

High Plains District WEBELOS Spring 2019 Adventure Trail



April 27-28, 2019

McArthur's Farm

Bethune, Colorado

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WELCOME TO THE WEBELOS ADVENTURE TRAIL PROGRAM

ON BEHALF OF THE HIGH PLAINS DISTRICT STAFF, I WANT TO WELCOME YOU TO THE 2018 WEBELOS ADVENTURE TRAIL.

This trail is a **UNIQUE FEATURE** of the High Plains Webelos Outdoor Program. It is designed to provide an opportunity for **first & second year Webelos** to have fun and work on several of the Webelos requirements by visiting a Boy Scout Outdoor Encampment Activity and participating in a unique Webelos Overnight campout. (Note: The requirements that will be worked on during the Adventure Trail are geared toward the completion of both optional, as well as required, activity pins for the Webelos and Arrow of Light badges.)

It is our goal that the Webelos have an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors by visiting a Boy Scout troop encampment and excite the Webelos scouts about the camping opportunities that lie ahead for them when they enter Boy Scouting.

For those of you who will be visiting Bethune for the first time, you are in for a special experience. We believe the High Plains Camporee in Bethune and its special location is one of the best camping events in the Pikes Peak Council. The campsite is situated under the large cottonwood trees on the McArthur Farm outside of Bethune, Colorado (about 10 miles west of Burlington along I-70, and about 16 miles north of the Bethune exit).

Camping in rural Colorado is something very special, because it allows Scouts to return to the basic camping skills of cooking over an open fire made from available downed timber, setting up a tent, and of course, the traditional evening campfire.

We have also added some features to our program this year, which we hope will make it a memorable event for all Webelos and their leaders. In addition to our unique advancement trail for Webelos designed to help them complete multiple requirements for Webelos Activity Pins, we have added a special visit with a gentleman from Colorado's early History, known as "**Bear**", (**the rugged Colorado Outdoorsman**) as well as plenty of other activities designed to make this a scouting weekend to remember.

Leaders and Parents: As always, we will be camping at "**CAMP AKELA**", the special Webelos encampment area at the High Plains Camporee located on McArthur's Farm. The boys will be doing plenty of outdoor cooking, as well as enjoying the opportunity to experience the fun and adventure of camping outdoor just like the Boy Scouts do, including an evening campfire.

We are truly looking forward to having Webelos and their parents/leaders visit the High Plains Camporee, and you can be assured that our Camporee & Webelos Trail staff will do whatever we can possibly do to make this a positive outdoor experience for the adults and Webelos that attend very special scouting event

See you in Bethune on April 27st!

Vicki Harlow, High Plains District

ADVENTURE TRAIL PROGRAM

Check-in will run from 8:00-9:15 am on Saturday Morning. The Webelos Adventure Trail will run from 9:15 AM - 6:30 PM on Saturday. Webelos and their adult partners should ensure that they eat breakfast prior to coming to the Webelos Adventure Trail on Saturday Morning.

During the morning session, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Webelos will **tentatively** work on: Outdoor Cooking, Earth Rocks, and Packing with Burros. From 12:30 –1:30PM, We will have lunch. This is the perfect time for Webelos leaders to get answers to any questions they may have about the Webelos program, attainment of the Webelos or Arrow of Light Badges, as well as the Boy Scouting program. In the afternoon, 1:30 - 5:30 PM, Webelos will return to the trail to get hands-on experience in Into the Woods, water quality testing sponsored by EarthEcho, a HAM radio demonstration, as well as a walk through the boy scout camp.

It is important for all Webelos leaders and other adult volunteers understand that this trail is designed for the Webelos to participate in the scouting activities **WITH THE GUIDANCE & ASSISTANCE OF THEIR LEADER.**

A WORD ABOUT ADVANCEMENT

It is NOT EXPECTED that the Webelos will complete all requirements for their activity and academic pins on the trail. Rather, they will be able to complete many of the requirements which should make completion of the badge much easier upon their return to their own unit meetings.

ADVANCEMENT PASSPORT

At the time of check-in, each Webelos Scout attending Camporee will be given an Advancement Passport. This passport will be used by the unit adults to record the completion of the various Webelos Requirements. The Webelos Scout will be required **to keep control** of their individual passport, so that it can be turned in to their Webelos Den Leader at the conclusion of the Camporee in order to record the completed requirements in the Webelos Handbook.

Moreover, while the adults and camporee staff on the Adventure Trail are there to teach new skills and allow the Webelos a hands-on experience, it will still be the Webelos Patrol/Den Leader's responsibility to review the skills learned with the scouts, and ensure they understand and can demonstrate these skills before the Webelos leader signs-off on the requirement as being completed.

NOTE TO WEBELOS LEADERS & PARENTS: The Camporee Staff will not maintain any other record of the completed Webelos Requirements, so it is important that the Webelos Scout not lose their Advancement Passport.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR WEBELOS LEADERS

COSTS: Overnight Rate:

The cost for attending the Webelos Adventure Trail will be: **\$22.00 per person for EACH Boy and EACH Adult (overnight),** which includes all meals.

Day Rate: \$18.00 for each Boy and each Adult,
Which includes Saturday lunch and dinner.

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS FOR WEBELOS

OPTION #1

First Year Webelos and their parent, and Second Year Webelos with two deep leadership, are permitted to attend the Camporee and stay overnight at the designated sleeping area on Saturday Evening, returning home on Sunday.

We will feed the Webelos their lunch and dinner meals on Saturday, some snacks throughout the day, as well as their breakfast on Sunday.

OPTION #2

Webelos may also attend for just the day on Saturday under the direction of a Den Leader and Assistant or Parent. In this case, the boys will receive their lunch and dinner meal from the camp staff.

SCOUTS OR ADULTS WITH DIETARY RESTRICTIONS!

Special circumstances or needs can be discussed with the Webelos Adventure Director, and we will attempt to accommodate you. We have the ability to accommodate most special dietary needs.

PROGRAM START TIME

ALL Webelos should plan on arriving at the Camporee in time for the start of the first activity session at 9:15 am on Saturday. Arriving 30 minutes early will help ensure you have sufficient time to register and check-in. They will then spend their day on the ADVENTURE TRAIL with other Webelos Scouts. The day long program should end approximately 6:30pm.

MEAL & FOOD ARRANGEMENTS

The Webelos attending the Webelos Adventure Trail will be provided with a lunch and supper meal as well as snacks on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday.

Webelos who choose to stay overnight on Saturday will also be able to stay for the evening campfire, or they may leave at the conclusion of the Webelos Trail activities.

WEBELOS FAMILY AND SIBLINGS IN CAMP

The McArthur Farm is an actual working farm, which has land that has been loaned to the Boy Scouts for the purpose of holding the High Plains Camporee.

Unlike other activities in the High Plains:

The area is not designed as a family camping area, but rather as a primitive campsite for Webelos outdoor and Boy Scout camping activities. We simply do not have the resources to conduct a family camp along with the Camporee.

Therefore, Webelos families wishing to bring younger children to the site are asked to only visit during the day on Saturday, as we do not have the facilities needed for you to be permitted to sleep overnight at the Camporee site. We will, however, permit trailers on site to be parked away from the camping area in the parking area.

CAMP CLEANUP

Each Webelos scout & parent will be expected to assist in returning the camp to the original condition it was found in. This includes: policing the area for trash & other debris & assisting in picking these items up for disposal. In addition, parents & scouts will be expected to clean up their own camping area and assist with the campfire pit covering.

PATCHES

A commemorative Camporee patch will be for sale on location for \$2.00.

THE CAMPOREE SITE & FACILITIES

The Camporee site is located on a farm, approximately 16.5 miles north of I-70 at Bethune. It is partially treed. The Webelos Adventure area is located on the same farm, but in a different and separate area of the property from the Boy Scout encampment. The restroom facilities at the Camporee are portable toilets. There will be some additional water available at the site for the Webelos, but full water bottles for each adult and youth attending ***is a must, at least to begin the day!***

Emergency/Questions: There will be an **ADMIN TENT** on site. The Admin Tent will serve as a central point of contact for questions and emergencies. If parents need to locate their scout (emergency, etc.) they can call the Kit Carson County Sheriff's Department at 719-346-9325 who will then contact us, as they periodically visit the encampment site.

First Aid: There will be a first aid area set up for emergencies. Its location will be pointed out to you at sign in. We will have an EMT and Registered Nurse on site at the Camporee. A local hospital is also approximately 25 miles away.

Accountability/Responsibility: This will be the responsibility of the Webelos leaders and adult unit leaders at all times. We don't want to lose anyone, or have anyone get hurt.

Garbage: Please **Follow the RULE "what you take in, you take out."** Part of the checkout list will be policing for garbage. Please, be sure to clean your camping area before leaving.

Health Forms: All Scouts and leaders will be expected to complete and carry their health forms and unit roster lists.

Parking: All vehicles attending the Webelos Adventure Trail will need to park in the designated Webelos Parking area on the hillside adjacent to the Webelos encampment area. Once vehicles have been parked in this area, we ask that the vehicle not be moved unless there is an emergency or some other approved camp need for the safety of the scouts walking around the camping area.

Weather: In the past, weather has ranged from freezing rain and snow to clear and hot. It is imperative that the boys be prepared for both extremes; **hot / dry and cold / wet.** Please ensure that the boys staying the night have the appropriate equipment to keep them warm all night long. The Webelos should have an understanding of how to dress in the different conditions, as well as how to properly prepare their bed and themselves for a cold night's sleep. The Webelos book addresses some of these items.

All in all, the 2019 High Plains Camporee and Webelos Adventure Trail is shaping up to be another premier camping event for all Webelos Scouts that choose to participate, and I hope this packet will provide you with all the information you need to make this year's High Plains Camporee experience a weekend to remember.

If you have any questions or need any additional information about the Camporee, please contact:

Vicki Harlow, Webelos Spring Adventure Director, 540-903-5729 (Cell).

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

Note: A kids wagon is great for transporting your den/patrol's stuff from station to station for DAY ONLY.

- Webelos Uniform shirt if available, blue jeans, and comfortable hiking boots and thick wool socks.
- Extra Clothes ((1) extra pair pants, 1 extra shirt, 2 extra underwear, (3) pair of socks, hooded sweatshirt, an extra pair of sneakers, but hiking boots are preferred and recommended, etc...) (OVERNIGHT)
- Winter Jacket and hat and gloves in case of cold weather
- Rain Poncho or Rain Jacket & Pants
- FULL Water Bottle**
- Flashlight with working batteries
- Comfortable Shoes (Hiking Boots preferred)
- Small Backpack (i.e. similar to a school backpack)
- Sleeping Bag (Sleeping Bag should be Warm to at least to 20 degrees) & Pillow (air mattress is also OK) (OVERNIGHT)
- An extra blanket
- Personal Cleanup items (toothbrush, paste, soap, towel, tissues, toilet paper, etc...) (OVERNIGHT)
- Outdoor camping chair(s) if desired.
- Tent
- FLASHLIGHT
- Two 10x12 tarps
- Webelos Book

Any questions about what camping or personal gear to bring to Camporee should be referred to the Webelos Adventure Trail Coordinators.

Webelos Adventure Trail

Schedule

Activities & Instructors

Morning Session

STATION # 1

PACKING WITH BURROS

Eric Lynn

STATION # 2

EARTH ROCKS

Miki and Chuck Forsyth

STATION # 3

OUTDOOR COOKING

Joan and Teresa Claman

LUNCH

Early Afternoon Session

STATION # 4

WATER MONITORING

Miki Forsyth

STATION #5

INTO THE WOODS

Chuck Forsyth

STATION #6

HAM RADIOS

TBA

Note: Activities and times may be subject to change due to weather or availability of staff.

**END OF THE WEBELOS
ADVENTURE TRAIL ACTIVITY**

WEBELOS ADVENTURE TRAIL

AGENDA -

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019

MORNING ACTIVITIES

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|------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 6:00-9:00 am | Travel to Bethune Camporee Site |
| 9:15 am | Opening Ceremony |
| | Introductions & Additional
Information |
| 9:30am – 12:30pm | WEBELOS ADVENTURE TRAIL
MORNING SESSIONS |
| 12:30-1:30pm | Lunch & Clean-up |

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

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|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1:30 – 5:30 pm | WEBELOS ADVENTURE TRAIL
– PM SESSIONS
– Trail Hikes through BS Camp |
| 5:30 – 6:30 pm | Supper (preparation/cleanup) |
| 6:30 – 6:45 pm | Closing Flag Ceremony in Camp |
| 7:00 – 8:30 pm | Evening Campfire Program |
| 9:30 – 10:00pm | Adult visit with Webelos Trail Staff |
| 10:00pm | Lights Out |

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019

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|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| 7:00am | Reveille |
| 7:00 – 8:30am | Breakfast & Camp Cleanup & Inspection |
| 8:30 -9:00AM | Scout Worship Service |
| 10:00 am | Depart for Home |

HAZARDOUS WEATHER, TRAVEL & REFUND POLICY

EMERGENCY CONTACT & HAZARDOUS WEATHER/TRAVEL INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

In 2016, we experienced a serious weather emergency due to rapidly developing & hazardous weather conditions. Many units were already in route to the Camporee. In most cases, we did not have an emergency unit contact identified for the Camporee staff to communicate with. To further improve our communications with each unit, as well as ensure the safety to all travelers to the extent possible., we have implemented a few changes to try and improve the safety situation for those traveling the lengthy distance to Bethune.

- 1. UNIT EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** As part of your registration information, **EVERY UNIT will be REQUIRED** to **designate an Emergency Contact person**, with a current cell phone, home phone & email address, who will be responsible for immediately conveying information about travel conditions & other relevant information to **ALL** Unit Travelers coming to Camporee. The Emergency Contact person will be the one individual that the Camporee staff will communicate vital information to about Weather & Travel/Road conditions as best as the Camporee staff can determine at the time of the communication. This information will become part of the Registration spreadsheet submitted to register a unit for Camporee.
- 2. TEMPORARY CAMPOREE LINK ON THE COUNCIL WEBSITE:** The High Plains Camporee staff has established a temporary web page which will contain any last-minute updates/changes to the Camporee Event, as well as emergency weather & travel updates as best that they can be determined from Burlington & U.S. Weather Service in Goodland, Kansas. This link will allow travelers already in route to check weather & road conditions/closures in the Bethune/Burlington area, and indicate time & date of these last updates for safety purposes.
- 3. UNIT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CANCELLATION:** **Unit Leadership** always makes the final determination of whether a scout unit will make the trip to the Camporee or not, based their own assessment of travel, weather & road conditions.

4. **ALTERNATE CAMPOREE SITE:** If the road conditions on the Bethune Road are determined to be unsafe for units to travel on, due to heavy snow or rain, and yet the road conditions traveling to Burlington/Bethune are determined to be adequate for safe travel, the Camporee event may still be held, but events MIGHT be relocated to alternate sites in Burlington for the weekend.

NOTE: If this option is implemented, some events may need to be modified or eliminated for that weekend.

5. **REFUND POLICY FOR CAMPOREE CANCELLATION OR EVENT**

MODIFICATION: We fully recognize that such a determination will only be made by the Camporee staff after consideration of road/travel/weather conditions at the Camporee site.

If we are forced to modify or cancel the event, we will provide a refund of the registration fees, **MINUS** the amount needed to cover Camporee expenses. *This refund amount should at least equal 50% of the registration fees!*

NOTE: If a unit determines they are not going to attend the event on their own, and the Camporee is continuing as planned or modified, **NO REFUND will be made to the unit, unless the cancellation is done by April 20, 2019.**

Webelos Adventure Trail Improvement Form

We are continually trying to improve the High Plains Camporee & Adventure Trail to make it the best camping experience possible for our scout units. We would appreciate your honest assessment of how we did, and what we can do to improve in the future.

Pack _____

District: _____

1. What did you like/dislike about the Webelos Adventure Trail Program?
2. How can we improve the Registration Process or the agenda?
3. How can we improve the Adventure Trail Packet – (Specifically, what Activity Pins would you like to see changed, added or deleted, camping arrangements, food ideas, camp activities, visits & entertainment, etc...?)
4. How can we improve the meal time open fire cooking experience?
5. How can we improve the Webelos Campsite/Food arrangements?
6. How would you rate your overall experience on the High Plains Webelos Adventure Trail?
7. Any additional comments to improve the High Plains Camporee:
(Use reverse side if needed) _ **Please give this form to Vicki Harlow before leaving Camporee or e-mail to vicharlow@comcast.net**

WEBELOS ADVENTURE TRAIL **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Please Complete Your Camporee 2019 Webelos Adventure Trail Registration on the council website.

Information To Be Brought With You to Camporee:

- **ADULT/YOUTH ROSTER FORM**
- **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FORM**
- **A MEDICAL FORM FOR EACH PARTICIPANT**

!!!! REGISTRATION DUE DATE April 19, 2019!!!!

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Webelos Adventure Trail
UNIT ROSTER

Pack # _____

DISTRICT _____

DEN / PATROL: _____ DEN / PATROL: _____

Please include Scout Name & Emergency Phone Number

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| 8. _____ | 8. _____ |
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DEN / PATROL: _____ DEN / PATROL: _____

Please include: Scout Name & Emergency Phone Number

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WEBELOS LEADERS: _____

OTHER ADULTS _____

Unit Leaders must keep this form in Camp with them at all times.

NOTE: All packs attending the Adventure Trail must adhere to Youth Protection guidelines for two deep leadership. Specific questions concerning Webelos Camping should be address to Vicki Harlow.

Activity Information/Permission Form

Name of Activity: **High Plains District Camporee**

Date: April 27-28, 2019

Scout's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Home Address (if different from above): _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Place of Employment: _____ Phone: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Home Address (if different from above): _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Place of Employment: _____ Phone: _____

In case of an emergency, contact: _____

Persons designated to take child from camp (include name, address, and phone #): _____

Scout's Doctor's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Authorization For Emergency Medical Care

I hereby give permission to camp officials to call a doctor or emergency medical services and for the doctor, hospital or medical service to provide emergency medical or surgical care for my child should an emergency arise. It is understood that camp officials will make a conscientious effort to locate the emergency contacts listed above before any action will be taken. If it is not possible to locate emergency contacts listed, I/we will accept the expense of emergency medical or surgical treatment.

Parent (s) or Guardian (s) Signatures:

_____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

Authorization To Participate or Exclude Participation in Camp Activities

I hereby give permission for my child to go on trips away from camp premises, whether on foot or by vehicle. I give permission for my child to participate in all camp activities with the following exceptions.

Parent (s) or Guardian (s) Signatures:

_____ Date _____

HEALTH FORMS

**SEE THE 2019 HEALTH FORM, WHICH IS ON THE PIKES
PEAK COUNCIL WEBSITE.**

Here is the link:

(Please complete the form online and print out and give to the unit leader.)

**Don't Use the High Adventure Form. COMPLETE Part A of the Annual Health &
Medical Record**

<http://www.pikespeakbsa.org/Resources/Forms/Medical-Forms>

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LOCATION and DIRECTIONS

TRAVEL FROM COLORADO SPRINGS

Take Route 24 East to Limon.

Continue past the McDonalds to I 70 East.

Travel on I 70 EAST until you come to the Bethune Exit (Exit 429).

Turn North or Left at the Bethune Exit

Continue to head North on the Bethune Road.

The CAMPOREE SITE will be approximately 16.5 miles North, off the Bethune Road to the left at Road #MM.5.

Watch for signs to the Camporee.

TRAVEL FROM BURLINGTON

Take I-70 to Bethune. Turn North, or right at the Bethune Exit

Continue to head North on the Bethune Road.

The CAMPOREE SITE will be approximately 16.5 miles North, off the Bethune Road to the left at Road #MM.5.

Watch for signs to the Camporee.

MAP OF THE WEBELOS ENCAMPMENT AREA

