



# ***Webelos Adventure Camp 2023***

## **Pack Leader Guide**

**Session 1: Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Session 2: Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Session 3: Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Mecklenburg County Council provides an accredited, organized, overnight theme-related outdoor camping program for Webelos Scouts, Scout leaders and parents.

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## **Hello Campers!**

Welcome to Belk Scout Camp, home of Webelos Adventure Camp (WAC). The natural location of WAC provides a perfect setting for camping and adventure for your Webelos. The camp offers many program facilities including shooting sport areas for pellet guns and archery, a forty foot climbing tower, a twenty five meter swimming pool, many wooded campsites and a full service dining hall (air conditioning and coffee!!!)

We know that camp needs to be a safe and comfortable place for you and your scouts. While we are largely moved beyond COVID, your safety is always paramount in our planning and approach to camp. Belk Scout Camp continues to recover from the logging operation and pond reclamation of 2020. As camp heals it has opened spectacular new views of camp and new program opportunities. The waterfront is back this year offering canoes and fishing to all our campers and staff. We have consolidated program as much as we can to the front of camp to reduce travel times but increase free time for the Trading Post! The evening program has also been condensed this year to get everyone off to the showers and bed just a little bit earlier. We are also committing additional resources this year to support our adult campers, including charging stations in the Dining Hall and Trading Post, where we may be able to offer coffee and WiFi for a small fee each day. We are continuing to strive to improve the dining experience at camp moving toward healthy, fresh options for campers and staff. We learned many important lessons the last couple of years, and we are committed to preparing and planning for another safe and successful summer camping season.

The entire WAC staff are excited to hear the scouts sing and show their scout spirit. Countless adventures await the scouts as they explore new activities & skills and make memories that will last a lifetime. Each summer we are amazed at the stories that scouts and adults tell about their time at Webelos Adventure Camp. Being challenged and stretched to learn in new ways through different experiences is an important part of the Scout program. We look forward to watching the scouts grow and learn again this summer.

Yours in Scouting,

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## Proposed Schedule

Start	End	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	
6:30 AM			Reveille	Reveille	Reveille	
7:15 AM	7:30 AM		Flag Assembly	Flag Assembly	Flag Assembly	
7:30 AM			Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	
8:30 AM	9:30 AM		Period 1	Period 1	A Scout is Reverent & Clean Up Assignments	
9:40 AM	10:40 AM		Period 2	Period 2	Check Out	
10:50 AM	11:50 AM		Period 3	Period 3		
12:00 PM	1:00 PM		Lunch	Lunch		
1:10 PM	2:10 PM		Period 4	Period 4		
2:20 PM	3:20 PM		Check-In Group 1	Period 5		Period 5
3:30 PM	4:30 PM		Check-In Group 2	Period 6		Period 6
4:40 PM	5:40 PM	Check-In Group 3	Period 7	Period 7		
6:00 PM	6:15 PM	Flag Assembly	Flag Assembly	Flag Assembly		
6:15 PM	6:50 PM	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Leader Meeting	Period 8	Period 8		
8:00 PM	8:30 PM	Emergency Drill	Evening Program	Closing Campfire		
8:30 PM	9:30 PM	Opening Campfire				
10:30 PM		All Quiet	All Quiet	All Quiet		

Working as a team, more can be accomplished and no one person is forced to do more than their share.

*Everyone* is expected to remain at camp on the final day until all clean-up activities are complete. Cub Scouts are committed to “*leaving only footprints*” and “*leaving it better than we found it*”.

Meal times above reflect times for larger sessions. Smaller sessions may not need two separate shifts for meals. Units will be notified if there is a change from the proposed schedule above.

Each session will officially open on Day 1 with afternoon check-in, a camp orientation from the Commissioner staff, swim checks if needed and time to setup your camp site. Two fully packed program days follow with special events each evening. Then camp closes on Day 4 at 10:00 AM after the completion of duty assignments, campsite cleanup and inspection.

## Unit Camp Coordinator

The Unit Camp Coordinator will be the camp’s primary point of contact in advance of camp and will be the person camp staff contacts for any issues and to disseminate information to your unit about camp. If someone in your Pack attended Camp last year, they might be the ideal person to tell your Pack all about the upcoming Camp. Plan by:

- Recruiting volunteers to maintain the 1 to 4 necessary adult to scout ratio
- Collecting *Annual Health and Medical Record - Boy Scouts, 680-001\_AB, 2019* form completed for each Youth and Adult attending camp. Note that forms prior to 2019 will not be accepted.

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>

- Front and back of insurance cards from all attendees
- Youth protection certificates from adult volunteers.

Once everyone is registered for camp, you may need to coordinate transportation for your Pack.

## Registration

For the first step of registration, you will:

- Pick the session you want to attend,
- Select your preferred check-in time (2:20, 3:20, or 4:20)
- Choose your top-three campsites preferences.
  - Cub World Sites have platform tents with two bunks each. There is space for personal tents and hammocks.
  - Boy Scout World Sites are strictly bring your own tents and hammocks. (Please note the reduced number of Boy Scouts world campsites following the logging operation at camp.)
  - Both sets of sites have picnic tables and fire rings.
- List all of the adults and youth including:
  - Gender
  - Age
  - T-shirt size
  - Dietary restrictions

Whether to separate the Webelos and the AOLs is up to you and the size of your group. A best practice is to put everyone in patrols of 8 to 10 youth with 2 to 4 adults. This makes it easier for scheduling purposes. Some activities can host a lot of participants in which you can schedule both patrols to attend but then some have smaller limits on number of participants and you can only send one of the patrols and the other to another activity. Consider that the two ranks may have different advancements they wish to work on. If your unit is very small, both ranks together can make up one patrol and stick together, that is fine as well.

Full payment is due once your roster is complete. Late fees apply after **May 31, 2023**.

Approximately one month after registration opens you will have the opportunity to begin selecting your unit's activity schedule. Activity areas are limited by the number of scouts they can accommodate each period. It is important that you have your roster as up to date as possible before beginning to select a schedule.

## Very Important Item: Youth Protection

In order to maintain Youth Protection guidelines, the minimum leadership requirements for any unit attending camp is a ratio of two adults to a maximum of eight scouts and one additional adult for each four scouts (or part thereof). (One **Youth Protection trained** adult to 4 youth ratio, minimum two adults)

Youth (total)	Leaders (total)
1 to 8	2
9 to 12	3
13 to 16	4
17 to 20	5
21 to 24	6
25 to 28	7
And so on...	

Two Deep Leadership must always be observed.

The Buddy System should be used by all scouts during their stay at WAC.

## Camp Cost

	Youth	Adult/Den Chief
In Council (MCC)	\$225	\$125
Out of Council	\$250	\$150
Payment made after May 31, 2022		
In Council (MCC)	\$250	\$150
Out of Council	\$270	\$170

Any registrations after the deadline will be accepted based on availability.

## Cancellation Policy

Units are encouraged to replace a scout or leader whenever possible instead of having to cancel. However, it does happen from time to time. If a scout or adult is unable to attend, the unit coordinator should contact the camp director explaining the change. All cancellations will be accepted up until **May 31** for a 100% refund and to **July 1** for a 50% refund. After **July 1**, no refunds will be approved. The Scout Office will process all refunds after camp.

## Camperships

No Scout will be denied the opportunity to attend Webelos Adventure Camp due to financial hardship.

Camperships are available up to half the registration fee. Applications are available; please contact the council office or camp director for an application. LEADER APPROVAL is required to submit an application. Note: Council Deadline for Camperships is **May 1, 2023**.

## Visitors / Siblings Policy

Guests must sign in and out at the Welcome Center when they arrive and at the conclusion of their visit to camp.

The WAC program is structured to assist Scouts in achieving rank advancement and a transition to Scouts BSA camping. Camp is not equipped to provide a program for siblings nor are there supplies available at the activity stations for siblings to participate. Your understanding and assistance in this matter is appreciated.

## Check-In

Units are expected to check-in as a group during the selected window and only one representative of the Pack should be responsible for check-in of the group. Dens/Packs are encouraged to travel together and arrive at the same time. Each Camper will be required to check in to receive Camp Uniforms (t-shirts) and wristband, which confirms health check and is required for meals.

Scouts, leaders, and adults will be checked-in at the Welcome Center and Health Lodge at the front of camp. During registration, you will select a check-in window between 2:20 - 5:20 pm. If you arrive outside of your check in time priority will be given to units with that timeslot but your unit will be accepted, as staff is available. All Scouts and leaders / parents should be checked in no later than 5:20 PM.

## Vehicles in Camp

Please note as of 6:00 pm on Day 1 continuing through 9:15 am on Day 4 there will be no unauthorized vehicles allowed on camp roads.

All vehicles must be parked in the front field or the Camp HQ (with prior approval from the Camp Director) parking lot by 6:00pm on Day 1. Do not leave your vehicle at the Dining Hall or any other area inside of camp.

If you need your vehicle in camp outside of these times or there is a medical need for a vehicle, please contact the Camp Commissioner and arrangements will be made.

Only authorized camp staff may drive a golf cart.

### ***Please Note***

A camp wide 10 mph speed limit is strictly enforced to minimize the possibility of incident or injury.

## Sleeping Arrangements

Scouts are encouraged to bunk with other Scouts in an effort to acclimate them to camping when they cross over to a Scouts BSA unit. Youth Protection guidelines must be followed. Some Cub World sites have space for personal tents. Any questions or requests should be directed to the Camp Director.

## Trading Post

The camp will offer a Trading Post with a small inventory of emergency items, along with assorted snacks, refreshments including water, sodas, slushies and coffee as well as scout themed souvenirs. The trading post will be open between meals and after dinner. A best practice is that each Pack establish a banking system with an adult banker to help safeguard the money the scouts bring to camp. The camp will not be responsible for monies lost or misplaced. Cash and Cards will be accepted (sorry no checks).

We plan to offer the mobile Trading Post during Day 1 and Day 3 campfires again this year.

The Trading Post will have charging stations (110V and USB) available for adult use. WiFi may be available for a small daily fee.

## Meals

All meals will be provided by the camp and served in the Dining Hall, starting with Day 1 dinner and through Day 4 breakfast. Please note any special diets or restrictions in the “*Special Diet*” section during the online registration. Only campers who indicate a special dietary at the time of registration need will be accommodated at meal times. We are unable to accommodate special needs without prior notice ahead of camp. Absolutely no food deliveries will be allowed through the gate!

## Cast Iron Chef – Day 3 Dinner

Participants in these courses will not eat dinner in the dining hall. The Scouts & Leaders will cook before dinner at an off-site campsite. The details will be shared at the Unit Leaders’ Meeting on Day 1. All cooking and eating gear needed for the dinner will be provided by Camp.

## Uniform Requirements

Field Uniforms (Class A) are required for:

- Travel to/from Belk Scout Camp
- Check-In
- Opening/Closing Campfires
- Scout Is Reverent/Closing Ceremonies

All other times, the Scouts and Adults will wear their Camp Uniforms (Resident Camp T-Shirt or other Class B shirt – scout appropriate) Note: Each participant will receive one shirt, but extras may be ordered via the registration site.

A Special Note about footwear: Closed toed shoes such as tennis/running shoes or boots should be worn in camp at all times. No Crocs, flip-flops, Keens, or open toed/sided shoes in camp. For everyone’s safety, this rule will be strictly enforced for both campers and visitors.

## Camp Etiquette

All scouts and adults are expected to follow the guiding principles of the Scout Oath and Law while at WAC. Principles of Outdoor Ethics should also be adhered to throughout your stay.

Lights Out means everyone is in a bunk with all lights extinguished, fires out and noise kept to a whisper.

## Bathing and Showers

There will be shower schedules posted at the bathhouse. Scouts and Adults are required to shower separately even if they are parent child. In an effort to protect the Webelos scouts, Youth staff, and adults, these schedules must be kept. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The pool bathhouse will be youth only while the bathhouse behind the Dining Hall will have times posted.

## Suggested Gear

The days will be HOT and it rains often. Be Prepared! Check the weather forecast prior to heading to camp and make sure you have appropriate gear.

Sleeping Bag	Toothbrush / Toothpaste	Water Bottle / Canteen
Extra pair of shoes	Mess Kit / Eating Utensils	Flashlight w/extra batteries
Short sleeve shirt(s)	Towel and Washcloth	Daypack
Short Pants	Sunscreen	Personal First Aid Kit
Extra Underwear	Pocketknife (“Whittling Chip” required)	Insect Repellant
Hat or Cap	Folding Chair	Flashlight w/extra batteries
Extra Socks	Personal Hygiene Items	Rain Gear

## Access Statement

WAC at Belk Scout Camp is available to all persons with special needs and abilities. Every reasonable effort will be made to meet the needs of all campers. Advanced notice of special requirements is greatly appreciated. For further information or assistance, please contact the Camp Director.



## **Non-Discrimination Statement**

Camping at Belk Scout Camp is available to all youth registered in the Boy Scouts of America regardless of race, creed, nationality, religious preference or gender.

## **Medical & Medication Information**

If any serious emergency arises, the Scout / leader will be taken to the local hospital for treatment. Each Pack will need a lock box to keep all prescription medications with them and secured. Prescription medication should be in its original pharmacy container, properly identified and labeled. Self-administered medications are permitted to be administered by the Scouts themselves with the supervision of the pack leaders. Medications that are routinely carried on your person, such as an inhaler or emergency bee sting medication, are allowed to be carried.

## **Telephone Service**

The telephone number at Belk Scout Camp is 704-545-0958. The use of cellular or digital telephone by youth campers is strongly discouraged. Youth attending camp with a mobile phone must inform the unit leader. The camp is not responsible for damage to or lost cellular or digital telephones.