

2025 Three Rivers District Scouting America Tidewater Council Webelosree Event Guide Pipsico Camp Kiwanis September 26th – 28th

Webelosree is back! I am excited to have this event back for the Three Rivers District of Tidewater Council. We will have several Adventures and electives that your Webelos and Arrow of Light will be able to complete. Please come join us for some fun and fellowship to bring this event back stronger than ever.



Webelosree Staff:

Webelosree Chairman: Bob Fisher Associate Chairman: Tom Conter

Activities Chairman: Positions Open – Contact us to volunteer!

SPL's: Billy Howey & Will Klunk

Event Details:

Date: September 26th – 28th Location: Pipsico Camp Kiwainis Cost: Youth & Adult \$18 Volunteers Youth & Adult \$10.00

Registration:

All units will register via BlackPug:

Day-of-event or on-site registrations will <u>NOT</u> be accepted.

For registration questions, contact Bob Fisher at RGF2112@outlook.com or 757-813-0383.

Reductions & Refunds

Reduction requests must be made on Tidewater Council's Refund Application prior to the event and are subject to a 15% surcharge processing fee. Funds will be returned to the payee/unit via their store account or by check. Refunds will be granted only in case of documented illness or family emergency. **NO refunds** can be given if notified <u>within 14 days of the event</u> as pre-paid expenses will already have been incurred. No refunds for partial attendance will be granted.

Registrants must pay for slots upon registration. Reductions in registrations can **ONLY** be made up to **14 days before the event**, unless the event sells out. Should the event sell out, the unit will be financially responsible for the full reservation. This is to limit over-booking on popular events. Those receiving "over-sold" slots from other units will be camped with the unit who initially purchased the slot. <u>Requesting a reduction</u> can **ONLY** be completed by submitting a Council Refund Application to the event contacts and is subject to a 15% processing fee.

What are Webelos & AOL's?

Webelos is the first opportunity for 4th and 5th grade Webelos and AOL Cub Scouts to learn what Scouts BSA is all about. It is a weekend trip that exposes the Webelos and AOL scouts to Scouts BSA camping using the patrol method, in a Scouts BSA led outdoor adventure, supervised by an adult Scouter, BSA leaders in troops. The weekend event gives these scouts a taste of a little more independence and self-reliance than in Cub Scouts (this is very attractive to boys and girls at this age.) The patrol method is the way Scouts BSA organizes that gives them experience in group living, working, and having fun.

Why are Webelos & AOLs important?

Studies show that we often lose Webelos Scouts between 4th and 5th grade, and when it is time to graduate into Scouts BSA. By getting the Webelos & AOL Cub Scouts to commit to a new, fun and more challenging camping experience they are much more likely to continue in cubs over the summer and into the fall, and more likely to then make the move into Scouts BSA the following spring. By building the relationships of the Webelos, AOLs, & their parents with their local Scouts BSA troop's youth and adults, joining a troop becomes comfortable, easy and exciting!

Recommended Individual & Patrol Gear List

All participants overnight camping should pack the right supplies for the patrol-style camping experience.

Individual Gear:

- Pocket Items:
 - o Compass, Flashlight/Headlamp, Pocketknife (whittling chit required)
- Personal Gear:
 - Backpack, Day Pack, Sleeping Bag, Sleeping Pad, Small Pillow, Mess Kit, Spoon/Fork, Water Bottle
- Clothing:
 - Boots or Hiking Shoes, Socks, Underwear, Pants, Shirts, Pile/Fleece Jacket, Hat (for sun and/or cold weather), Rain Gear, Small Towel, Bandana/Handkerchief
- Other Items:
 - Camera, Watch, Sunglasses, Sunscreen, Lip Balm, Insect Repellant, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Soap Bar, Deodorant, Hand Sanitizer, Plastic Bags (for personal items & clean/dirty clothes)

Pack/ Den Gear:

- Camp Gear:
 - Two-Person Tents, Dining Tarp/canopy, Groundsheets, Poles, Pegs & Tent Lines, Small Cook Stove (s) and Fuel, Rope or Nylon Cord, First Aid Kit
- Cooking Gear:
 - Cooking Gloves, Cooking Pot & Pan, Coffee Pot, Cooking Utensils (Spoon, Ladle, Spatula, Tongs & Pot Hook), Water Containers, Dishwashing Pot, Liquid Soap, Pot Scrubber, Dish Towels

General Activity Summary

Scouts will participate as Patrols to complete Webelos & Arrow of Light Adventures and Electives. The Scouts will learn from experienced Scouts BSA, Venture Scouts, Sea Scouts and members of the Order of the Arrow. They will demonstrate how Scouting is a youth-lead program and uses the EDGE Method. The Scouts will advance through stations for their program. **Packs should have their BALOO trained leadership with them**.

Detailed Information

- 1) Packs should register as a Unit Identify Scout participants with names and rank
- 2) Packs will plan their own meals for the weekend
- 3) Packs will participate in the Saturday Campfire and Scouts Own Service
- 4) WEBELOS & AOL's will be broken into Patrols by rank. Patrols may be mixed with other Packs.

Campsite Assignments:

The Webelosree team will assign campsites based on registration date and the size of the unit. More than one unit may be assigned to a campsite.

Please note there is no power available; if required for medical purposes, you will need to provide your own power supply.

Adventures & Electives:

Webelos

- Webelos Walkabout
 - Do requirement 1 prior to event
- Stronger, Faster, Higher
 - Do requirement 1&5 prior to event
- Let's Camp Webelos
 - Do requirement 9 after camp
- Math on the Trail

Arrow of Light

- Outdoor Adventure
 - Do requirement 1 prior to camp and 8 after camp
- Personal Fitness
 - Do requirement 1&4 prior to camp
- First Aid
 - Do requirement 1 prior to camp
- High Tech Outdoors
- Estimations

Preparation for Arrival

Please review the administrative procedures and the program health/safety/security needs of both the Webelosree and your unit, well in advance, to ensure participant understanding. Please ensure that all participants are registered Scouts, registered adult leaders, or parents/guardians. Please ensure all attending adult leaders are up-to-date with their Youth Protection Training. Please ensure that you have and bring all the necessary permission slips, medical forms, medications, and unit roster.

Check-in

Check-in will begin at 5:00 pm. (NO EARLY CHECK-IN.) All units must check-in at the entry to the camp to receive their campsite assignment, event paperwork, and to turn in their unit rosters. All Units are required to attend the leaders' meeting on Friday evening during which time updated unit rosters will be turned in.

Medical

It is the Unit's responsibility to have an Annual Health and Medical Record (Sections A & B only) The Webelosree Staff will only verify that these forms are in the possession of the unit leader. Individuals without medical forms will not be allowed to stay. All medications, including over-the-counter and prescription medications, brought to camp are the responsibility of the unit leader.

Parking

Park **ONLY** in designated parking area. Units will be allowed to drive to the campsite area to drop off gear. Driving inside the campsites is not permitted. Trailers may be parked at the entrance to the campsites for the duration of the Webelosree.

Leaders' Meeting

The Leaders' Meeting will be held on Friday night at the OA Shelter. Each Unit should have at least one adult leader attend the meeting; other adults are welcome too.

Visitors

Visitors and families are welcome and encouraged to visit the Webelosree on Saturday. Visitors must depart camp following the campfire. All visitors must check-in and out on Saturday at the OA shelter.

Awards

Webelosree Patch – A patch will be distributed to recognize all Scouts and adults who have qualified or participated in the Webelosree. One patch per paid Scout or adult is included in the registration fee.

Scouts' Own Service

A Scouts' Own worship service will be held Sunday. All Scouts and adults are encouraged to attend.

Clean-up & Check-out

All units are expected to clean their campsite area and latrine. Additionally, all units will be assigned a program area to help clean. Prior to departure all units will check-out with Webelosree staff. Please do not leave camp before your site has been inspected.

First Aid

Units are expected to provide their own first aid for minor problems. For more serious problems or injuries, notify the Health & Safety Chairman.

Emergency Situations

In the event of an emergency during the Webelosree (extreme weather, lost Scout, etc...), the Webelosree Staff will utilize an air horn as the emergency signal. If the horn is heard, all campers should immediately report to the OA shelter for a headcount by their units. Units will notify the Webelosree Staff if they are missing any youth and emergency measures will be taken from there. In the case of extreme weather, the same shelter will be used as the gathering location.

Inclement Weather

Be Prepared. There is no rain date for the Webelosree. All units should prepare for foul weather.

Guide to Safe Scouting

The Guide to Safe Scouting guidelines will always be followed. Two registered adult leaders, or one registered leader and a parent of a participating Scout or other adult, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required for all trips and outings. Appropriate adult leadership must be present for all overnight Scouting activities.

Off-Limit Areas

The following areas are off-limits during the Webelosree: Wetlands, riverfront, and other locations designated by the Webelosree Staff.

General Restrictions

- Sheath knives, fireworks, pets, personal firearms, personal ammunition, personal bows/arrows, alcohol, and illegal drugs are **prohibited** in camp. Electronic games, radios, walkie-talkies, TVs and tape/CD/DVD/MP3 players, etc. are not permitted.
- Smoking: Anyone under 18 years old is prohibited from using tobacco in any form while at camp. Adults who smoke must do so out of sight of any youth members. Smoking is prohibited in any tent or building. Cigarette butts must be field stripped and placed in a trash receptacle. This includes E-cigarettes and Vaping products.
- Scouts are not permitted to roam through campsites during scheduled activities. Scouts are not permitted to leave the boundaries of the Webelosree site. No riding in the back of pick-up trucks.

Uniforms

The Field Uniform (Class A) will be properly worn (shirts buttoned and tucked in) for the following events: check-in, check-out, and campfire. Scouts should wear their Activity Uniform (Class B) for Saturday's competition events. Class B's include Scout shorts and/or pants (if the youth have them), along with either a unit t-shirt, or other Scouting t-shirt.

Footwear

Close-toed shoes or boots are to be worn at all times in order to prevent foot injuries. We insist that everyone wear shoes at all times. Sandals that cover the toes and have heel straps are allowed. Flip-flops are not appropriate footwear at the Webelosree and are prohibited.

Garbage Disposal

All refuse and trash will be placed in plastic garbage bags (provided by the unit) and taken with you when you leave camp.

Latrines/Bathrooms

Shower facilities are not available, porta potties will be provided for use during the Webelosree.

Fires & Cooking

A Scout is careful with fire. All fires must be in an above ground fire pit (provided by the unit). All fires must be kept in moderation. Lanterns can be used in the campsites if elevated off the ground. All units should plan to cook using propane stoves or fully contained charcoal grills elevated off of the ground. Dutch oven or charcoal cooking will be allowed if the charcoal is raised off the ground. Do not dig into the ground to form fire pits. For safety, you should establish a properly marked ax yard. The Webelosree Staff will update units on the current fire policy (restrictions) at check-in.

Meals

Meals are the responsibility of each unit, and no supplies will be provided by the Webelosree Staff.

Leave No Trace

We will be practicing all seven principles of Leave No Trace during the Webelosree. Trash receptacles will be provided for campers to discard waste appropriately in the program areas. Campsite trash/garbage should be disposed of by the unit.

Water

Water is available at the rear of the K-Building; please operate the hose several big steps away from the building to avoid flooding. Units must bring their own water containers to transport water to their site for use. Scouts are recommended to carry their own water bottle during Saturday's activities.

Taps

Scouts and adults are asked to observe quiet time after taps. Taps is at 10:00 pm nightly.

Changes/Revisions to Leaders' Guide

Any changes or revisions made to the Webelosree Event Guide will be distributed to the units registered. Final event schedules will be distributed at the Friday night Leaders' Meeting.

2024 Fall Webelosree Schedule of Events

Friday Sept 26th, 2025

5:00 PM Camp opens; Check-in at K-Building.

9:00 PM - 9:30 PM Leaders' Meeting – OA Shelter

10:00 PM Quiet Time

10:30 PM TAPS – lights out.

Saturday Sept 27th, 2025

7:00 AM Reveille and Breakfast in campsites

8:30 AM - 8:45 AM Morning Colors/Opening Ceremony – at Flagpole

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Activities

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Lunch in campsites

1:30 PM - 4:30 PM Activities

4:45PM Evening Colors – At Flagpole

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Unit Activity time (AOL's can visit Troops that are volunteering)

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Dinner (at your unit) 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Campfire (Skits & Songs)

8:30 PM - 9:00 PM Leadership Social (Parents can ask about Scouts BSA)

9:00 PM -10:00 PM Quiet Time

10:00 PM TAPS – Lights Out

Sunday Sept 28th, 2025

7:00 AM Reveille and Breakfast in campsites 8:00 AM Scout's Own Service – OA Shelter

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Morning Colors/Closing & Awards – Flagpole

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Break Camp/clean-up Campsite/Clean-up Assigned Program

Area/Final Campsite Inspection/Check-out

12:00 PM Camp Closed

Note: Schedule subject to change

Unit Roster

Second Leader:
Members: