



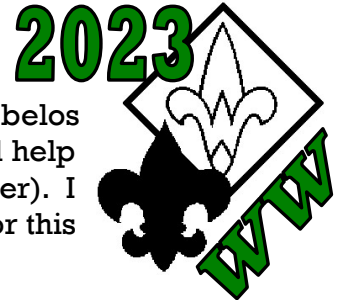
SOUTHERN SHORE DISTRICT

JERSEY SHORE COUNCIL - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

George Agin - 1760 Breakers Drive - Manahawkin, NJ 08050

TROOP LETTER

May 10, 2023



ATTN: ALL SOUTHERN SHORE DISTRICT SCOUTMASTERS AND TROOP LEADERS

Enclosed you will find all of the necessary paperwork for this year's Webelos Woods, which will be held from 09/29 to 10/01/23 at Camp Citta. This info will help you plan for and promote the event over the next four months (the whole Summer). I believe that this is the most important event that we run all year. Please plan for this event and promote this heavily during your Annual Planning Meeting.

The main objective of this event is to convince the Webelos who attend that they should continue on into the Scouts BSA program by showing them some of the excitement that awaits them. First year Webelos need to know that something awaits them besides what they have been doing in the Cub Scout program for 3-4 years. Second year Webelos/ AOL Scouts need to start making a decision on which Troop they want to join.

This year we will once again have the camping experience as part of our program so that our Webelos/AOL Scouts can really see what it's like to be a BSA Scout. This gives your Troop even more opportunities to show off your program. Webelos can select a Troop to camp with on their registration form; they can also elect to just stay for dinner and the campfire program.

In previous years we have had 100+ BSA Scouts participate from our District Troops, and we hope to have an equal or better turn out this year! With the additional Troops that we have in our District now, it is very important to get your registration in on time as space is limited.

Enclosed you will find two pages of information on the event, a Troop Roster page, and a Troop Registration page. You should fill out both Troop Registration forms and return them to the Toms River or Galloway office by 09/22/23 along with your payment. When you arrive at Camp Citta you have to check in with the WW staff at the Citta Center and provide them with an updated WW roster, all updated fees, and a Camp Citta roster.

All Scouts that participate will receive a commemorative patch. Additional patches can be ordered for Leaders / Adults at \$4.00 per patch. The patches will be ordered ahead of time and will be on hand at the event. And of course there will be old patches available for those "patch collectors" out there. ;-)

As always, I appreciate your help and support in running Webelos Woods. Without the Troop participation we could not run this incredibly important event.

Please email me with any questions at gamp@optonline.net; or my cell is 732-773-4080.

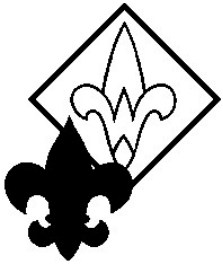
Thanks in advance for your cooperation,


George Agin

Please Note - Fees have increased slightly for the first time since 2014.

BUILD AN ADVENTURE





WEBELOS WOODS 2023

WHERE: Joseph A. Citta Scout Reservation
229 Brookville Rd, Barnegat, NJ - (609) 698-2855

WHEN: Saturday, Sep. 29, 2023 - Webelos Sign In starts at 8:45AM

TROOP INFORMATION

TROOP LEADERS: Webelos Woods is an opportunity for you to "sell" your Troop to the Webelos and their parents. This event gives the Scouts, and their parents, a chance to experience the Scouts BSA program in action. In addition to attracting new BSA Scouts, Webelos Woods provides an opportunity for Troop Leaders to recruit Webelos Scout parents for leadership and/or administrative positions for their Troops. The event should convince the parents and their Scouts that Scouting is fun, and it should stimulate their joint participation in future Troop activities.

Campsites have been reserved at Citta for this event. You **do not** need to reserve your own site. Sites will be assigned to Troops when they turn in their Registration Forms. You **must** present both the attached Troop Roster and a Camp Citta Roster to the Webelos Woods staff upon arrival at camp.

FRIDAY NIGHT - We would like all of the Troops to camp Friday night, and set up their campsite and station. You can bring your trailers in before 5PM, but your unit cannot officially arrive until after 6PM. We will have a Cracker Barrel Meeting for all Scoutmasters, SPLs and Scouts serving as Webelos Patrol Leaders at 8:30PM in the Citta Center. If your Troop is not camping Friday, you must still send a representative to this meeting. **NOTE:** Attendance is Mandatory for any Scout wishing to serve as a Webelos Patrol Leader.

SATURDAY - Troops may arrive and check in at 8:00AM to set up their stations if they are not camping Friday night. Webelos will sign in at 8:45AM; Opening Ceremony will be at 9:30AM; Events will start at 10:00AM

The Webelos Scouts (and their parents) will move from station to station participating in different events as a patrol of 6-10 Scouts. Each patrol will be led by a BSA Scout acting as a Patrol Leader. Each Troop will provide at least one BSA Scout to act as a PL based on the number of Webelos patrols that are participating. Once we have the Webelos Scouts registration information we will contact each Troop to find out how many PLs they can provide. Scouts acting as PLs for the Webelos MUST attend the Friday night Cracker Barrel.

The stations/ events will be run by Scouts BSA Troops from our District. This gives the Webelos Scouts first hand contact with the Troops that they might join. When they arrive at your station, you will provide each of them with a Troop Information Sheet that should list Troop contact information, camping plans, meeting times, advancement plans, patrol operation, parent programs, etc.

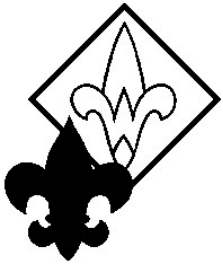
In addition, you should provide each of them with a handout of information pertaining to the station that your Troop is running. For example, if your Troop is running the "Knots" Station, you would provide them with a few pages of information on the knots that you are showing them.

While the patrol is at your Troop's station/ site you should provide the parents with information on your Troop as well. This can be a simple hand out, or you can have one of your Leaders speak with them. Please limit your presentation to speaking about your Troop - Do Not speak about other Troops' programs.

Lunch will be provided to the BSA Scouts acting as Patrol Leaders - they must remain with their Webelos Patrol during lunch. Troops will remain in their campsite to make and eat their own lunch.

During the first part of the lunch break the parents will attend a separate parent meeting where the Webelos-to-Scout transition and Troop management will be discussed in more detail. Parents will learn how the Scouts BSA program is a "Scout Led" program versus the "adult led" program used in Cub Scouts. Parents will also learn how they can volunteer their time in the Troop.

SATURDAY NIGHT - This year we will once again have the camping experience as part of our program. All Webelos/ AOL Scouts will be invited to camp over night on Saturday; or at least to have dinner and stay for the campfire program. On their registration paperwork they will be indicating which Troop they would like to stay with. Once we have all of this information we will let you know how many "guests" you will have for dinner and overnight.



WEBELOS WOODS 2023

THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT IN THE WEBELOS-TO-SCOUT TRANSITION

TYPICAL SCHEDULE

08:45	Registration for Webelos
09:30	Opening Ceremony
09:50	Station activity
10:30	Station activity
11:00	Station activity
11:30	Station activity
12:15	LUNCH - Parent Meeting
12:50	Webelos Patrol Activity
01:30	Start Events at Stations
02:00	Station activity
02:30	Station activity
03:00	Station activity
03:30	Station activity
04:00	Station activity
05:00	Closing Ceremony

30 minute time slot allows 25 minutes at each station, and 5 minutes for travel.

POSSIBLE STATIONS

(Showing **LAST YEAR'S** Troop assignments)

Emergency Prep	Troop 23
Team Building	Troop 26N
Cooking	Troop 26s
Orienteering	Troop 55
Knots & Ropework	Troop 58
Pioneering	Troop 61
Fire Building	Troop 65
Camping	Troop 71
Scout Games	Troop 76
Backpacking	Troop 94
Lashings	Troop 452C
Wilderness Survival	Troop 634

OTHER POSSIBLE STATIONS

- Winter Camping - Scout Spirit
- Scout Heritage - Geocaching
- First Aid - Flag Etiquette
- High Adventure - Woods Tools
- Leave No Trace - Summer Camp

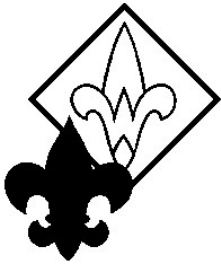
Last year's event was once again a success thanks to all of the Units that participated (even in the rain) - without them we would not have been able to pull off the event. We had a great level of BSA Scout participation, and we don't want that to drop off. We would like all of you to actively promote this event to your Scouts, and let them know how significant this program is to the well being of not just your Troop, but to all of the Troops in our District. Remind them that their involvement is critical to demonstrate the concept of a "youth led program" to the Scouts and their parents - while either running your station or leading Webelos patrols.

Possible stations are listed above with the Units that ran those stations **LAST YEAR**. You will pick a new Station to run this year - it cannot be the one you ran last year; there can only be one of each.

Please make every effort to make sure that your station is both educational and enjoyable - and make sure that your Scouts are running the station. This event is an example of how Scouts BSA is a "Scout led program". If your Scouts are just standing around while the adults run the station it defeats the purpose of the event.

We will need one Troop to volunteer to set up the campfire for the Closing Ceremony/ campfire program during the day. We will conduct the Closing Ceremony, but we need someone to be responsible for setting up, tending and cleaning up the campfires.

If your Troop participated last year, we hope that you will help us out again this year. If your Troop did not participate last year, please consider joining us this year.



WEBELOS WOODS 2023

TROOP REGISTRATION FORM

Troop # _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone # _____

List the names of the Scouts and adults that are attending from your Troop. Also indicate how many nights they are camping. (Use additional copies of this form if necessary.)

S.P.L Name: _____ # of nights camping: _____

Scout Name: _____ # of nights camping: _____

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Adult Name: _____ # of nights camping: _____

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Registration forms must be turned in by Friday, 09/22/23 at the Council Service Center

SOUTHERN SHORE DISTRICT WEBELOS WOODS



WHAT? *Webelos Woods is an outdoor adventure designed to aid in the Webelos-to-Scout transition plan. This all day event is designed to introduce first and second year Webelos Scouts and their parents to the exciting Scouting adventures that lie ahead of them and help make the transition into BSA Scouting exciting. The event is filled with fun activities, intriguing demonstrations, and plenty of outdoor excitement. This year we will once again offer Webelos camping as part of our program. Webelos can also just stay for dinner with a Troop and not camp.*

This is an excellent opportunity for your Troop to get more involved with the Webelos Scouts and their parents, and give them an up-close hands-on Scouting experience.

WHEN? Sep. 29 - Oct. 1, 2023

WHERE? Joseph A. Citta Scout Reservation (229 Brookville Rd Barnegat, NJ)

TIME? Webelos Registration 8:45AM - Sat 9/30
Troop Registration 8:30PM - Fri 09/29

COST?

Unit Fee	\$20 per Unit
BSA Scouts	\$10 per Scout
Adults/ Leaders	\$10 per Adult
Extra Patches	\$4 per Patch
Late Fee (after September 22, 2023) ...	\$5 per person



QUESTIONS? Contact George Agin at gampf@optonline.net

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SOUTHERN SHORE DISTRICT WEBELOS WOODS - TROOP FORM

(circle one) TROOP/ CREW # _____ DISTRICT: _____

UNIT LEADER NAME: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ @ _____

UNIT FEE PER TROOP	_____ 1	x \$20 =	\$20
BSA SCOUTS	_____	x \$10 =	_____
ADULTS/LEADERS	_____	x \$10 =	_____
EXTRA PATCHES	_____	x \$4 =	_____
PER PERSON LATE FEE (After 09/22/23)	_____	x \$5 =	_____
TOTAL DUE:		=	_____

NOTE: Unit Fee is \$50 after 9/22/23

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE & RETURN TO:
Jersey Shore Council, BSA
1518 Ridgeway Road
Toms River, NJ 08755
Via fax: 732-349-8093, or email
jerseyshorecouncil@Scouting.org

METHOD OF PAYMENT: (circle one) CASH CHECK CREDIT CARD UNIT ACCT.

Authorizing signature for unit account/credit card purchases: _____

Billing address (if different from above: _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: _____ EXP: _____

BEST CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: _____

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