
The Gulf Coast Council presents

Webelos Weekend 2024



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Spanish Trail Scout Reservation

Leader's Guide

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Welcome to Webelos Weekend!

This event is one of the Gulf Coast Council's longest traditions, dating back to the mid-1980s. While the program has evolved through the years to meet the needs of youth and the evolving Cub Scouting program, the philosophy has remained the same. The overarching goal of the program is to grow the confidence of the youth by building competence in outdoor skills, teamwork, and personal growth. Thank you for volunteering to be that guide in this most important period of development.

Preparing your Webelos scouts as well as their parents for this event is essential to getting the most out of the experience, and this guide was created to help you in that important role. Whether you are a seasoned veteran Scouter or a brand-new leader, you'll find useful information and tools through these pages.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us. We are looking forward to seeing you in November!

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What is Webelos Weekend?

Webelos Weekend is a Friday-Sunday outdoor camping event for older scouts in a Cub Scout Pack and their parents/guardians. We will be offering several Adventures for your 4th grade Webelos as well as a variety of other fun and exciting activities. Scouts will work individually or as a den throughout the weekend and put into practice some of the skills they've learned in the Bobcat adventure. Campsite cooking is encouraged for all meals, but there is a dining hall meal option available for an extra fee. We always encourage campsite cooking to help the scouts practice meal planning, cooking as a den, and using a duty roster. Don't forget to attend the Webelos Wingding campfire program!

Webelos Weekend will be held at Camp Euchee located on the Spanish Trail Scout Reservation. The address for the camp is 315 Pat Covell Rd, Defuniak Springs, FL 32433. Directions and maps to camp can be found in the Appendix. Scouts and leaders are responsible for all camping and cooking gear. A personal and pack packing list is located in the Appendix.

What it is...

- A fun, exciting, and activity-packed outdoor camping experience
- A chance for the youth to begin taking on leadership responsibilities
- An event specifically designed around the needs, capabilities, and interests of Webelos scouts
- An opportunity for the youth to practice working as a team in their dens
- A largely youth-led activity, largely staffed by scouts in Troops (*Some were Arrow of Light Scouts last year!*)
- A jammed-packed FUN experience!

What it is not...

- *Not* a Den Leader-led activity (Den Leaders are coaches and mentors to the youth leaders!)
- *Not* an event for Lions, Tigers, and Bears oh my (and of course not Wolves either!)
- *Not* a classroom experience... the activities are all hands-on and exciting to engage the youth and stimulate them to grow more confident
- *Not* a time for the youth to sit back and let the adults do everything... they are in charge of their dens under the adult leader's guidance
- *Not* an activity you just show up to... scouts and leaders must be prepared to get the most out of the event!
- *Not* a Family Camp, but so much more!

Registration Information

How to Register

Scouts and adults can register for Webelos Weekend 2024 on the Gulf Coast Council website or by scanning the QR code:

<https://scoutingevent.com/773-webelos24>



Registration opens 16 September 2024 and a late fee will be added to registrations received after 23 October 2024.

Registration Fees

- Standard registration – \$20 for Cubs / \$10 for Adults
- Meal Ticket (optional) \$25
- Late fee after 25 October 2023 - \$10
- Activity fee - \$5 (*Build It Adventure students only*)

Webelos Adventures & Activities

Every year we offer Webelos Adventures and Activities. Adventures are included in the cost of registration (**except** Build It). At registration, each Scout can reserve **two** Adventure classes and **two** Activity sessions: Scout Skills and Range and Target Activities (archery and BB's). Classes are limited in size and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. There are four sessions of courses; two Saturday morning, and two Saturday afternoon. Unit leaders are responsible for tracking the completion of the Adventure for each scout, but each class offered is designed to complete most, if not all, of the requirements. This year we are offering the following classes, taught primarily by Scouts BSA Troops:

Aware and Care

This Adventure is a big hit with the Scouts! Participants will experience a wide range of interesting and fun activities that let them experience what life can be like with a disability. Ever tried to button a shirt without the use of your fingers? Ever try to lead a group through an obstacle course without being able to hear? Ever navigate with impaired vision? Scouts will get to try this in the course and learn a little bit of sign language along the way!



Build It

If you visit a lumber store, you'll see rows and rows of all sorts of wood: boards, dowel rods, sheets of plywood, cedar shingles, and more. With some tools and time, a skilled craftsman can turn that wood into toys, bookcases, or even an entire house. You won't build a house in this Adventure, but you will build a smaller carpentry project. You'll also learn about the tools you could use to build just about anything you can dream up. So, grab your tool belt, and let's get started! An extra **\$5 fee** is charged at registration to cover the cost of project supplies.



Champions for Nature

In this Adventure, you will learn more about the wildlife we share our planet with. You'll work together to put what you learn into action with a conservation project at camp. Who knows? You may come across a creature or two!



Earth Rocks

In this Adventure, you'll dig into the world of rocks and minerals and discover some surprises about the science of geology — like how the ground beneath your feet is constantly on the move! You'll get to explore terrain, learn about topography, and you might even get to grow a tasty crystal!



Let's Camp Webelos

The *Let's Camp Webelos* Adventure is not formally taught during the weekend; however, leaders should note that many of activities throughout the weekend will accomplish many of the requirements of this Adventure. Setting up camp, registering for the Scout Skills Activity, and preparation for the weekend are excellent ways to finish this Adventure!



Webelos Walkabout

This is a required Adventure for the Webelos rank. This an opportunity for your scouts to hit the trail! Your Troop Guide will explain the principles of Leave No Trace, how to prepare for a 2-mile walk, what you should bring along, and what you should do if there is an emergency. When you are ready, you'll explore the camp's Integrity Trail! To complete this Adventure, please prepare ahead of time and bring your Cub Scout Six Essentials and wear appropriate clothing and shoes!



Scout Skills Area

Learn how the Troops do it! Another feature unique to Webelos Weekend is the Scout Skills area. This is where older scouts from Scouts BSA troops teach a wide range of scout skills using the EDGE method. Webelos will get their hands on a wide range of scout skills including first aid, knots, fire starting (even try fire by friction!), and many other skills.

Range and Target Activities

Archery and BB guns have been a staple of all Cub Scout outdoor activities since Tiger Scouts, and during Webelos Weekend, we'll see how well their skills have developed! Scouts can register for **one session each** of archery and BB's. This fills up fast, so register early!



Webelos Wingding and Cracker Barrel

Another Webelos Weekend tradition is the Webelos Wingding! This serves as our evening campfire at Whipple Circle. Think regular campfire only super-sized! Camp musicians lead the audience in singing a range of folk songs and skits. Come on down to join in the spirit of fellowship while our youth musicians and amateur singers belt away old classic favorites. Scouts can perform their practiced skits and many other Webelos Weekend traditions, emceed by the staff. Scouts need to sign up for skits in front of the dining hall no later than 5:00 pm. (NO INVISIBLE BENCH SKITS ARE PERMITTED.)

Immediately after the campfire will be a cracker barrel at the dining hall (and no, we don't mean the restaurant!). Webelos adult leaders and staff can share in fellowship around fresh cookies and hot chocolate as we celebrate a fun and exciting day!

Vespers

After breakfast, Sunday morning at Whipple Circle all Scouts are encouraged to join our non-denominational vespers service, presented by your staff members. This service is always well done and is a fitting way to share in reverence in the beautiful outdoors.

Activities for Adult Leaders & Time Change

Friday evening at 8:30 PM in the dining hall will be a Webelos Den Leader council meeting. Adult leaders from each unit will meet the Program Directors, discuss the goals and aims of the weekend, and discuss any changes to the program and schedule. This is a good opportunity to interact with fellow leaders for those that are less experienced. Remember: A Scout is Friendly!

Another Webelos Weekend tradition is that it usually coincides with the annual switch from Daylight Savings to Standard Time. Saturday night, we will all get an extra hour of sleep making that 6:30 AM coffee for adults in the dining hall easier after a very tiring day! Sunday morning is always a special time after some rest from a long and busy day... and a golden opportunity to network with fellow Scouters in the calm, cool morning. Hot coffee will be available at the dining hall and staff members will be sharing in fellowship at 6:30 AM.

Logistics and Misc. Information for the Weekend

Check-In

Check-in starts at 3:00 PM on Friday at Henson Hall at Camp Euclaw. Campsites will be assigned by the Camp & Program Director. If you have any special needs or need to arrive early, please contact the Program or Camp Director in advance. Adventure class adjustments, fees owed, and distribution of patches occurs at Check-in. Vehicles can be taken to campsites for dropping off gear upon arrival and for loading on departure. You must relocate all vehicles to the main parking lot at all other times. Any special arrangements for transportation must be coordinated with the Camp Director.

Latrines/Restrooms/Shower

The central showers are closed for remodeling. The Staff Area shower house is off-limits to participant campers. There are male and female bathrooms at Henson Hall. Every campsite has a latrine. Latrine use will be coordinated within each site and adult leaders in those sites are responsible for ensuring that all Youth Protection guidelines are being met at all times.

Uniforms

Scouts are expected to be in the appropriate uniform during the weekend. Why do Scouts wear a uniform? For the same reason sports teams do. Uniforms give the team a sense of unity that every member of the team is equal. The Scout uniform does the same thing at STSR. The Field Uniform (also known as Class A) can be worn at any time during the weekend but is expected to be worn for the flag assembly, breakfast in the dining hall, and at Vespers.

During the day, your scouts can dress down to the Activity Uniform (also known as Class B). This can be your Pack's own distinctive T-shirt, another scouting shirt, or a blank T-shirt. Please make sure that T-shirts your scouts wear are scout-oriented and appropriate for scout camp. Closed-toed shoes with covered heels must be worn at STSR. You can swap to your shower or water shoes once you get in the shower house. Leaders, setting the example is the most important step you can take towards having a well-uniformed troop.

Your Campsite

Your campsite is your home for the weekend at STSR. Remember, be a courteous scout and know that going through another campsite is not a shortcut! Ask permission before entering anyone else's site. Your campsite is equipped with the following: campfire ring, water hose, water spigot, picnic table, and latrine. You are highly encouraged to bring a fire bucket and they may be available on a case by case basis by talking with the Camp Director.

Each campsite will be inspected by the Commissioner Staff on Saturday. Points earned from inspection scores will be tracked at the campsite level. If you are sharing a campsite, scouts are encouraged to work with their fellow campers to ensure a tidy, safe, and orderly campsite for maximum points. Units are encouraged to decorate their campsite too! Show off your scouting spirit with decorations such as banners, lights, and items related to your pack or den identity.

Older Siblings Who are Members of a Scout BSA Troop

While younger siblings are not permitted to go to camp during Webelos Weekend, responsible older siblings that are members of a Scouts BSA Troop may attend as a staff member for free. If interested in serving on staff, please contact the Program Director, Mrs. Alicia Bell, to register as staff and plan to attend the staff meeting Friday night at the Dining Hall. **You must register as staff in advance.** Staff members will be fed all meals in the dining hall starting with Saturday breakfast, earn service hours, and have a great all-around time! Sibling staff members camp in the Staff Area with the other staff members. If you do not register in advance, you will be asked to leave camp for safety reasons.

Trading Post

The trading post is operated by the Spanish Trail Alumni Association and is expected to be open during Webelos Weekend. The Trading Post is where scouts can purchase supplies, STSR souvenirs, snacks, and other incidentals that may have been forgotten. Leaders are asked to discuss with the scouts appropriate behaviors around the Trading Post and the responsibilities of handling and maintaining money.

Weather

Weather in the first weekend of November in Northwest Florida can vary dramatically, ranging between highs in the 90s and lows below freezing. Historically it is a beautiful season to be camping, but please be prepared! If cold weather is predicted, discuss with the scouts how to “be prepared” and dress in layers.

Bad weather can happen at any time! If such a situation arises, it is the responsibility of the adult leaders to ensure the safety and welfare of their scouts. Leaders should ensure they have taken *Hazardous Weather Training* online prior to arriving at camp. BE PREPARED. All or part of Webelos Weekend may be canceled or postponed due to severe weather conditions. However, outside of severe weather, Webelos Weekend will continue as scheduled rain or shine!

Cooking and the Dining Hall

Scouts are encouraged to cook in their campsites so they can practice those skills. Meal tickets are available for purchase at registration for those who want to experience the dining hall. Scouts should ensure that they attend the designated time for their meal (in the schedule), based on the campsite they are staying in.

When entering the dining hall following grace, participants should remove head cover (except for kitchen/serving staff) as a courtesy and follow the serving directions of the camp staff. Each den should designate two scouts to clean up tables and the surrounding area. Clean up includes wiping down tables, sweeping/mopping around tables, and taking trash to the dumpster.

Lost and Found

Lost and Found items should be brought to and can be found at Henson Hall.

Damage to Facilities or Unsafe Conditions

Report observed damage and unsafe conditions of camp facilities immediately to the nearest staff member and the Camp Director.

Emergency Procedures

The emergency signal for camp is the ringing of the camp bell and/or the sounding of the camp sirens. Upon hearing the emergency signal, all campers are to REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THE PARADE GROUND IN FRONT OF THE DINING HALL. When all members of your unit are accounted for, an adult leader will report to the Program Director at the dining hall porch. A complete set of emergency procedures will be included in your check-in packet.

Check-Out

Before leaving your campsite, scouts must perform a thorough search for left items and trash using a police line (aka Foreign, Objects, and Debris ‘F.O.D.’ walk). A scout always leaves the campsite cleaner than when they arrive! All trash bags must be placed in the dumpsters located in the main parking lot. If a unit needs to leave camp earlier, coordinate a departure with the Camp Director in advance.

Health and Safety

Health Lodge and Camp Medic

Camp Euchee will provide a trained medical staff onsite who are available for any first-responder issues and basic first aid. Any medications (insulin, prescription medication, inhalers, etc.) regularly taken by family members or participants **MUST** be brought to camp, as only basic pain relievers and antibiotic ointments will be on hand at the Health Lodge. Any emergency prescription medications (i.e. EpiPens) need to be brought by the attendee.

Most importantly, if you or any of your family who are attending are sick when it is time to come to camp, please stay home and make sure that that person gets well. Refunds in that case will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the Program Director.

Medical Forms

Per BSA policy, one of the unit adult leaders should have a current copy of the Annual Health and Medical Record Form A & B for ALL Scouts and adult leaders attending on hand. It is the adult leader's responsibility to maintain their group's medical forms throughout the weekend.

No Waterfront Activities

There will be no waterfront activities (swimming, boating, etc.) during Webelos Weekend. Fishing is permitted from the designated areas and highly encouraged!

Keeping Hydrated

The most common health issue on scouting outings is dehydration. Please make sure your scouts carry water bottles with them at all times. Always stop and make sure your scouts are hydrated by drinking plenty of water and watch for signs of dehydration. Ice water in insulated water jugs (Igloos) will be available at most activity areas and maintained throughout the weekend. Water is also available in each campsite and the dining hall.

Avoiding Sunburn

Sunburn can happen very rapidly so scouts should always protect themselves using high SPF sunscreen and by wearing a comfortable, brimmed hat to protect their head and face from direct sunlight. It may seem cool outside, but protection is still needed! Don't forget to reapply!

Fire, Firepits, and Stoves

Fires may be built only in fire pits or designated program areas and must be attended at all times. Late fall tends to be very dry, and fires spread quickly. The Fire Marshal position on the duty roster can be used as a tool to encourage the Scouts to take responsibility for managing fires. A minimum of two fire buckets should be filled and placed around each campfire. Please protect our camp for generations to come! When fires are put out, they must be cool to the touch.

Flames must never be lit inside tents and the use of matches and lighters must be used responsibly. Gas stoves and lanterns may only be used by Scouts under the direct supervision of an adult.

Insurance

All units outside the Gulf Coast Council are required to provide a copy of their unit's year-round Accident and Sickness Insurance Policy. The copy must include the Insurance Company name, policy number, and the expiration date. All Gulf Coast Council units are covered under the council insurance policy.

Buddy System

Camp is more fun when shared with a friend. Scouts must always be with a buddy or adult whenever walking around camp. The buddy system is to be used for all activities in camp. Whenever a youth female and male are together, a third youth member must also be present. Adults are reminded to follow Youth Protection Guidelines at all times.

Alcoholic Beverages and Illegal Drugs

The Gulf Coast Council will not tolerate the presence of alcoholic beverages, drugs, or persons obviously under the influence of the same, at any of our Council camps. Violators will be asked to leave. Possession of controlled substances is a violation of state law and may be subject to criminal prosecution. Leaders, please set a good example for scouts to follow.

Personal Firearms and Fireworks

Personal firearms and archery equipment are not allowed at camp, or on camp archery or firing ranges. Only Gulf Coast Council Shooting Sports staff are permitted to handle and manage firearms, equipment, and ranges. Fireworks of any type are not permitted at STSR.

Vehicles

Vehicles are not permitted in the campsites except to load and unload; once completed, the vehicles should be relocated to the main parking lot for the duration of the outing. All other uses of vehicles (including low speed vehicles such as Gators, ATVs, etc) are restricted to camp staff and those that have special permission by the Camp Director. Trailers may be parked in campsites or in other areas designated by the Commissioners. Trailers must be disconnected from the tow vehicle and the tow vehicle parked in a designated parking space. Trailer wheels must be chocked and the tongue must be secured on a block or stand such that the trailer is safe, secure and does not block roads or trails. We cannot allow a tow vehicle to stay in a campsite with the trailer. Bicycles are not permitted at STSR.

Pets and Wildlife

Pets are to be left at home (Exception - those assisting individuals with special needs). Pets of any type are not permitted by BSA policy. Our camp has plenty of wildlife (rabbits, snakes, squirrels, etc.). Look, but don't touch. Fish caught at camp may be eaten or released back into the water. Snakes of any sort should be avoided at all times. Watch out for danger noodles!

Wood Tools

Pocket knives and bow saws are the only wood tools permitted for Webelos by the BSA policy as outlined in the Guide to Safe Scouting. Axes and hatchets are limited to adults and older scouts who have earned the Totin' Chip in their Troop. Chainsaws are not permissible during Webelos Weekend except by the Camp Ranger.

Appendix

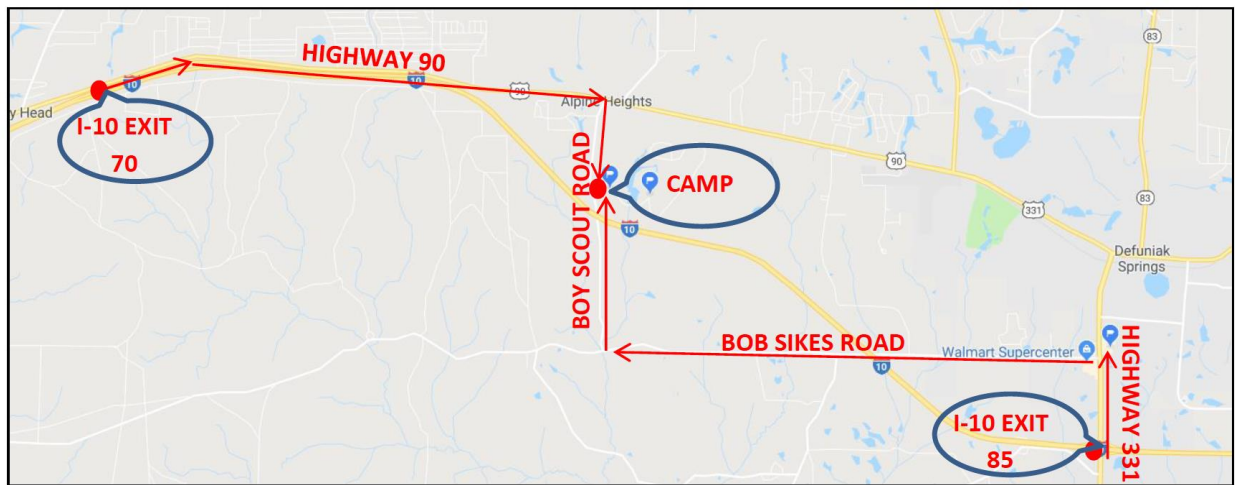
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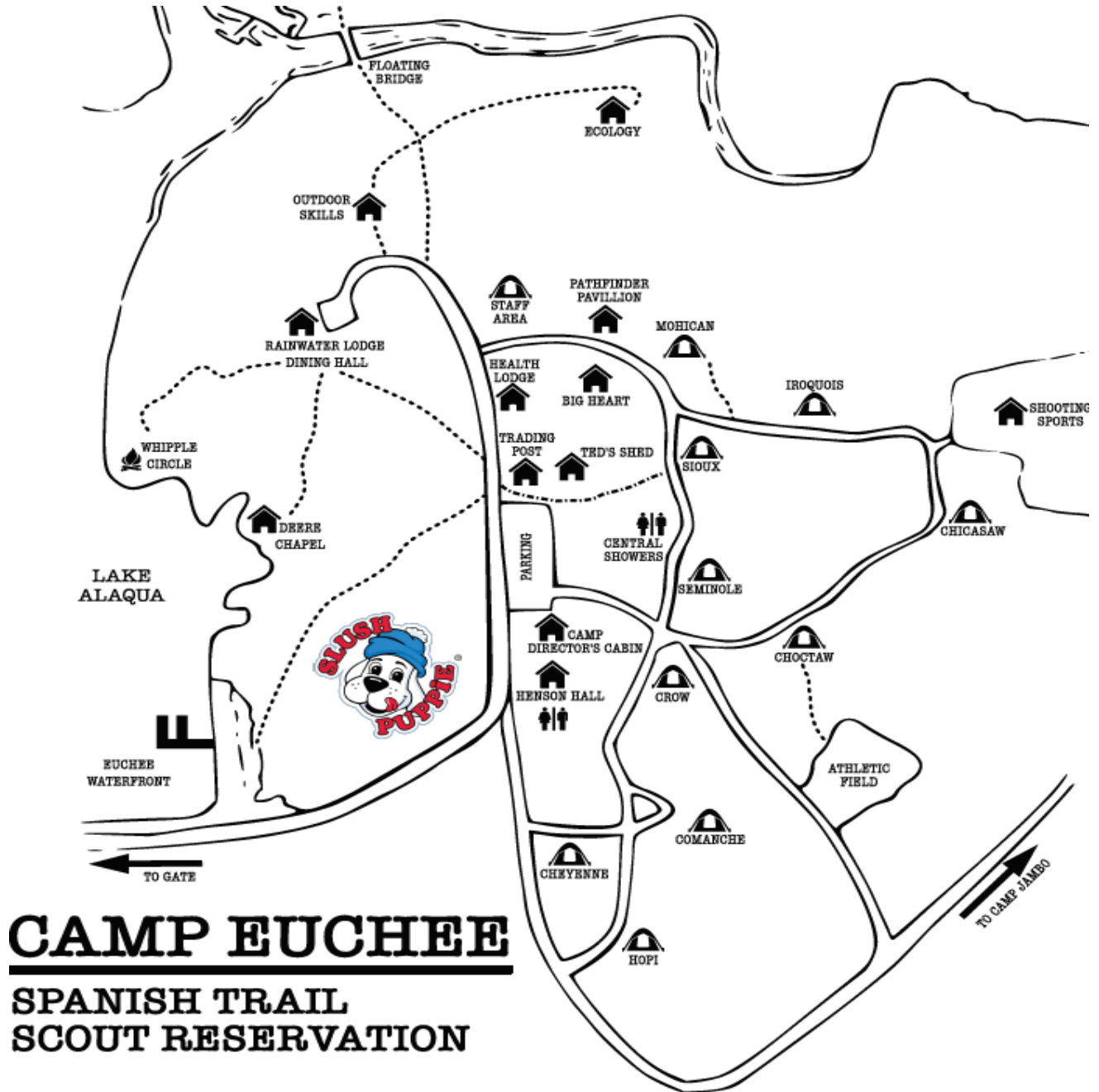
Spanish Trail Scout Reservation located at 315 Pat Covell Rd, Defuniak Springs, FL 32433, and is about 7 miles west of downtown DeFuniak Springs off of Hwy 90.

Coming from the west, take Exit 70 off I-10, go north and turn right on Hwy 90. Turn right on Boy Scout Road (approx. 9 miles). There is a large road sign that points to Boy Scout Road.

Coming from the east, take Exit 85 off of I-10, turning north towards DeFuniak Springs and turn left onto Bob Sikes Road, just past the Walmart Supercenter. Turn right onto Boy Scout Road.

Once on Boy Scout Road turn east at the stone gate to the Reservation and proceed across the lake to Henson Hall.





Individual Campout Checklist

All Webelos should bring their Webelos handbook and a water bottle with them.

Personal Camping Equipment & Gear

- Tent or tarp, poles, and stakes
- Ground cloth or plastic sheet
- Sleeping bag, blanket, pillow, air mattress or pad
- Cup, bowl, plate, knife, fork, spoon
- Back/Day Pack

Clothes Bag

- Scout Field Uniform (aka Class A)
- Poncho or Raincoat
- Warm jacket or coat
- Underwear
- Hat or cap
- Pajamas or sweatshirt, sweatpants
- Durable shoes, shoelaces
- Extra socks, shoes, other extra clothing
- Camp Towel

Toiletry Kit

- Toothpaste, toothbrush, comb
- Soap and shampoo

First Aid

- First aid kit
- Flashlight, bulb, batteries
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent
- Whistle, Safety Pins
- Daily medications in original bottle

Extras

- Positive Attitude!
- Camp chair
- Pocketknife
- Camera
- Sunglasses
- Notebook and pencil

Campsite Checklist

Webelos and their adult leaders should plan how to supply these items.

Camping Equipment & Gear

- Camp Stove
- Canopy
- Lantern
- Food
- Menu
- Water jug
- Cooler or Ice Chest
- Pots, pans, utensils needed to the food in the menu
- Aluminum foil

- Three wash pans, dish detergent, sponge, small bleach bottle
- Trash bags
- Fire buckets

Scout Spirit

- Den Flag
- Den Cheer
- Campsite decorations
- Props for Skit/Song