

FOUR RIVERS DISTRICT



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The **WILD WEST** Staff welcomes you to the 2019 Annual 4R District Webelos Woodsmoke!

Howdy, Leaders and Parents! Thank you for bringing your Webelos to the shores of Chesapeake Bay for the only Four Rivers District field event dedicated only to our WEBELOS Scouts! We'll be running a First Year Webelos Adventure Trail and an Arrow of Light Adventure Trail. Most of our First Year stations will be focused earning part of the elective "Adventures." Second Year Webelos will be looking forward to Boy Scout adventures... and everyone will HAVE FUN! With a western theme, your Webelos can expect a lot of cowboy fun while learning new skills taught by our Boy Scouts supervised by their adult Leaders.

We've planned quite a weekend for your Webelos: two nights of Fall camping in the woods along the Chesapeake Bay, lots of hands-on activities with a chance to earn some Webelos Adventure requirements, meeting over 300 Webelos from other Packs, meeting and learning from Boy Scouts from twenty different Troops, a big Saturday Evening Campfire and flag retirement ceremony, and mostly just having fun in the autumn woods! Both of our two Adventure Trails will have ten stations, each 40 minutes long with a 5 minute movement time (the stations aren't far apart.) Most stations are run by Boy Scouts under adult supervision. All Webelos will get to shoot bows & arrows at the Archery Station and talk by radio around the nation in the Jamboree-On-the-Air Station (JOTA) sponsored by our local amateur radio community. **For 2019, we are adding an adult "Webelos-to-Scout" Station, co-located with the JOTA Station, to help leaders and parents transition their Webelos to Scouts BSA.** The fee for all this fun is only \$30 per Webelos/\$10 per Adult. All paid participants will get a special souvenir Woodsmoke Collectors Patch and a Woodsmoke Ball Cap. **Youth participants registered and paid by October 7, 2019 will receive a FREE Wild West Woodsmoke T-Shirt.**

This is the single **WEBELOS ONLY** activity of the year. Your Pack's Webelos are moving from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA and have earned the privilege of having their own special event! So let's keep it special and limited only to First and Second Year Webelos Dens, Webelos Leaders, and Parents/Adult Guardians. **** No younger Cub Scouts or siblings please.****

For the seventh year in a row, we're the special guests of Downs Memorial Park, operated by Anne Arundel County Recreation & Parks, located in Pasadena at the far eastern end of Mountain Road. Packs/Dens may check-in on Friday October 18, any time after 5:00 PM. For safety and to help protect the environment, we're urging everyone to **carpool!** Follow MD Route 100 east to Mountain Road and head east toward Gibson Island and the Bay. Follow the signs for four miles to Downs Park on Pinehurst Rd. On arrival, your Den will be directed by Staff members into a Participant Parking Lot in the main area of Downs Park. To increase safety, decrease congestion, and meet Park rules, all participants will be guided to a marked paved parking lot and be driven by **free shuttle bus** across Pinehurst Road to the Woodsmoke campsites in the Natural Area.

A **Check-in Point** will be set up at the front of the Campsite Area. **One adult Leader** per Pack will check in, provide a final **by-name roster of all Webelos and adults attending**, and get your campsite assignment and a final event schedule. Unit leaders must have **Parental Permission Forms and Health Histories (Parts A & B) for all participants (youth and adult)** to meet BSA requirements. At the **Adult Leaders' Meeting at 9 PM Friday** night, all units will get final instructions, Adventure Trail Maps, Woodsmoke Patches and Ball Caps, and (for those who paid by October 7) your free Woodsmoke youth T-Shirts.

Each Pack may bring **one truck/vehicle/ trailer to carry all unit equipment**. The driver of that equipment vehicle will be directed to a drop-off area near the Woodsmoke campsites. Offload the consolidated Den/Pack supplies and return the vehicle to the designated Parking Area as directed.

This is an outdoor camping experience in the best traditions of Boy Scouting, so BE PREPARED and bring gear suitable for unexpected weather. Pack light and smart using the Suggested Gear List attached. As guests of the County Recreation & Parks Department, two-deep leadership, low impact camping, and safe Scouting will be our goals. **Please carefully read the next page for important information and general guidelines.**

Please remember that all Webelos Woodsmoke Adventure Stations are being staffed by volunteers, just like you. So be polite and thank them for giving up their weekend to provide a great time for your Webelos. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet Scouts and Scoutmasters from over twenty different Scout Troops supporting Woodsmoke!

The Scout Oath, Law, and Outdoor Code (attached) apply throughout the event. Some of our stations offer activities that may be potentially hazardous if the safety instructions of the staff aren't carefully followed. We want your Webelos to have a great time – but cannot allow misbehavior. All adult staff members have the responsibility to report youth not following safety instructions, misbehaving, or being destructive to the park and its environment.

The **WILD WEST** Woodsmoke Staff looks forward to offering your Webelos a terrific weekend! Please feel free to bring suggestions or solutions to our attention at any time.

WILD WEST WEBELOS WOODSMOKE GENERAL GUIDELINES

- ★ **Conduct:** Everyone follows the Scout Oath, Law, and Outdoor Code (attached below) at all times. Follow Woodsmoke Headquarters and Station Mayor instructions and time keeping. **Uniformed County Park Rangers have final say on all safety, law enforcement, parking, and environmental issues.**
- ★ **Parking:** To avoid traffic jams, and in the spirit of Boy Scouting, we urge Dens to carpool! See Parking Instructions with the map below. Absolutely no parking on the grass at any time – violators will be ticketed and towed!
- ★ **Stay Together:** All Dens will use two-deep adult supervision during the entire event, especially while out on the Adventure Trails. Use the Buddy System. Stay on time, stay together as a Den. Please walk, don't run – stations aren't far apart.
- ★ **Trails:** For low impact hiking and increased safety, between stations Dens will stay on the paved marked trail and not take short cuts or venture onto "closed" trails. There will be Woodsmoke directional signs on each trail. Stay away from the Chesapeake Bay and stay out of the Locust Cove waterway. Please be courteous to non-Scout hikers, bikers, dog-walkers and runners sharing the paved trails. This is a public park and trails must remain open.
- ★ **Uniforms:** Utility (field) uniform (pants, Woodsmoke or Pack t-shirt, fleece jacket) is the Woodsmoke trail uniform. Cowboy garb is welcome. The Official Webelos Scout Uniform is encouraged for the Saturday Evening Campfire.
- ★ **Outdoor Gear:** Mid-October temperatures can get wet and chilly on the Chesapeake. Dress in layers for the conditions (see Suggested Gear List below.) Carry at least one full liter bottle of water each, and bring rain gear and a flashlight. Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots. Keep shoes laced. No sandals or "flip-flops."
- ★ **Camping:** Dens must bring their own camping and cooking gear. Campsites will be pre-assigned by unit upon registration. Many units will be camping at Woodsmoke. We encourage low impact camping with clean, compact campsites. **Dens are asked to keep individual tent sizes to a reasonable minimum.** A Webelo and their parent should share a 2-3 person tent. Large multi-room tents are discouraged unless used to sleep several Webelos. An adult may tent only with their own child or another adult.
- ★ **Cooking:** Dens will eat all meals family-style at their campsite, to include the Saturday Lunch rotation. Cooking will be carefully supervised by adults using propane or isobutene camping stoves or portable charcoal grills off the ground. Safely dispose of ashes in designated ash-safe containers. Dispose of dishwater in the Gray Water containers provided. Remember to keep cold things cold in coolers and eat hot food while it is hot.
- ★ **Water:** The only drinking water tap is in the Youth Area on the other side of Downs Park. Units need to plan to bring at least one gallon of water per person for drinking and cooking, preferably in large containers or coolers. The Staff will offer periodic shuttles back and forth to the water point for water cooler refills on Saturday. Limited drinking water may be available at Woodsmoke Stations. Everyone should bring their own full water bottle on the trail.
- ★ **Restrooms:** Rented portable toilets and water-free handwashing stations located at the campgrounds and at the top of the Second Year Webelos Trail. Certain toilets will be reserved for women only and others ADA-compliant for the disabled.
- ★ **Fires:** No smoking except in parking areas. (Smoking is discouraged entirely during the event.) A limited number of adult-controlled small campfires will be allowed, to be shared between Dens. The fires must be built on a fireproof base totally off the ground at least 18" by bricks to prevent ground scorching, kept small, and attended by an **adult at all times**. Leave No Trace or have no fire! Each campfire will have a fire bucket. Fires will be extinguished with water until the ashes are cold. We'll have two larger fire rings for the entire group to use and a large "council fire" on Saturday evening. NOTE: Depending on weather conditions, Park Rangers may ban any fires except cooking stoves.
- ★ **Leave No Trace!** Keep campsites neat, clean, and safe. Take care of your own trash. Pack it in / pack it out.
- ★ **Emergencies:** If you get lost or have an emergency, stay on the trail and find any adult Staff member. All stations will have two-way radios. The District will have a 24 hour First Aid Station on site, manned by radio-equipped qualified first responders for minor issues. Medical emergencies will be handled by Anne Arundel County Fire/EMS.
- ★ **Instructions and Questions:** You'll get final instructions, an Adventure Trail Map and a Den Rotation Schedule at Friday's 9 PM Adult Leader Meeting. If you have questions or something to bring to the Staff's attention, please see a Station Mayor or visit Woodsmoke Headquarters in the pavilion on the main campground.

SUGGESTED GEAR LIST

Pack light and smart for and BE PREPARED for chilly rain and wind in the worst case.

Personal Gear (carry in a backpack, suitcase, duffle bag, or clean garbage bag)

- Pants and Pack or Woodsmoke T-Shirt (Friday night and Saturday day)
- Fleece sweater or pullover (Note: cotton “hoodies” rob body heat if they get wet)
- Jacket or light coat – dress in layers: If you get warm, pull a layer off... if you get cold – put a layer on.
- Rain jacket/parka or poncho – outermost layer if rainy
- Webelos Hat or knit cap
- Underwear: two changes
- Socks: one pair on your feet and two extra pair of socks in case your feet get wet
- Hiking boots (if you have them) or sturdy shoes (no sandals, flip-flops, or open toed shoes!)
- Sleeping bag with light blanket
- Sleeping pad (solid or inflatable)
- Tent (2-3 person tent for one Webelos and a parent... or two Webelos)
- Pillow (optional – you can roll your fleece jacket as a pillow)
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, hand soap, hand towel
- Medicine (kept with Parent, Adult Guardian, or Den Leader)
- Liter water bottle, filled with fresh water, especially on the trail
- Small flashlight or headlamp with fresh batteries
- Folding pocket knife (if the Webelos has earned their Whittlin’ Chip)
- Mess kit or unbreakable plate, cup, and fork

Den Gear (consolidated together in the Unit Equipment Vehicle)

- Final Pack Roster and Health Forms for ALL youth and adults (with Den Leader at check-in)
- Webelos Handbook (one can be shared among Den members)
- Water jugs/water cooler (NOTE: Bring **at least one gallon per person** for drinking and cooking)
- Lanterns (fresh batteries) or Propane Lanterns (adult operator only)
- Cooler with ice (keep cold food cold)
- Propane Stove or Charcoal Grill on stand (adult operator only)
- Wash basin, detergent, paper towels, trash bags
- Cooking equipment: pots, skillet, spatula, tongs, serving spoons
- Spare paper plates, plastic ware, cups
- Den/Pack First Aid Kit
- Dining Fly/Tarp (optional)
- Camp Chairs (optional)

Meal Planning (Be sure to include your Webelos in the planning and let them cook under adult supervision!)

- Friday night: bring snacks or eat supper before arrival at Woodsmoke
- Saturday Breakfast
- Saturday Lunch: something pre-prepared or relatively fast (your Den will have one hour for lunch)
- Saturday Supper: make this the Fun Feast for the weekend and be sure the Webelos help cook
- Sunday Breakfast: simple and fast

Need some assistance, gear, or ideas? Talk to a Webelos Den Leader who attended last year’s Woodsmoke, talk to a Boy Scout Troop, or come to District Roundtable with dozens of experienced campers there to help!

WILD WEST WEBELOS WOODSMOKE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY October 18, 2019

Noon	Downs Park open to <u>Staff</u> for initial setup. Woodsmoke HQ at Pavilion in Natural Area (west side of Pinehurst Road)
5:00pm	Downs Park open to Units. Follow parking directions. Take Shuttle Bus to campsites. Check-in at Registration Point.
6:23pm	Sunset
9:00pm	Adult Leaders' Meeting at HQ Pavilion (no more than two adult leaders per unit)
9:30pm	Staff Meeting – HQ Pavilion (brief final instructions)
9:30-10:30pm	Den-Pack/Troop Fellowship Time
10:30pm	Taps (Quiet Time begins)

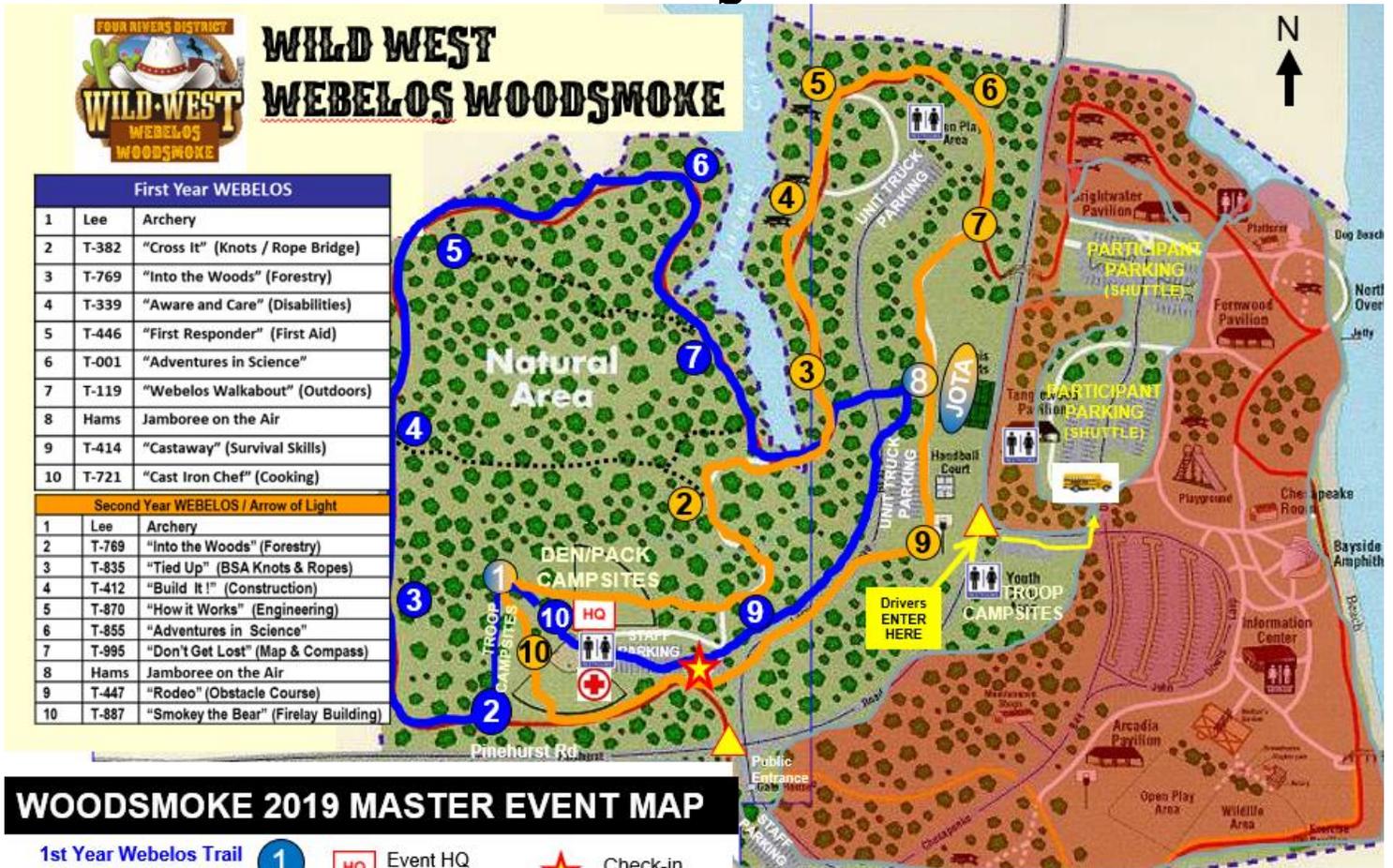
SATURDAY October 19, 2019 The Main Event!

6:30am	Reveille
6:30-7:30am	Breakfast (Units at their campsites / Staff at Headquarters Pavilion)
7:20 am	Sunrise
7:30am	All Stations Set Up (Staffs in position at their Stations and ready to roll)
7:30-7:45am	District Formation / Flag Raising (Main Campsite Field)
7:45-8:00am	Webelos move to their first Stations (under two-deep adult supervision at all times)
8:00am	Woodsmoke Station Rotations Begin (40 Minutes per Station / 5 Minutes to Move to next Station)
8:00-8:40am	First Woodsmoke Station
8:40-8:45am	Move to next Station
8:45-9:25am	Second Woodsmoke Station
9:25-9:30am	Move to next Station
9:30-10:10am	Third Woodsmoke Station
10:10-10:15am	Move to next Station
10:15-10:55am	Fourth Woodsmoke Station
10:55-11:00am	Move to next Station
11:00-11:40am	Fifth Woodsmoke Station
11:40-11:50am	Participants Return to Den-Pack Campsites / Staff to HQ Pavilion for Lunch / Troops stay at station or campsite)
11:50-12:50pm	Lunch (Participants at Den-Pack Campsites / Staff at HQ Pavilion / Troops can eat at their station or campsite)
12:50-1:00pm	Participants Move to next Station in their Rotation Schedule
1:00-1:40pm	Sixth Woodsmoke Station
1:40-1:45pm	Move to next Station
1:45-2:25pm	Seventh Woodsmoke Station
2:25-2:30pm	Move to next Station
2:30-3:10pm	Eighth Woodsmoke Station
3:10-3:15pm	Move to next Station
3:15-3:55pm	Ninth Woodsmoke Station
3:55-4:00pm	Move to final Station
4:00-4:40pm	Tenth and Final Woodsmoke Station
4:40-4:50pm	Webelos and Leaders return to Main Campsite Field. Staff breaks down Station sites.
4:50-5:00pm	Retreat (Lower the Colors)
5:00-7:30pm	Dinner at Den-Pack/Troop Campsites and Pack/Troop Time Staff Supper at HQ Pavilion - cleanup/recovery time
6:22 pm	Sunset 6:49pm Civil Twilight (full dark begins)
7:30-7:40pm	Dens-Packs move to Campfire area
7:40-8:40pm	District Woodsmoke Campfire and Flag Retirement Ceremony
8:40-10:00pm	Den-Pack/Troop Fellowship Time
10:00pm	Taps (Quiet Time begins)

SUNDAY October 20, 2018

7:00am	Reveille
7:21am	Sunrise
7:30-8:30am	Breakfast (Dens at their campsites / Staff* at HQ Pavilion)
8:30am	District Formation (Main Campsite Field)
9:00-9:30am	Scouts' Own Service (Interdenominational) (HQ Pavilion)
9:30-10:30am	Units strike Campsites, Cleanup, Site Inspection, and Departure
10:30-11:00am	Brief Lessons Learned for Staff (HQ Pavilion)
11:00am	Exit Inspection by Park Rangers/Staffers Dismissed

WILD WEST WOODSMOKE SITE MAP



WOODSMOKE 2019 MASTER EVENT MAP

- 1st Year Webeles Trail
- AOL Webeles Trail
- Common Stations
- Event HQ (Quartermaster)
- FIRST AID (Health & Safety)
- Toilets
- Check-in (Friday)
- Traffic Control Point
- Shuttle Pick up
- OFF LIMITS AREAS
- 40 MINUTE ROTATIONS**
- 5 MINUTE TRANSIT TIME**

PARKING INSTRUCTIONS:

Following Downs Park safety and environmental rules, all participants will use paved parking lots in the East half of Downs Park (adjacent to Chesapeake Bay.) Follow Staff directions and carefully turn right off Pinehurst Rd, through the Youth Group Campground gate as shown above. You will be directed into a marked parking space on hardstand pavement. Line up at the pickup point (bus icon) and wait for the **free shuttle bus** to take you, your passengers, and your personal gear safely around to the Woodsmoke Campsite Area in the Natural Area on the other side of Downs Park. The bus is a rental with a professional driver. You may bring personal camping gear (backpack/bag) on the bus.

NOTE: The shuttle but service is only available on Friday evening arrival.

Alternatively, following Boy Scout tradition, Webeles **with their parent (or two-deep adult leaders)** may carefully hike on the interior park road 1/2 mile to the **supervised crossing point** across Pinehurst Rd. into the Campsite Area.

Dens and Packs are strongly encouraged to carpool. Dens or Packs should consolidate **all unit gear** (as well as packs and bags) into a single unit equipment vehicle (van/truck/trailer.) The unit gear driver will be allowed to drive to an area next to the campsite and **immediately unload.** The truck will then be directed to a designated paved parking area. Dens will be shuttled over, gather at their unit gear, and be guided to their marked campsites to set up camp.

Downs Park rule for **all** vehicles: **NO PARKING ON THE GRASS – not even a single tire!** Violators subject to ticketing and towing by Park Rangers!

THE BOY SCOUT OATH

On my honor, I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

THE SCOUT LAW

A Scout is:

- ✦ Trustworthy,
- ✦ Loyal,
- ✦ Helpful,
- ✦ Friendly,
- ✦ Courteous,
- ✦ Kind,
- ✦ Obedient,
- ✦ Cheerful,
- ✦ Thrifty,
- ✦ Brave,
- ✦ Clean,
- ✦ and Reverent.



THE OUTDOOR CODE

As an American, I will do my best to...

- Be clean in my outdoor manners
- Be careful with fire
- Be considerate in the outdoors, and
- Be conservation minded.