BSA members
3. Introduce the patrol method and youth leadership opportunities
4. Demonstrate the increased level of adventure in Scouts BSA
5. Inspire enthusiasm for continued participation in Scouting

6. Familiarize Webelos and AOLs and families with Scouts BSA culture and traditions
7. Provide a supportive environment for Webelos and AOLs to gain confidence

3. Pre-Event Planning

Registration Information:

- Webelos AOL registration deadline: September 19th, 2026
- Webelos and AOL register through main event link: <https://scoutingevent.com/456-117929#>

Required Forms:

- BSA Health and Medical Record (Parts A and B) for all participants
- BSA Activity Consent Form for all youth participants

Packing Lists:

Individual Scout and Adult Gear:

- Tent
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Ground cloth or tarp
- Camp chair
- Clothing appropriate for weather (including extra socks)
- Rain gear
- Sturdy shoes or boots
- Hat or cap
- Water bottle
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Personal first aid kit
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, towel, etc.)

- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Scout handbook
- Pen and paper
- Camp mess kit (plate, bowl, cup, utensils)

Unit/Den Shared Gear:

- Dining fly or canopy
- Matches in waterproof container
- Camp stove and fuel
- Coolers for food storage
- Water containers
- Trash bags
- Lanterns
- Dishwashing supplies (biodegradable soap, scrub pads, towels)
- Unit first aid kit
- Flags (American, pack, and den)
- Rope and cord
- Camp tools (hammer, saw, etc.) as needed
- Fire wood as needed

4. Arrival and Check-In

Check-in Procedures:

1. Arrive at camp gateway during designated check-in times (Friday 5-8 PM Parking Lot, Saturday 7:45-9 AM Dining Hall)

2. Check with event staff
3. Turn in completed unit roster and all required forms (med forms A & B)
4. Receive campsite assignment and event materials
5. Proceed to assigned campsite
6. Set up camp
7. Attend opening ceremony

****Parking Information:****

- One trailer maximum per unit
- Only Unit trailer and tow vehicles are permitted to be parked in camp sites
- Cars can drop gear at camp sites then they must be moved to designated parking areas
- All vehicles must park in the designated parking area
- Carpooling is strongly encouraged due to limited parking space

****Campsite Assignments:****

- Multiple units may share a campsite
- Assignments will be given at check-in based on unit size and arrival time, You should not change campsites

5. Event Schedule

****Friday, October 2nd, 2026****

- 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Check-in at camp gateway
- 8:30 PM: First activity
- 10:00 PM: Quiet time begins

****Saturday, October 3rd, 2026****

7:45 – 9:00 AM	Late check in and campsite set-up (must be completed by 9 AM)
or	
7:30 – 9:00 AM	Prepare own breakfast at campsite
9:10 – 9:25 AM	Opening Flag Ceremony – Announcements Parade field
9:30 – 11:20 AM	Program activities (see rotation schedule)
11:30 – 12:25 PM	Lunch provided at Dining Hall
12:30 – 4:20 PM	Program activities
4:30 – 4:40 PM	Evening Flag Ceremony - Announcements
4:45 – 6:45 PM	Prepare own dinner at campsite – Scouts should do the cooking!
7:00 – 7:45 PM	
7:45 – 8:30 PM	Campfire program at Fire bowl - Pack/Den skits
8:30 – 10:00PM	Pack/Den visit with neighboring Troops
10:15 PM	Quiet Time

****Sunday, October 4th, 2026****

- 6:00 AM: Quiet time ends
- 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM: Breakfast in campsite (unit-provided)
- 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM: Scout's Own service (location TBD)
- 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM: Pack up and clean up campsite
- 12:00 PM: Camp closes, all units must be checked out

6. Program Activities

Webelos 1 Activities:**

1. Champions of Nature (2 time slots)

- Description: In-depth exploration of nature and conservation

2. Chefs Knife (2 time slots)

- Description: Introduction to outdoor cooking and nutrition

3. Let's Camp (1 time slot)

- Description: Basic camping skills and outdoor living
- Location: Campsite area

Arrow of Light (AOL) Activities:

4. First Aid (2 time slots)

- Description: Comprehensive first aid skills and emergency preparedness

5. Into the Woods (1 time slot)

- Description: Forestry and woodland ecology

6. Knife Safety (2 time slots)

- Description: Proper use and care of knives and other cutting tools

7. Meals and Food Safety

- Units are responsible for their own meals except for Saturday lunch (provided)
- Prepare and eat meals in designated campsite areas
- Practice safe food handling and storage
- Use camp stoves or designated fire rings for cooking
- Properly store food to prevent wildlife attraction
- Follow Leave No Trace principles for all meal preparation and cleanup
- Potable water available at marked locations (see camp map)

8. Camping Information

Campsite Details:

- Each site equipped with picnic table, fire ring, and bathroom facility
- Multiple units may share a campsite

Facilities Information:

- Restroom locations marked on camp map (provided at check-in)
- Potable water available at marked spigots

Campfire and Fire Safety Rules:

- Fires allowed only in designated fire rings
- Adult supervision required for all fires
- Firewood can be bought locally , Lumber is prohibited from being burned in camp. Fire wood availability is limited in camp, wood found on the ground can be burned if it is appropriate size
- Completely extinguish all fires before leaving them unattended

9. Health and Safety

First Aid Information:

- Main First Aid station located at Dining Hall
- Units should bring their own First Aid kits for minor injuries
- Report all injuries beyond minor scratches to event staff

Emergency Procedures:

- For major emergencies, call 911 immediately, then notify event staff
- Emergency contact numbers will be provided at check-in

General Safety Guidelines:

- Always use the buddy system
- Wear closed-toe shoes at all times
- Stay on designated trails
- Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated
- Use sunscreen and insect repellent as needed

10. Camp Rules and Policies

General Rules:

1. Follow the Scout Oath and Law at all times
2. Respect quiet hours (10:00 PM - 6:00 AM)
3. Use the buddy system
4. Wear appropriate attire, including closed-toe shoes
5. Respect other units and their campsites
6. Follow Leave No Trace principles

Prohibited Items and Behaviors:

- Firearms, ammunition, and fireworks
- Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs
- Tobacco products (including e-cigarettes)
- Pets
- Harassment or bullying of any kind
- Leaving camp without proper check-out

Safeguarding Youth Reminders:

- Maintain two-deep leadership at all times

- Ensure proper adult-to-youth ratios
- Adhere to all BSA SYT policies

11. Check-Out Procedures

1. Pack all personal and unit gear
2. Clean up campsite, leaving it better than you found it
3. Dispose of all trash in designated dumpsters
4. Complete site inspection with staff member
5. Return to Dining Hall to complete check-out process
6. Turn in evaluation forms
7. Depart camp by 12:00 PM on Sunday

12. Post-Event Feedback

- Paper evaluation forms will be distributed at Sunday check-out
- An online post-event survey link will be emailed to unit leaders
- We greatly appreciate your input to help improve future events

13. Additional Resources

- Detailed camp map (to be provided at check-in)
- Local area information including nearby medical facilities (available at camp office)
- Information on Scouts BSA program and advancement opportunities (available at program areas)

14. Appendices

- BSA Medical Form Parts A and B
- BSA Activity Consent Form

- Detailed equipment lists
- FAQ section [To be developed based on common questions]