

Webelos Woods FAQ

Q: What is a Patrol?

A: A Scout patrol is a group of scouts which carry out a wide range of tasks that require pooling resources and working together to function successfully in all kinds of circumstances. For most young people, being in a Scout patrol will be the first time they have to rely upon themselves and other young people to follow an array of necessary steps to satisfy objectives that require a wide range of life skills.

Q: What is the recommended patrol size? What if I don't have enough scouts to form a full patrol?

A: 6-8 is the ideal patrol size. Any size is fine, but we recommend keeping to 5-10 in a patrol. If you have more than 10 scouts, we recommend splitting into multiple patrols so all scouts can participate effectively. If you have fewer than 5, we'll pair you up with other packs to get the full patrol experience at Webelos Woods.

Q: Can we have coed patrols?

A: Yes. Cub scouts are a coed program for boys and girls. If your Chartered Org allows coed participation in cub scouts, you can have a coed patrol. Guidance recommends splitting into girl patrols and boy patrols, but some packs will prefer coed.

Q: Do we need to have formed patrols before showing up?

A: No. AOLs form Patrols as part of the Bobcat adventure, but Webelos no longer form Patrols. You are welcome to form your patrols before attending Webelos Woods but are welcome to form Patrols after you arrive at camp. Part of forming a Patrol includes making a Patrol Name, Yell, Flag, and Emblem. There are also different Patrol positions and a Duty Roster (see the Leader's Guide) for the scouts to fulfill different roles.

Q: Is my 9-year old really expected to do this whole camping experience on his own with their fellow scouts?

A: They are encouraged to do their best and experience the patrol method together. They are not expected to be independent or not need help. Parents are encouraged to be present and be prepared to support their scout when needed so they can learn the skills for when they are ready for Troop.

Q: Will meals be provided?

A: No. Packs are expected to plan, prepare, and cook their own food for Webelos Woods. This is part of the experience we encourage as our scouts prepare for Troop. We encourage Webelos and AOLs to be involved in meal planning and preparation but expect leaders and parents to help make sure best food handling practices are followed

and help with cooking the food. We don't want this to prevent anybody from attending, so if this causes any issue or concern, please reach out and we will try to find a solution that works for you.

Q: How should we set up our pack's camp site?

A: There will be a diagram in the Leader's Guide recommending how to set up your tents, kitchen/food prep/washing station, and your gate/entrance. Troops already have these materials and resources, while Packs do not, so you are not obligated to set up in this way. This is a learning experience and we want you to have fun. We still recommend having your kitchen station at least 20 feet away from tents to keep wildlife out of your camping area.

Q: How independent are the scouts expected to be? How much hands-on or support should the adult leaders expect to perform?

A: This is a learning experience to prepare for Troops. We want cub scouts to try to be independent, but expect leaders and parents to help support, teach, and step in where it makes sense. We want everyone to have fun, but also to practice what it will be like in the Scouts BSA program. Hands-on support is encouraged.

Q: Can parents/guardians attend Webelos Woods without being a registered adult leader with the pack?

A: Yes. At Cub Scout events, parents can attend with their scout without being a registered adult leader.

Q: Can we bring our entire family to the campout?

A: No. One or more parent or guardian is okay, but this is not a family campout so siblings cannot participate. Traditionally, one parent has attended with one scout, but the Webelos program has changed where Webelos is less focused on preparing for the Scouts BSA transition and only AOLs focus on preparing for this transition now. With this change, we recognize Webelos are less prepared for Webelos Woods, so additional parent involvement is acceptable. We encourage you to allow your scout to take leadership over their experience at Webelos Woods.

Q: Do I need to bring multiple tents

A: If cub scouts want to tent together and parents will be tenting separately, you will need to bring enough tents as a Pack for everyone. Plan in advance how many tents your Pack needs to bring.

Q: I have concerns that I cannot participate in Webelos Woods

A: We want all Webelos and AOLs to get to participate in the Webelos Woods experience. If you have any issue or concerns over participating, please reach out so

we can work out accommodations if necessary.

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