

WEB-AOL-REE 2026

Monitor Merrimac District

October 09 - October 11, 2026

Gosnolds Hope Park, Hampton Virginia



Leader's Guide

Revision 1

Registration Deadline is October 5.

Invitation

Hello Scout Leaders and Parents,

You and your units Webelos and AOL scouts are cordially invited to attend the Monitor Merrimac District WEB-AOL-REE.

The dates are October 09 - 11, 2026 to be held in the Horseshoe area at Gosnold's Hope Park, located at 901 East Little Back River Road, near Langley Elementary School.

The WEB-AOL-REE offers your Webelos and AOL scouts the opportunity to participate in activities designed specifically for them in a Scout camp environment. This event is organized as a two-night campout with a number of instructional sessions and events planned for Saturday.

The purpose of the WEB-AOL-REE has three parts;

1. It is designed to give your scouts a jump-start towards obtaining their Webelos badge or their Arrow of light award.
2. The entire weekend is inherently designed to inspire your scouts to continue the trail to Eagle.
3. It allows the parents /guardians an opportunity to visit the different troops in our area and meet the Scoutmasters and scouts and to see their scouts interact with the different troops.

The staff is composed of "seasoned scouters" who are always on hand to answer questions and to supervise the training sessions. The training sessions are geared for your scouts to have the chance to complete and earn Webelos or AOL adventures. Your scouts will be given the opportunity to participate in activities that will challenge them and encourage them to continue working on advancements on the den/patrol level and at home. They will participate in ceremonies, camp wide games, in camp cooking, and a Saturday night campfire with skits and songs. Some of the training sessions will be taught by older senior Scouts with younger Scouts assisting. These scouts are working on requirements for their next rank. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

The WEB-AOL-REE is open to all registered Webelos and AOL scouts regardless of districts or councils.

Unless we have severe weather (tropical storm or higher) or if the Monitor Merrimac District cancels this event, it will go on as planned. If this event is canceled, we will try to reschedule it.

WEB-AOL-REE organizers are

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If you have any questions or would like to give us a hand, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Registration

Registration, Roster and Fee

Submit the registration on Black Pug and roster with your units registration. All units must submit a WEB-AOL-REE Pack Roster with their registration. Be sure to keep a copy of your receipt. The registration fee for the WEB-AOL-REE is \$15.00 per person for Cub Scouts and \$10.00 per person for Scouts, Adults, and Leaders.

How to Register

Registration **begins on June 19** and **ends on October 5**. Registrations after October 5 will not be accepted. Register at the Colonial Virginia Council website or at the Scout Service Center at 11834 Canon Blvd, Suite L, Newport News, VA 23606.

Roster Changes and Late Additions

Provisions for collecting money will not be available at the WEB-AOL-REE; all fees and registrations must be submitted online or at the Scout Service Center before the deadline. Roster changes are very disruptive for the volunteers who have prepared for the training sessions.

Map of Gosnold's Horseshoe



Event Schedule

FRIDAY OCTOBER 09

05:00 pm. – 09:00 pm. Packs & Troops arrive, report to the headquarters tent, get their campsite assignment, and set-up.

09:00 pm - Leader's Meeting at Headquarters Tent. Training and activity schedules will be distributed, and any questions, and or concerns will be addressed.

10:00 pm - Quiet time.

10:30 pm - Lights out.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10

06:30 am – 07:50 am Reveille, Breakfast & Clean up

08:00 am – 08:20 am Flag ceremony, recite Scout Law and Oath, and announcements

08:30 am – 09:30 am Morning Session 1

09:40am – 10:40am Morning Session 2

10:00 am Morning Campsite Inspection

10:50am – 11:50am Morning Session 3

12:00 pm – 01:30 pm Lunch and clean up

12:00 pm – 01:30 pm Submit campfire skits/songs for approval

01:30 pm – 02:30 pm Afternoon Session 1

02:00 pm Afternoon Campsite Inspection

02:40pm – 03:40pm Afternoon Session 2

03:50pm – 04:50pm Afternoon Session 3

05:00 pm – 06:30 pm BB-Gun Firing Range

05:00 pm – 06:30 pm Dinner and clean up.

07:00 pm Dessert Contest submission

07:30 pm Evening Colors

08:00 pm – 09:30 pm WEB-AOL-REE Games and Campfire Activities

10:00 pm Quiet time

10:30 pm Lights out

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11

07:30 am. – 08:30 am Reveille, Breakfast & Clean-up

08:30 am. – 09:00 am. Closing assembly, announcements, and Scouts Own Service 11:00 am. Campsite inspection and check out

Webelos Activity Badges

The following Webelos adventures are being offered: Cast Iron Chef, Walkabout, Outdoorsman (Camper), Scouting Adventure, Engineer, Castaway, Into the Wild, Into the Woods, Build It, Sportsman, First Responder, and Aware and Care.

AOL Activity Badges

The following AOL adventures are being offered: Cast Iron Chef, Walkabout, Outdoorsman (Camper), Scouting Adventure, Engineer, Castaway, Into the Wild, Into the Woods, Build It, Sportsman, First Responder, and Aware and Care.

Scheduled Activities

Leader's Meeting

A leader's meeting will be held in front of the Headquarters tent Friday night at approximately 09:00 pm. One adult leader from each den should attend with any roster updates. This is an opportunity for unit leaders to meet and greet other leaders, meet the staff, receive their training schedules, and discuss any last minute information or concerns the staff or the unit leaders might have. Snacks and coffee will be available.

Parent/Leader's Meeting

A meeting to allow for parents to mingle and talk with a leader from each of the Troops. Each unit should send one leader to discuss the personality of their unit with the parents of the cub scouts. All cub scout parents should attend. We will have 2 sessions, one after the first morning session starts (approximately 9am) and a second one just after the evening colors (approximately 7:45pm)

Campsite Inspection

Each campsite will be inspected in the morning and afternoon on Saturday for a Clean Campsite Award. The judging criteria are listed in the Campsite Inspection Sheet in this leader's guide. Awards will be presented in the Cub Scout category and in the Staff category, which includes Troops, Crews, and Ships.

Dessert Cooking Contest

All units are encouraged to submit an entry to the Dessert Contest. Entries will be judged on appearance and taste. Judging will be held at 7:00 pm Saturday night in the headquarters tent, so don't be late. Entries may be picked up and returned to the unit's campsite at 7:15 pm.

Campfire

A traditional campfire will be held inside the Horseshoe on Saturday night. Units are encouraged to perform a song, skit, stunt, or performance to entertain the audience. To ensure good organization and appropriate subject, the unit should send a youth representative to the Headquarters Tent to submit and explain their performance. Submissions will be accepted until 6:30pm on Saturday.

BB-Gun Shooting Range

A BB-gun shooting range will be set up on the north side of the Horseshoe. BB-gun instruction and shooting will be held on Saturday afternoon. Participants should stay clear of the woods behind the shooting range.

Facilities, Safety, and Rules

Off Limits Area

The occupied RV campsites, the waterfront area, and the surrounding neighborhood are off limits to all scouts unless they are accompanied by an adult.

Parking

Except while loading and unloading, vehicles and trailers will not be allowed to park in the campsites or on the horseshoe road. Vehicles and trailers must park in the parking lot. Parking passes will be issued at check in.

Leadership Requirements

Each Pack must have at least one registered adult leader who has completed the BALOO training course (Scouting America requirement).

As described in the *Guide to Safe Scouting* (34416):

- Two-deep leadership on all outings required. A minimum of two registered adult leaders, one registered leader and a participating Scout's parent, or another adult are required for all trips and outings. One of these adults must be 21 years of age or older. NOTE: Additional rules for Venturing Crews and Sea Scout Ships also apply.
- One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is prohibited. In situations requiring a personal conference, such as a Scoutmaster's conference, the meeting is to be conducted with the knowledge and in view of other adults and/or youth.

Staff personnel

All staff personnel must be treated with respect and courtesy at all times. The adult staff members stand behind and support our youth staff members. For many of our youth staff members this is a first-time experience in a training environment. Do not let insignificant events deter your scouts from learning or cause a loss of confidence in their instructors.

Remember we are here for our scouts.

Manners

1. Any SCOUT who inflicts intentional harm to another scout, adult, or animal WILL BE SENT HOME IMMEDIATELY!
2. Disruptive/destructive behavior will not be tolerated. Scouts who are disruptive during a training session will be turned over to a unit leader for guidance.
3. If any Webelos or AOL Scout causes damage to another units' equipment or gear, or who damages the park's property (soccer goals, port-o-lets), then the scouts' unit will be financially responsible.
4. Scouts must ask permission prior to entering a neighboring campsite. (This allows the Leaders/adults of the visited camp to know who is in their camp at all times.)
5. Scouts will not "cut through" camps to get to their campsite. (Use the road or paths between campsites).
6. Scouts will be quiet in camp after lights out.
7. Scouts are not allowed to intentionally shine their flashlights into neighboring camps.

Volunteers

Many scouters have volunteered their time in developing the schedule of events for the WEB-AOL-REE. Sometimes things happen when they should not, and the program will be changed at the last minute. Have patience and be flexible, have a couple of back-up plans just in case.

Pets

No pets are allowed to "visit" or stay during the WEB-AOL-REE. This includes dropping off equipment or scouts, this applies to all visitors and staff personnel also. The only exception is licensed service animals (check in at Headquarters).

Visitors

Parents and siblings are allowed to visit on Saturday during the WEB-AOL-REE between the hours

of 9 am to 9 pm. Visitors are required to sign in at the headquarters tent. Visitors may stay for the WEB-AOL-REE Campfire program, but they cannot stay overnight. Each unit's leaders are responsible for the actions of their visitors.

Water

Water is available in the RV camping area only at the designated faucet. Look for the "DRINKING WATER" sign. Be sure to bring water jugs to carry water from the faucet to the campsite. Do not wash dishes at the faucet.

DANGER:

Do not use the water at the RV dumping station located in the parking lot adjacent to the Horseshoe. This is not potable water and may contain sewerage and bacteria.

Fires

Fires in campsites are permitted only in approved above-ground fire pits; no fires are allowed on the ground. Provision for dousing the fire is required, such as a 5-gallon bucket of water. Provision for overhauling the fire is required, such as a shovel. Fuel for fires is not readily available at the Park, so campers should bring their own. In keeping with Leave No Trace principles, pack out or disperse COLD ashes. Do not dispense in the dumpster or dump a pile in the woods.

Liquid Fuels

Each unit is responsible for keeping liquid fuel (Coleman fluid, kerosene, lamp oil, etc.) away from the cooking area, sleeping areas, and fire pit except if properly used for lighting a charcoal fire. Do not add liquid fuel to a burning fire. Suggestion is to put the fuel in a milk crate with something on top as a lid. Propane is recommended for cooking and lanterns.

Cooking

The Webelos and AOL scouts should plan, prepare, and cook the den/patrol meals.

The leaders and adults can help their scouts with lighting of stoves. However, try to let them do most of the preparation and cooking. If the unit is planning aluminum foil cooking, the charcoal has to be off ground. Keep an eye on the weather; it may be chilly or wet, we recommend warm drinks, broths, or soup. Webelos and AOL scouts love hot chocolate and snacks while on campouts, we suggest you keep an ample supply of both. Do not forget coffee for adults.

Garbage Disposal

Each unit is responsible for disposing of their trash. The trash dumpster is located adjacent to the park ranger office. Please do not put ashes in the dumpster.

Sanitary Facilities

Port-o-lets will be available. Adults may use the park's RV/camper restroom adjacent to the park's field office. Parents attending need to be made aware of this policy.

Tobacco and Alcohol Policy

The designated tobacco smoking and vaping area is located at the boat ramp. This policy applies to all leaders, parents/guardians, and visitors. Youth participants are prohibited from smoking or vaping.

This is an alcohol free event. All alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited. This policy applies to all leaders, parents/guardians, visitors, and scouts. There is not a designated area for alcohol use. If a parent or visitor appears inebriated, they will be asked to leave.

First Aid

Each unit is responsible for providing basic first aid for their scouts. Any serious injuries should be reported to the Web-AOL- Ree headquarters. For severe injuries, EMERGENCY 911 will be notified.

Scouts Leaving Early

If at any time during the WEB-AOL-REE, a registered Webelos or AOL scout and parent/guardian are leaving, the unit leader must be notified and the Webelos/AOL scout and parent/guardian must sign out at the headquarters tent.

Uniforms

Scouts and Scouters are encouraged to wear their field (or class "A") uniforms during the religious service on Sunday. Activity (or class "B") uniforms can be worn during the rest of the event.

Proper Clothing

Unit leaders need to check the weather forecast prior to coming to the WEB-AOL-REE. Be prepared for the weekend. Bring enough and the right equipment for your scouts. This is October and the weather can change rapidly. Please ensure your scouts bring appropriate clothing and +25 Outdoor sleeping bags. The temperature can drop once the sun goes down. Ensure your scouts bring sweatshirts, light jackets, long sleeve shirts, and long pants, and make sure they wear them. The scouts will get cold quickly, we would rather see them too warm than too cold during the WEB-AOL-REE.

General rules

1. Firecrackers, explosives, and firearms are not permitted. Electronic games, radios (except weather alert), and televisions are not recommended.
2. Webelos/AOL scouts are not allowed to roam through the campsites during instruction time.
3. Unit leaders and parents are responsible for all Webelos/AOL scouts during the WEB-AOL-REE. If you see them doing something they should not, speak up and say something. Suggestions for unit leaders and parents are to start a pick-up game of soccer/football/kickball, take your scouts on a nature hike, work on activity badges, or practice the dens/patrol skit or song for the WEB-AOL REE campfire.
4. Webelos/AOL scouts should not bring knives to the WEB-AOL-REE.
5. Webelos/AOL scouts may sleep in the same tent with their parent/legal guardian; however, Webelos/AOL scouts are encouraged to share tents with other Webelos/AOL scouts.
6. Scouts & adults are not allowed to go barefoot, no open-toed shoes.
7. No open campfires, campfires must be off the ground (leave no trace).
8. Campfires are not to be left unattended at any time, when a campfire is being used an adult or responsible BSA Scout must be appointed as FIRE WARDEN.
9. Pets (dogs, cats, mice, gerbils, birds, snakes, tarantulas, llamas – you get the picture) are not permitted, unless they are service animals.
10. Cutting of live trees is prohibited.
11. The buddy system and youth protection guidelines are in effect at all times.
12. National and council policies will be followed and adhered too.

Checkout

If a unit is going to leave before the end of the WEB-AOL-REE, they are to inform the event organizers, police their campsite area for trash, ensure campfires and ashes are out and disposed of properly. The unit leader will sign their unit out, finish camp paperwork, and get participation

patches.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Why is there a registration fee? To cover the costs of insurance, patch, toilet facilities, and staff support.
2. Does the pack/den need to campout? Yes; this event is for Webelos/AOL dens to camp with troops.
3. What other activities are there for the Webelos/AOLs? Participation Award including Dessert Cooking Contest, Tug-o-War, Campfire, and Campsite Inspections.
4. What do we bring? You will need to bring your camping equipment and food for the weekend. The *Webelos Leader Manual* contains a list of equipment to get you started. See the list in the appendix for a suggestion of den equipment.
5. Will this event be cancelled because of the weather? Only if a tropical storm comes. Otherwise, this event will go on – rain or shine.

MONITOR MERRIMAC DISTRICT WEB-AOL-REE

October 09 – 11, 2026

Gosnold's Hope Park



-----Registration form-----

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1. Give your Scouts a jump-start towards obtaining their Webelos or Arrow of Light rank. A Webelos or AOL Scout will have the opportunity to earn up to two Adventures.
2. Inspire your Webelos and AOL Scouts to continue on the trail to BSA scouts and his new troop.
3. Allows the parents /guardians an opportunity to visit the different troops in our area and meet the Scoutmasters and scouts and to see their scouts interact with the different troops.

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The WEB-AOL-REE is open to all registered Webelos and Arrow of Light scouts regardless of districts or councils, but the maximum capacity is 200 Webelos/AOL scouts. The WEB-AOL-REE is also open to all Monitor Merrimac District Troops, Crews, and Ships wishing to assist with instruction or serving on Staff.

ATTACH ROSTER TO THIS REGISTRATION FORM

Circle One

Pack/Troop/Crew/Ship/Post _____ District _____

Unit Leader - Camping with Unit _____

Phone & Email _____

See the Leadership section of the leader's guide for required number of adults.

	Count	Fee per person	Total Fee
Total Cub Scouts		\$15.00	
Total BSA Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts, Crews, and Explorers		\$10.00	
Total Leaders/Parents		\$10.00	
Total Participants		Total Fees	

Registration for packs and troops ends on October 5. Registrations after October 5 will only be accepted if space is available. Register at the Colonial Virginia Council Scout Service Center at 11834 Canon Blvd, Suite L, Newport News, VA 23606.

2026 WEB-AOL-REE – Unit Roster

Please Submit WITH Registration

Roster for Unit _____ District _____

Den Leader _____

Name / Cell Phone

Email

Asst. Den Ldr _____

Name / Cell Phone

Name of Scout	Scout Rank
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Please don't use back for overflow; use additional roster pages.

Leader's Guide Appendix A

2026 WEB-AOL-REE – Suggested Gear List

Suggested Equipment:

Camp Site Equipment

Tents, Ground cloths, and stakes
First Aid Kit
Lanterns, electric or propane
Rake, Shovel, and Broom
Bow Saw and 3/4 Ax (Adults only)
Rope, various lengths and sizes
Wash station materials
Camp stoves and fuel. (Propane if available)
Dining Fly
Coolers
American Flag and Pack Flag
Den Flag or Standard
Dish washing basins (Suggest 3 for dunk method)
Grill for cooking over a fire ring. (Do not forget tongs and hot mitts)
Cooking utensils, pots, pans, etc. (Do not forget Potholders)
Matches, Lighter

Folding chairs and stools
Hammer, etc, (Assorted tools for camping purposes)
Clothes hangers, good for hanging Class A
Wood for campsite – only a very limited supply at the park.

Expendable Items

Hand sanitizer
Trash Bags
Dish Soap and Dishrags
Paper Towels, Paper Plates, Plastic Knives, Forks, and Spoons. (Suggested only for time saving purposes.)
Charcoal
Aluminum foil
Scouring pads
Toilet paper

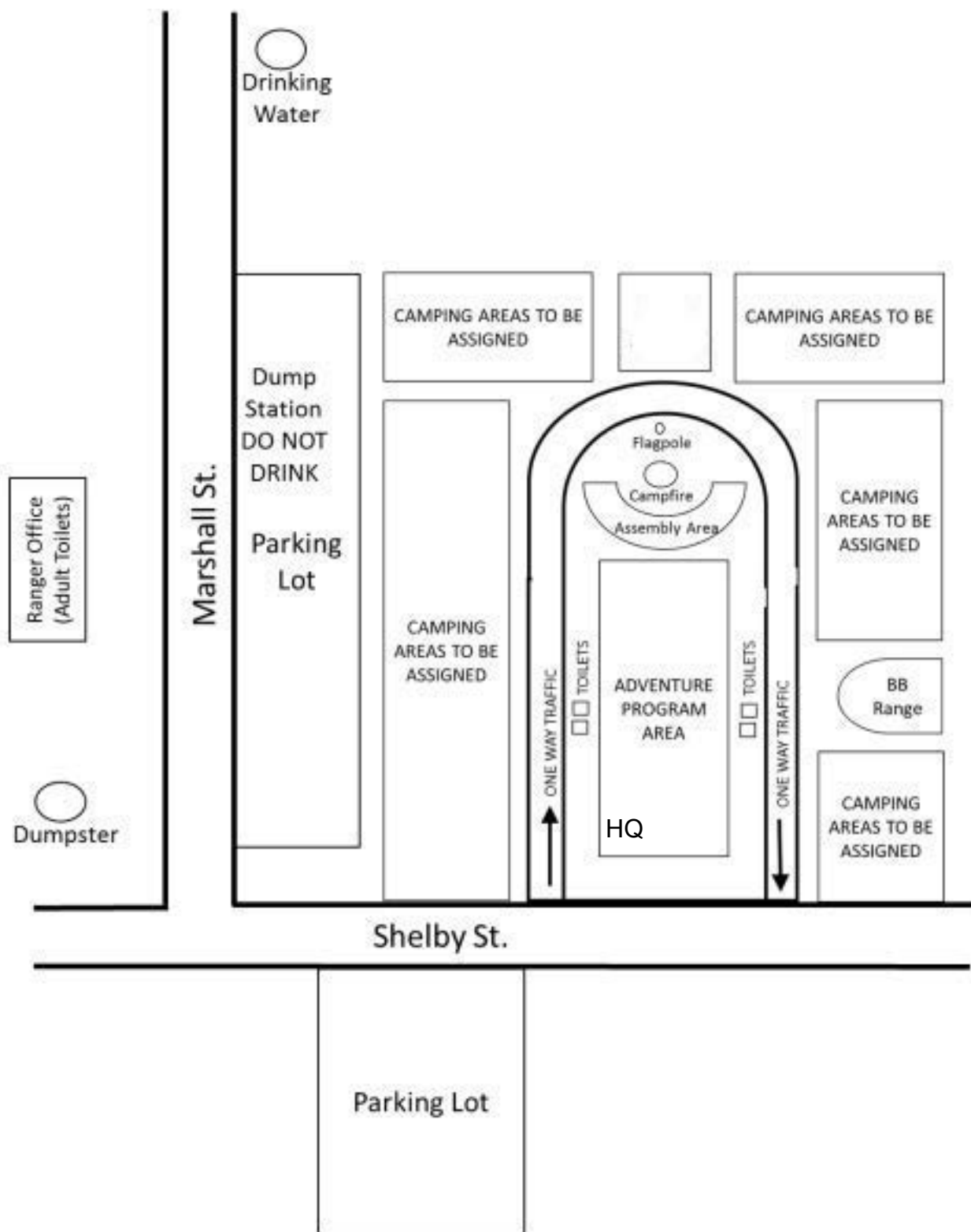
Personal Gear

Water Bottle
Uniform, Class A and B, Troop T-shirt,
Long pants or jeans without holes
Clothing for the season - Bring at least one extra set
Socks & Underwear
Sleeping bag - Recommend a real bag and not bags designed for the indoors.
Jacket
Rain Gear or poncho

Sturdy shoes, sandals are not authorized
Eating kit/Mess kit, with knife fork and spoon
Personal Items, soap, toothpaste and brush, comb, and wash cloth and towel.
Insect repellent, (Not aerosol)
Flashlight and extra batteries
Sunscreen
Appropriate Cap

Leader's Guide Appendix B

Horseshoe Campground Layout



Leader's Guide Appendix C

2026 WEB-AOL-REE – Campsite inspection sheet

Unit:	Time:	Total Score
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Item scores range from 1 (low) to 5 (exceptional) quality. Circle the score and calculate totals.

Orderly Campsite

Item	Score	Comment
Tents Properly Pitched	1 2 3 4 5	
Tent Doors Closed	1 2 3 4 5	
Campsite Clear of Clutter	1 2 3 4 5	
Campsite Clean of Trash	1 2 3 4 5	
Drinking Water Available	1 2 3 4 5	
Duty Roster Posted	1 2 3 4 5	
Schedule Posted	1 2 3 4 5	
TOTAL		

Orderly Kitchen Area

Item	Score	Comment
Kitchen Area Clean	1 2 3 4 5	
Food Protected from Animals	1 2 3 4 5	
Chilled Food Storage Cooler	1 2 3 4 5	
TOTAL		

Campsite Safety

Item	Score	Comment
First Aid Kit Accessible	1 2 3 4 5	
Fire Pit 15 ft. from Tents	1 2 3 4 5	
Water Bucket	1 2 3 4 5	
Wood Cutting Tools Secure	1 2 3 4 5	
TOTAL		

Campsite Improvements

Item	Score	Comment
Gadgets	1 2 3 4 5	

Leader's Guide Appendix D

2026 WEB-AOL-REE – Evaluation

In order to ensure a quality Scouting Program, please complete the following evaluation form and return at the time of checkout. Participation patches will be issued at this time.

Please rank the statements below with the following grades:

5 = Excellent; 4 = Very Good; 3 = Average; 2 = Fair; 1 = Poor

- The event was interesting ()
- The event was organized ()
- The Chairman was prepared ()
- There was good communication/publicity prior to the activity ()
- Leaders/volunteers had good appearance and were in uniform ()
- The activity promoted good scouting skills and attitude ()
- Overall activity rating. ()

What activity was enjoyed the best?

Why?

What was enjoyed the least?

Why?

How can it be improved?

Complete the following statement. If I were running the activity, I would ...
