Dear Webelo Parents,

This information will help you prepare for the Webeloree Weekend coming up on September 15-16. If there are any questions or concerns, please let us know!

See you on the 16th, Steve Kahermanes at <u>steve.k@piedmontbsa.org</u> (510) 844-4752 Or Nancy Steimle at <u>nsteimle@sbcglobal.net</u> (510)910-0053

> NEW LOCATION: Bort Meadow Anthony Chabot Regional Park Redwood Rd, Oakland, CA 94619 (5.7 miles from the Redwood Rd exit CA-13)

Achievements Covered

	4th Graders (WEBELOS)	5 th Graders (AOL)
Session 1	First Responder	Outdoorsman
Session 2	Webelos Walkabout	Into the Woods
Session 3	Cast Iron Chef	Castaway

Schedule Overview

Activities were selected to help both the Jr. and Sr. Webelos participate in courses they have not already completed. Each activity has been given a 2 hour slot of time. If you have sports on Saturday, you can CERTAINLY attend a partial day! Please try to leave/join between sessions.

Saturday

- 8:00-8:30 Saturday Check In (Drop off gear, set up AFTER Session One)
- 8:30-9:00 Opening Flag Ceremony
- 9:00-11:00 Session One: First Responder/Outdoorsman
- 11:00-12:00 Set Up Campsite
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch –*Provided for you* (Bring a water bottle)
- 1:00-3:00 Session Two: Webelos Walk About/Into the Woods
- 3:00-5:00 Session Three: Cast Iron Chef/Cast Away
- 5:00-5:30 Closing Flag Ceremony
- 5:30-7:30 Cook/Dinner In a Bag
- 7:30-9:00 Campfire Program (Skits, Songs, Jokes, Flag Retirement-if permitted)

Sunday

- 7:30-8:00 Opening Flag Ceremony
- 8:00-9:00 Breakfast—Provided for you
- 9:00-10:00 Breakdown Camp/Clean Sweep

What You Need to Know BEFORE the Weekend

Eat Saturday breakfast at home. Wear your uniform to Webeloree.

Pack a small cooler.

Bring a water bottle and some snacks for Saturday. (Avoid nuts if possible.)

Dinner should be prepared at home WITH the scout! Follow the enclosed directions for Dinner in Bag. Let your scout help plan for, shop and prepare the dinner to earn the outdoor cooking components of the Webelo Requirements.

Order of the Arrow will prepare lunch on Saturday AND a DELICIOUS breakfast for us all on Sunday Morning!

Important Specifics

- Parents: We need your help to run the day's activities, so do your best to attend with your son. In limited cases, WEBELOS may attend during the day without a parent or guardian, however scouts must attend with a Den/Pack supervised by at least twoadults at all times and a Parent/Scout ratio of 1:4.
- Each WEBELO staying overnight <u>must be</u> accompanied by a parent or approved guardian/supervisor. Scouts may share a tent, however, adults are not permitted to be in the same tent as a child who is not part of his/her immediate family. (If you have a question about this please reach out!)
- Required Medical Records: All participants: WEBELOS, adults, and siblings require a medical record (Parts A and B only). You can find them here: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf Only the new forms are accepted. Medical records will not be returned.
- Adults: All adults must read the *Guide to Safe Scouting* and are advised to complete the Online Youth Protection Training at <u>https://my.scouting.org/</u> (takes about 75 minutes). No adult can be alone with a Scout except his/her own son.
- Parking is somewhat limited and carpooling is recommended.
- Uniforms must be worn during check-in and flag ceremonies.
- Meals: Bring your own plate/water bottle/utensils—reusable is preferred. No alcohol is allowed per BSA policy.
- What to bring: <u>WEBELOS are to select and pack their own gear.</u> This includes: a day pack, weather <u>appropriate clothing</u> (including warm outerwear for cold evenings), mess kit (plate, cup, utensils), water, ground cover, tent, sleeping bag/pad, flashlight, toiletries, water bottle, WEBELOS handbook, uniform, and a Do Your Best attitude!!!
- ✤ Fun Extras: For down times feel free to bring sport equipment, books, card games, etc.
- What <u>NOT</u> to bring: Electronics of any kind (phones, iPod, etc.); Knives/axes A pocketknife with a Whittling Chip is the exception. Pocketknives used in an unsafe manner will be confiscated by *camp staff* and returned only to an *adult leader*.

Thanks so much and see you there!

Saturday Night "Dinner In a Bag" Ideas

Since the Bay Area is a High Fire Danger Area the park has asked us to NOT cook over flames. Therefore, we need to adjust our meal prep.

This year we would like you and your scout to pre-assemble **DINNER IN A BAG** at HOME that can then be placed in "boiling bags" that will be heated up on a camp stove. This method is used quite often by scouts!



Some ideas include:

Chicken and potatoes (don't forget the veggies!) Chili (amp it up with corn bread in a separate baggie) Omelet (for the adventurous, a dash of Tabasco goes well) Pasta with meatballs/tofu and veggies (garlic bread?) Sausage and veggies Stew (with a biscuit, a personal favorite) Stir fry with rice

The possibilities are endless! You can find many ideas online and on Pinterest.

The key is to . . .

- 1) Use a FREEZER bag!
- 2) *Fully precook* any meats
- 3) *Lightly* cook any veggies and pasta/rice.
- 4) Write your name on the bag with a sharpie
- 5) **<u>Remove as much air</u>** as possible.
- 6) Put sides in their own baggie

The bags will be inserted into Boiling Bags at our campsite that will be heated for about 10 minutes.

Pack in your own cooler or place in a community cooler provided by BSA at the Webeloree. **Remember to bring your own mess kit or just plates and utensils!**