

Scouting America

Louisiana Purchase Council

Winter Weekend

Parent and Leader's Guide



Camp TL James

November 21-24



Important Dates:

November 14th

Fee for all Webelos and Arrow of Light scouts is \$50. This includes a patch and shirt. Fee for all Leaders and Parents is \$40. This fee includes a shirt. This is the last day to guarantee T-Shirt orders. Extra shirts are \$12.

November 19th

Last day for Registration. NOTE: THIS IS LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION FOR EVERYONE!

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Webelos Winter Camp Leader's Guide

PURPOSE:

The purpose of Webelos Winter Camp is to expose both 4th and 5th grade Cub Scouts to the aims and methods of the Scouts BSA program, as they participate in various events that are provided by Scouts BSA leaders. This event is **NOT a family campout. Only 4th and 5th graders.**

Our Goal is to provide a safe haven for all Webelos and Arrow of Light (AOL) Scouts amid a beautiful outdoor setting. These fun-filled days spent in camp will make memories that last a lifetime. We also plan to help each Scout advance down the Cub Scout Trail.

This guide was assembled and organized to help you plan a successful Winter camping experience for every Webelos and AOL in your Pack. We hope every Webelos and AOL gets the opportunity to attend camp this year. This will be an excellent opportunity for these Scouts as they transition from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouts.

PREPARATION:

1. Fees and Registration:
 - a. The cost of this event for all Webelos and AOL is \$50.00 (includes patch and shirt).
Registration is available online. The cost of this event for all Parents/ Leaders is \$40.00 (includes shirt).
 - b. The last date to register and guarantee a shirt is **November 14, 2025**.
2. Leadership:
 - a. All Packs are required to have at least 2 adults on camp at all times. One leader free for every 8 Scouts registered.
 - b. If a Scout is the only registered member of their Pack attending, they must be accompanied by a parent.
3. Accommodations:
 - a. **CAMPING:** Scouts and Leaders will be required to bring their own tents for sleeping. Guide to Safe Scouting Camping rules will apply. See below for suggested equipment.
 - b. Your Pack will be camping as a group in a designated camp area. You will be assigned an area at check- in.
 - c. **MEALS:** Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast will be provided in the dining hall with the Scouts BSA. Webelos and AOLs will plan and cook their own campfire meals Friday Dinner and Saturday Breakfast and Lunch. Please notify us as soon as possible of any **food allergies**. Call or email Robin at the Scout Office.
 - d. Each vehicle at camp is required to display the parking pass on their dashboard. Vehicles will not be permitted in campsites.
4. Safety:
 - a. Please read and be familiar with the Guide to Safe Scouting:
www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss.toc/
 - b. The Camp Director, Program Director, and the Camp Ranger are authorized to enforce these rules and procedures. The Scout Oath and Law will prevail as the code of the camp.
 - c. Campers must follow all Camp Rules at all times:
 - d. Campers should display the Scout Law Principles at all times.

REFUNDS:

In case of camper cancellations after close of on-line registration, **\$15.00 of the camper's fee is non-refundable.** It may be transferred to another Scout taking their place. The balance of the camper fee paid is refundable upon written request during or prior to the check-in at camp. A refund may be granted under the following conditions:

- Illness of Scout prevents their attendance at winter camp
- Illness or death in family of Scout prevents their attendance
- Family leaves Council, making it impractical for Scout to attend local council camp

NOTE: Refunds are returned directly to the troop and not individuals; therefore, refunds due a family must be handled by the troop. Refunds (if approved) will be mailed from the Council. **Send refund request to robin.richard@scouting.org. Deadline for refund request is December 1, 2025.**

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. Scouts must have their Whittlin Chip Card ON PERSON in order to carry knives during camp.
2. No electronic games or music players are allowed at this event. UNPLUG!
3. Please mark all your belongings with your Scout's name.
4. NO BAD ATTITUDES!

ARRIVAL:

Check-in is at Camp TL James in Cub World between 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM on Friday. Please do not arrive prior to this time. Upon arrival, staff members will direct you to where you will be camping. Please bring only what you will need for the weekend. **You will not be parking at your campsite. After you unload, please park in the parking area.**

SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT – COMFORT AT WINTER CAMP :

Anyone can camp in fair weather, but the weather in Northeast Louisiana this time of year is UNPREDICTABLE. Be prepared. The real test is to be ready so that you remain comfortable in the event of cold, wet weather.

- Wear the proper clothing.
 - Stay dry.
 - Bring the proper equipment (better to have too much than not enough!)
1. Bring extra blankets. It may get ***cold!***
 2. Bring extra socks. Change them often. Keep your feet dry.
 3. Wear warm insulated footwear. Bring an extra pair of footwear.
 4. Bring headgear. Remember you lose 70% of your body heat through the top of your head.
 5. Bring gloves.

6. Make sure tents are well tied down and have a ground cloth under them. Sleep on a cot with a closed cell foam pad for maximum protection. An air mattress absorbs your body heat & causes you to become colder faster.

The following items are suggested to make your campsite more enjoyable.

- Lantern/flashlights
- Rope
- Rain canopies/tarps (even though it will not rain)
- Camp chairs
- Tents with extra stakes and ground cloths for tents
- Paper towels/Wet Ones or waterless hand cleaner
- Trash bags
- Water bottle with water-you will be able to refill.
- Hammers to pound stakes

PERSONAL

- Scout uniform shirt
- Small back pack to carry personal items during the day
- Rain gear-carried with you at all times (even though it won't rain)
- T-shirts (Class B's preferred), underwear, socks, pants
- Warm Sleeping clothes
- **Foam pad or heavy under blanket, Cold Weather Sleeping bag**
- Pillow
- Flashlights with extra batteries
- Stocking cap, gloves (nights can get cool)
- Sweater, sweatshirt, jacket
- Toiletries: soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant
- Wash cloth and Towel
- **MESS KIT:** Each Webelos should bring a reusable mess kit with them to camp. We will be practicing cleaning their kit while camping. Please include a cup, plate, fork, and spoon.

DAYPACK ESSENTIALS

These items should be carried with you at all times in your back pack

- First aid kit
- Extra clothing
- Rain gear (but it won't rain)
- WATER BOTTLE (with water in it!)
- Flashlight
- Trail food
- Sun Screen

MEDICATIONS:

All medications are to be given to parents or leader in charge and dispensed by them accordingly. The exception being inhalers and Epipens which should be carried by the youth.

ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN and EARN:

Webelos and AOL will work on requirements from the following adventures during camp:

- Webelos Adventures:
 - o Webelos Walkabout
 - o Champions for Nature
 - o Chef's Knife
- Arrow of Light Adventures:
 - o Outdoor Adventurer
 - o Estimations
 - o Knife Safety

ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITY COMPLETION

It is the responsibility of the Cubmaster or Den Leader to review the requirements with your Scout to ensure completion and sign-off of the requirements.
A detailed schedule will be available at check-in.

Friday Schedule

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Webelos arrive and set up camp
6:00 pm- Campfire Meal- Castaway
9:30 pm – Lights Out

Saturday Schedule

7:00 am – Reveille and breakfast in campsites- **Cast Iron Chef**
8:00 am –Late arrival and check-in for Webelos
Day's Schedule available at Check-In

Sunday Schedule

6:30 am – Reveille
7:00 – Breakfast at Dining Hall
8:30 am –Chapel Service and Duty to God
9:30 – Break camp and pack
12 pm- Camp Closed

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