

Weboree XXVI – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



- 1. How do we get started?** Get the Weboree Information/Registration packet, you're your Scouts and Parents committed and register. That's all there is to it!
- 2. Where can I get the Weboree Information/Registration packet?** The Weboree Information/Registration packet is available at the Council Service Center in Oakland, at all District Roundtables, and can be downloaded from the Council Website nnjbsa.org
- 3. How do we Register?** For 2015, the preferred method is online. This will avoid any errors that come with handling paper registrations – what you enter online will be what we see in our database. When registering online you may also pay online, or print your registration and mail/bring in your payment to the Service Center. You may also use the paper registration form in the information packet. **Note that your Registration is not complete until we receive your payment.**
- 4. Our Den wants to attend, but our Den Leader cannot go. Is that OK?** Yes! On the Weboree registration form, use the name/address/phone/e-mail for the person who will be acting in the capacity of Webelos Den Leader for Weboree (we need a single point of contact for each unit).
- 5. How do I know that you have received our registration?** Periodically, we send e-mails to the e-mail address that you provide when you register. The first e-mail will indicate your registration status and provide additional information and materials that you will need for Weboree. PLEASE make sure that your e-mail address is complete and legible, and that we can distinguish between zeros and letter Os, and between ones, upper case Is and lower case Ls (this is not a problem with online registration – only if you use the paper form).
- 6. My scouts haven't received any information from Weboree – do you have them on your mailing list?** All Weboree information is distributed through the Den Leaders. As noted above, we will be sending e-mails to the den's Weboree leader at the e-mail that you put on your registration. You can then keep your other participants informed. If you have registered and have not received an e-mail from us within 2 weeks, please send us an e-mail to that effect at weboree25@gmail.com Put "Weboree e-mail" in the subject line, and include your PACK no, DEN no., PACK hometown and LEADER name.
- 7. I already registered most of my den, now I have another scout that wants to go. Can I add him?** As long as we haven't reached the 750 participant registration limit. Just submit an additional registration. Make sure that you check the box to indicate that this is an additional registration.
- 8. I can't register yet because some of my scouts haven't decided whether they can/will go or not. Is that a problem?** Not for us, but it may be for you. Registration is limited to the first 750 registered participants. In recent years, registration has been closed out at 750 several weeks before the closing date, resulting in late registrants not being allowed in. Don't let this happen to you – get in the registration for the boys that you have now, you can submit additional registrations later if necessary (see FAQ 7 above).

- 9. Can a younger or older sibling attend Weboree?** Sorry, but the answer is NO. Weboree is for 4th-grade Webelos Scouts and their parent/guardian ONLY. Please do not bring siblings or others who are not **4th-grade** Webelos Scouts. 3rd-grade almost-Webelos (Bears) ARE NOT 4th-grade Webelos (they can attend NEXT year). We do not have any program for them, and they are not covered by our insurance. They take up space that could be used to allow another 4th-grade Webelos Scout to attend.
- 10. Does that even include a Boy Scout or Venturer sibling?** Well yes – and no. Boy Scouts and Venturers may not attend Weboree as participants. However, we are always looking for Boy Scouts and Venturers to help out on staff, so if they really want to come, have them check out the staff information on the Council website, then contact us to be on staff (staff have just as much fun!)
- 11. Do we have to have one adult for every scout?** This is determined by the BSA's *Guide to Safe Scouting (G2SS)*, which can be obtained from the Council website - nnjbsa.org. The unit (den/pack) is responsible for adhering to the G2SS during Weboree. In general, the answer is yes for Webelos Scouts in an overnight camping activity. Exception for multiple sibling scout participants to one adult.
- 12. Does the adult have to be a father?** NO! It can be mom. We have had uncles, aunts, grandparents, adult siblings and others. See G2SS for guidance, particularly as to sleeping arrangements where the adult is not a parent.
- 13. Can scouts or adults with physical handicap participate in Weboree?** Weboree is a relatively strenuous activity, with lots of walking – including up and down hills. We would like to see all eligible Webelos Scouts participate. Paths and roads in camp are not paved. In the past, we have accommodated participants with some conditions including sleep apnea (CPAP user) and limited mobility, and we have had at least one blind scout who fully participated in all Weboree activities. Participants must make this decision on their own. If you have specific concerns, please contact us BEFORE registering.
- 14. Do we have to arrive on Friday, or can we come in on Saturday morning?** We strongly advise that you arrive in camp on Friday evening. Weboree activities start with the Midway at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, so you may miss out on some of these activities if you don't come in on Friday. If you must arrive on Saturday, plan to be in camp NO LATER than 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning so that you will not miss any of the program. That will allow you to get registered, find your site, and be ready for the 9:45 opening ceremonies on the A-field. **Please do not be late for opening ceremonies.**
- 15. Do we have to arrive together, or can we arrive at different times?** You do not all have to arrive together. Some units arrive all at once, others arrive one or two at a time. Some can come in Friday, others on Saturday. Come as early as each can. Make the best arrangements to maximize the Weboree experience for your scouts.
- 16. Does Weboree provide tents or do we have to furnish our own?** Weboree does not provide tents. Participants must furnish their own. Some dens borrow tents from their affiliated Boy Scout troops.
- 17. What are the camping facilities?** The campsites are wooded and rocky, and smaller tents are preferable to large cabin style tents. There are a limited number of wood tent platforms that can be used, but there are far fewer platforms available than the number of tents that we expect.
- 18. Can we drive to our campsite?** NO! **Private vehicles are not permitted beyond the parking lot into camp for safety reasons.** This means that ALL of your personal and

unit equipment and food must be carried or otherwise transported by you and members of your group from the parking lot to your site. Campsites are as close as 50 feet, and as far as ½ mile from the parking lots. If you bring it and want to use it, you will have to carry it. Plan accordingly. **Make sure that all your participants know this!!!** Wagons and garden carts have proven useful in the past for transporting heavy and/or bulky items. Weboree does not supply wagons or carts.

- 19. What do we eat?** This is up to you. Each unit is responsible for its own meals. Saturday lunch should be a trail lunch that each participant brings with him/her on the trail on Saturday morning. We provide beverage and soup only for Saturday lunch only. You may want to have a small backpack (bookbag works fine) and water bottle.
- 20. How do we cook?** This depends on the fire hazard conditions at the time of Weboree. Propane stoves and barbeques are acceptable at all times (consider FAQ 18 above). Charcoal in metal grills is acceptable under normal conditions, but may be restricted. Charcoal and wood ground fires may be allowed, depending on conditions. Unit leaders of registered units will be advised of fire restrictions via e-mail during the week before Weboree.
- 21. Where can we get fire wood?** There is usually lots of dead wood lying around at this time of year – just find it, cut it, and use it. However, cutting of any standing wood is prohibited (even if it looks dead).
- 22. What do we do with our garbage?** Weboree is a “carry-in, carry-out” activity. If you bring it in, please take it back out. That includes ALL of your trash. The dumpsters behind the dining hall are restricted for dining hall trash ONLY. The dumpster at the QM is for camp debris ONLY. Don’t forget to bring trash bags!
- 23. Tell us about: water, toilets, showers?**
- The camp water system (potable water) will be operating. Water is available at every campsite.
 - Latrines – camp latrines (pit toilets) will be available at each campsite. We suggest you bring a supply of toilet paper.
 - Porta-johns – will be located strategically in the program areas. Some will be designated “Women only”.
 - Camp showers will NOT be operating for Weboree.
- 24. What happens if there is a medical emergency?** We will have several certified EMTs on staff, including a health officer who will be stationed at the Health Lodge. We also maintain radio communications at critical locations throughout the camp, including the range, dining hall and Office. If you have an emergency, please contact any staff member.
- 25. Do we need a tour permit?** Weboree is a NNJ Council event, at a Council camp. Under current policy, a tour permit is NOT required for this event.
- 26. We are not in Northern NJ Council, but we saw this activity on your website. It looks like fun and we would like to attend. Can we?** Sorry, but we expect to be at capacity registration with scouts from Northern NJ Council. Therefore, we cannot accept any out-of-Council units.
- 27. Well, then – can we find out more about Weboree so that we can start one in OUR Council?** Absolutely! Just contact us at weboree25@gmail.com

Questions?

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