

## Webelos Woods

The Webelos Woods program is an annual Council-run event that introduces second-year Webelos to the world of Boy Scouts. The event usually consists of a one or two night campout. Troops and packs from all over Annawon Council participate.

The council website about the event is:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=1679&id=45969>

Additional information at: <http://www.geocities.com/weykel/WW10/index.htm>

Our pack members will camp out with our home Boy Scout Troop (Troop 17). Scouts and their parents will be the invited guests of the troop. The scouts will get a chance to work with a patrol, and learn how a boy-run troop operates. The boys will actually be integrated into an active patrol! They get to help cook (& eat), clean, participate in the activities, etc. They'll even bunk up with the Boy Scouts (while parents will tent together in an "adult patrol"). In short, the Webelos will find out what it's like to be part of the Troop.

Activities are put on by the host troops, and range from scoutcraft (fire building, knots and lashings, first aid, etc.) to Woodcraft (Nature, Leave No Trace) to Campcraft (Camping & backpacking skills). The Archery and BB ranges may even be opened. At the end of the event is a traditional closing campfire, complete with songs and skits.

The adults get to participate, too. This is a great time to get to know the Troop leadership, and to learn the structure and methods of a scout troop. I hear the food gets pretty good, too. [remember, the 13th point of the Scout Law is, "A Scout is always hungry."] ☺

Webelos Woods is a great way for the scouts that will soon be moving up to discover how a Boy Scout Troop works. If your son is interested at all in Boy Scouts, this event shouldn't be missed.

Attending this event also satisfies the Arrow of Light requirement to visit a Boy Scout-oriented outdoor activity.

This year, Webelos Woods is being held in Kingston, MA at Camp Norse. Details will be coming from Troop 17, who will be sending a representative to the Webelos II's den meetings.

Tents will be provided by the troop. Webelos and parents need worry only about personal gear (i.e., sleeping bags, change of clothes, toiletries, etc).

As with all pact activities, **medical forms will be required** for all participants – scouts and parents. As this event is less than 72 hours, no doctor's exam is required. Please complete parts A and C (which contains a medical history, list of medications and consent). Forms may be downloaded from:

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605\\_Letter.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf)

Troop 17 will require a permission form to be filled out and submitted.

**What to Bring:** (More detail later)

- Scout Uniform – the “field uniform” (formerly known as “Class A”)
- Copy of your medical form (scouts & parent)
- A sleeping bag -- if you are in the cabin a “Scooby Doo” bag is fine
- Personal gear (toiletries, a change of clothes, etc).
- Flashlight
- Weather gear – rain (just in case) and cool weather gear (it gets chilly at night)
- Mess Kit (for Webelos) – no need for a fancy kit. A plastic Tupperware-style bowl and plastic utensils work fine.
- Chair
- Scout Essentials (see Webelos Book)

**When:**

Nov 5-7 (Fri-Sun)

Note: The troop may decide to have Webelos II's to arrive Saturday morning, instead of Friday night. (details to follow)

**Where:**

Camp Norse – Kingston, MA

**Directions From Mansfield:** Route 495 South to Exit 6, Route 44 E, through Middleboro rotary. Stay on Route 44, exit at Spring Street exit, heading towards Carver. At end, turn left onto High Street. Follow one mile, (High Street becomes Parting Ways Road). Camp Norse entrance is on the right.

**Costs:**

Costs for this event are generally picked up by Troop 17 and our pack.