CSI: CAMP SCENE INVESTIGATION

WEBELOS & ARROW OF LIGHT • LEADER'S GUIDE

November 6–8, 2026 | Camp Coker | Indian Waters Council

Welcome, Investigators!

This weekend, Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts will investigate a Camp Coker mystery while practicing teamwork, outdoor skills, leadership, and the patrol method. Each activity offers another clue. The final reveal will take place Saturday afternoon. Leaders, please give Scouts opportunities to plan, lead, and learn by doing!

Weekend Schedule

Friday, November 6

5:00–7:00 PM	**Check-in at Stallworth; units set up campsites**
8:00 PM	Flag Retirement Ceremony
10:00 PM	Lights Out / Quiet Time

Saturday, November 7

8:30 AM	**Opening Flag Ceremony and CSI Mission Briefing**
9:00 AM	Morning Investigation Rotations Begin
After Morning Activities	Lunch: return to campsites to prepare and cook
After Lunch	Afternoon Investigation Rotations
By 4:30–5:00 PM	Final CSI Mystery Reveal and end of activities
Following Activities	Free time and dinner in campsites
Saturday Evening	Council Campfire: skits, songs, and fellowship
10:00 PM	Lights Out / Quiet Time

Exact station rotations and the council campfire time will be communicated at camp.

Sunday, November 8

Morning	**Breakfast, packing, and campsite cleanup**
8:15 AM	Scout Interfaith Service
By 10:00 AM	Complete campsite cleanup and check out

Saturday CSI Activity Stations

The Fingerprint Files — CSI Evidence Lab

A crime scene investigator introduces fingerprints and how careful observation helps identify evidence.

Operation Bullseye — Archery Evidence Division

Practice focus, accuracy, and safe archery under authorized range supervision.

The Slingshot Stakeout — Target Identification Unit

Build coordination and precision while following slingshot safety instructions.

The Ballistics Bureau — BB Marksmanship Investigation

Practice safe BB marksmanship, range commands, and careful aim under authorized supervision.

Troop 899: Scout Skills Forensic Lab

Visit Troop 899 for demonstrations of knife safety (Blade Evidence Unit), fire building (Fire Investigation Squad), and troop camp kitchen setup (Camp Kitchen Crime Lab).

K-9 Search & Rescue: The Missing Trail

The Chesterfield County canine team demonstrates how working dogs and handlers conduct searches.

Case Closed! — The Final CSI Reveal

At the end of Saturday activities, investigators gather to connect the clues and learn the mystery's conclusion.

The Patrol Method: Let Scouts Lead

Before camp, units should meet with their Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts to plan their weekend menu and decide on patrol responsibilities. Scouts should set up their own campsites, help organize equipment, prepare meals, clean up, and participate in decision-making with appropriate adult guidance.

- Choose patrol leaders and assistant patrol leaders; if several patrols are working together, consider a senior patrol leader and assistant senior patrol leader for the weekend.
- Consider additional jobs such as quartermaster (equipment), grubmaster (food), and cheermaster (Scout spirit).
- Scouts may attend their assigned activity stations in patrols, with the buddy system and required adult supervision.
- Adults should coach and supervise, but allow Scouts to practice leadership and solve problems themselves.

Shared Campsites and Campfires

Units will share campsites. Remember: A Scout is Friendly and Courteous! Respect other units' space and coordinate the use of shared facilities. Existing campsite fire rings will also be shared. Units may bring an additional above-ground fire pit if they wish, subject to camp fire rules and safe placement. All fires require appropriate supervision and must be fully extinguished when finished.

Meals, Saturday Lunch, and Drinks

Each unit is responsible for providing and preparing its food for the weekend, except for the Saturday lunch ingredients supplied by the event. Water will be provided at all activity stations. Scouts are encouraged to bring refillable water bottles and stay hydrated. Units must still provide their own beverages and drinking water at campsites and during meals.

Saturday lunch provided: a hot dog with crescent roll, fruit, and dessert. Scouts will prepare and cook lunch at their own campsites. We strongly encourage cooking the crescent-roll-wrapped hot dog over a campfire as part of the outdoor Scouting experience. Units should bring suitable campfire cooking tools, such as appropriate roasting implements, and any needed cooking and serving supplies. Follow fire and food safety practices and accommodate individual dietary needs.

Pack Flags and Opening Ceremony

Units are welcome to bring their pack flag. Scouts may carry it into the Saturday opening ceremony at 8:30 AM as a show of unit pride and Scout spirit.

Health Forms: Required at Check-In

Every youth and adult attending must have Parts A and B of the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (health form). Part C is NOT required for this campout.

If your unit keeps health forms together in a binder, the leader or designated adult carrying that binder must arrive at the beginning of check-in at 5:00 PM Friday and provide the complete forms for the entire unit. Otherwise, each youth and adult must present their own completed Parts A and B at check-in.

Adventures to Review Before Camp

- Webelos: Let's Camp and Chef's Knife.
- Arrow of Light: Outdoor Adventurer and Knife Safety.

Leaders should review the relevant adventure requirements before camp and connect weekend activities to the skills Scouts are learning.

What to Bring

☐ Completed health form Parts A and B for every attendee

☐ Tent, sleeping gear, and other camping equipment

☐ Weather-appropriate clothing, warm layers, rain gear, and suitable closed-toe footwear

☐ Personal hygiene items, flashlight/headlamp, and refillable water bottle

☐ Drinks and drinking water for campsites and meals (water provided at activity stations); cooking utensils and patrol kitchen supplies

☐ Appropriate campfire cooking tools for Saturday lunch; trash bags

☐ Optional pack flag and permitted above-ground fire pit

Prepare for changing November weather, including chilly mornings and evenings.

Camp Rules and Safety

- Use the buddy system throughout the entire weekend; Scouts must not wander alone.
- Follow all youth protection, supervision, and range safety requirements.
- No smoking, vaping, alcohol, illegal drugs, or other illegal activities in campsites or during the event.
- Respect camp property, fellow campers, wildlife, and the instructions of event staff.
- Lights out and quiet time begin at 10:00 PM on both Friday and Saturday.

Leave No Trace and Sunday Checkout

Before Sunday check-out, have Scouts complete the following Leave No Trace campsite checklist:

☐ Pick up all trash and litter.

☐ Check tents and campsite for belongings.

☐ Clean cooking and food preparation areas.

☐ Make sure campfires are completely extinguished.

☐ Remove all unit equipment and leave the campsite better than you found it.

☐ Take bagged trash to the dumpster behind the dining hall or place it on the road immediately outside your campsite as directed.

Event Page Attachments and Detailed Itinerary

A more detailed weekend itinerary will be available tomorrow in the attachment section of our CSI event page at indianwaters.org.

The detailed itinerary, this Leader's Guide, the Camp Coker map, and the Scout Interfaith Service will all be posted in the attachment section of the event page. Please check these resources before arriving at camp.

Special Thanks

We sincerely thank the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Department, its K-9 Unit, and the Crime Scene Investigator for generously volunteering their time and expertise to be part of this program. Their involvement gives our Scouts a memorable, hands-on learning experience. We also thank Troop 899, our leaders, and all volunteers who make this weekend possible.

Investigators, Your Mission Awaits!

Be Prepared. Follow the Clues. Solve the Mystery. Let's enjoy a wonderful weekend of Scouting, friendship, learning, and fun!