

Camp James Ray Summer Camp Leaders Cheat Sheet

Webelos/AOL Edition

What changes can I expect for program at Camp James Ray this summer?

The 2025 Camping Season program has been streamlined to ease the process for packs to attend summer camp. Webelos and AOL will now attend the same session- Monday-Thursday, and will rotate together as a group through activities. This allows dens to strengthen relationships and allows leaders to be with their scouts as a group.

How do my scouts sign up for classes?

With our streamlined program, all scouts participate in an engaging program that everyone can enjoy! Webelos and AOL scouts get to experience a variety of activities, allowing them to do things they may not realize they enjoy!

How many adults need to attend?

The minimum leadership requirements for any Cub Scout unit attending long-term camp is a ratio of two adults to a maximum of eight youth and one additional adult for each four additional youth (or part thereof). (2025 NCAP HS-502)

These leaders must be registered with Scouting America and have valid Youth Protection Training that does not expire before the last day of camp.

For example:

Youth Attending	Adults Required
6	2
9	3
15	4

Are unregistered parents allowed to attend?

Yes, but please read past the fine print. The Scouting America Cub Scouts program allows parents who are not registered to attend. Per the current Guide to Safe Scouting:

“Cub Scout Programs – Overnight Exception: Cub Scout parents or legal guardians taking part in an overnight Cub Scout program with their own child or legal ward are not required to register as leaders. All adults must review the [“How to Protect your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide”](#) that can be found in the front of each Cub Scout Handbook. In addition, the parent or legal guardian must be accompanied by a registered leader at any time they are with youth members other than their own child/ward. All other overnight adults must be currently registered in an adult fee required position.”

Webelos/AOL camp is designed to prepare our scouts to attend Long-Term Camps and gives them the next steps beyond a weekend event with their parents. It serves as a growth opportunity where they can build self-confidence and start building some independence, while still having close supervision and support from leaders.

Parents are absolutely welcome, but if your scout is ready to take that step, this is a great place to start!!

Camp James Ray requires ALL adults, whether registered or not, to complete Youth Protection Training.

What training/certifications/etc. do I have to take to be at camp?

- Cub Scout Packs must have:
 - an adult that has BALOO training, and
 - an adult that has Hazardous Weather training (available online)
- All adults must complete Youth Protection Training
- All adults in camp are required to undergo a Background Check per the State of Texas guidelines. The background check will be completed based on the registration data in Black Pug.
- Individual Registrants who do not have the required training can be grouped together with a unit/group that has adequate training.

Do we have to bring our own tents and cots?

Camp James Ray will provide tents, but not cots. The Leader's Guide has a full list of items to bring.

Is there power and water at my camp site?

Campsites do not have power. There is potable water from the spigot on the latrine in each campsite.

Where do we eat? What if I have dietary restrictions?

All meals will be provided by camp and served in the dining hall. While we are able to accommodate some dietary restrictions (vegetarian, for example) we are not able to accommodate every situation. For those who we cannot accommodate, we will store your food for you in the kitchen.

What about swim checks?

We suggest you complete swim checks PRIOR to arrival. That gives you more time to enjoy your arrival day! Swim Checks can be a stressful process for some young people and adults. Completing them at a time when there is less activity and less perceived pressure can alleviate some of that stress.

Circle Ten will offer swim checks on May 10. Registration is open at <https://scoutingevent.com/571-2025CouncilSwimChecks>.

For more information on obtaining your own swim check, please see <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Swim-Classificaiton-record-430-122.pdf>