

Helpful information about Webelos Adventure Camp

If you are not camping with us, it would be extremely helpful for us to have some additional information about your scout's experience in camping and your expectations of us if fears (insects, dark) or homesickness occur. Webelos Adventure Camp is about growth and the transition into the Boy Scout camping experience. This is often the first overnight camp experience for many scouts and the camp encourages scouts to stay. They also have a "homesickness counselor" -- a college-aged Eagle or Venturer Scout -- which we are asked to consult rather than address the situation ourselves. This is not to scare anyone off, but it is helpful to know what we might expect and how you would like us to handle a situation if it arises.

Please think about the following:

- **Has your child spent the night away from home/his parents before?**
- **Has your child slept in a tent before?**
- **Does your child have any particular fears such as of the dark or of insects?**
- **What are your expectations if your child expresses a desire to go home?**
- **Do you want to be called immediately to pick up your child or do you want us to encourage your child to stay?**
- **If they are persistent, at what point would you like to be contacted?**

Logistics

We will typically depart Indianapolis early Sunday afternoon (estimated time is 1:00 to 1:30). The exact time will depend on when we are assigned to arrive. As soon as I know that, we will finalize travel plans.

We will meet in the parking lot at CKS to arrange the caravan. It is about an hour drive to Camp K. Please let me know if you intend to drive to drop off your scout or if you need another parent to provide transportation. I need to know this soon to ensure that we have enough seats for scouts and space for gear.

Equipment checklist

The following is provided an aid but is not all encompassing. Pack lightly -- backpack + sleeping bag is ideal. It is a hike to the site and can be a long, long wait for carts. From past experience, what I would draw your attention to on the list are the RAIN PONCHO and SHOES. We hike extensively. The shoes **MUST** be comfortable and **MUST** have a closed toe. They will also get wet on several occasions. Send a back up pair. I would highly advise closed toe, fast drying shoes -- expensive but worth it.

- Complete Webelos uniform -- **NOT OPTIONAL**. This is worn at dinner and ceremonies.
- Clothes for 4 days. Include any Pack 175 camp T-shirt you have. Plan for getting wet.
- Extra socks
- Jacket or sweatshirt.
- Swimsuit
- Towel (needed on day 1 for swim test). Send one you are willing to never see again or that may return home as a rag.
- Tennis shoes or hiking boots -- campers are walking a lot. Shoes will get wet. **NOT OPEN TOE SHOES/SANDALS**.
- Poncho or raincoat. The inexpensive, plastic "emergency" kind is a good option.
- Backpack or duffel that is easily carried
- Canteen or water bottle.
- Sleeping bag and pillow.
- Toiletries.
- Notebook, pen, Webelos Handbook.
- Suntan lotion.
- Non-aerosol insect repellent with DEET.
- Flashlight.
- Money for souvenirs and snacks at Trading Post.
- Work gloves for Webelos II
- Prescription medication in original pharmacy bottle (more info below)

- DEN CHIEF ONLY -- Order of Arrow sash and Firecrafter shirt

The following are things NOT to bring:

- Video games
- Skateboards, scooters, etc.
- ATVs or RVs
- Expensive cameras
- Guns or archery equipment
- Knives of any kind -- even scout pocket knives
- Valuables
- Candles
- Pets
- Fireworks

Medication

Camp K has a health officer available 24 hours a day onsite. In accordance with policies of Boy Scouts of America and Indiana State Law, all medications must be collected during check in and maintained by the health officer. Medication must be in the original container. Medication is administered at mealtime. For complete details, see the Leader's Guide.

Mail

You may send letters or packages to your Webelos scout. Provide 4 days for delivery (in other words, send it the week before they go). A mail call is held after meals. Send as follows:

NAME
Pack 175
Session 5
Camp Kikthawenund
7651 W. 500 North
Frankton, IN 46044

Camp Emergency Phone Number: 765.552.7400

Visitors

Visitors are encouraged although it may be difficult to find us at random times as the camp is sprawling. Lunch (noon) or dinner time (6:20) would be the best time to arrive. If you want to join for the meal itself, you will need to get a meal pass for \$5 at the camp office when you arrive.

Families are invited specifically for the Tuesday night dinner and camp fire ceremony -- big bonfire, camp songs, patriotic themes. Last year, most of our Webelos had their families come for that evening so please plan on that.