

**The 2015 Annual Northern New Jersey Council
WEBOREE XXVI
Camp No-Be-Bo-Sc
April 24, 25, 26, 2015**



What Is A Weboree?

The Weboree is a weekend overnight program held at Camp No-Be-Bo-Sc for **4th-grade** Webelos Scouts and their parents/guardians. The foremost purpose is to introduce the boys and their parents/guardians to the type of activities that they can expect to do as Boy Scouts. The success of the Weboree is based on peer example: that a boy learns by the skills, attitudes and behavior of older, trained Boy Scouts and uniformed leaders.

How Does It Work?

The nature of the program is a typical day at camp: an eight period day plus lunch and free time before supper. Each participant will follow a complete schedule for all events. In order for the council staff to meet with leaders and guardians, the afternoon schedule will include a surprise activity for the Webelos Scouts!

Where Is It Held?

One of NNJC's most prized possessions is Camp No-Be-Bo-Sc (named after North Bergen Boy Scouts, an acronym from the 1920's when the North Bergen Boy Scout Council owned the land and long before this Council was formed). Located in the foothills of the Delaware Valley, in a mountain range east of the Delaware River, and near the hamlet of Blairstown, NJ, "No-Be" is about 1 ½ driving hours from Paramus, NJ, ten miles northwest of exit 12 off Interstate 80 W. It is one of the camps where the Council's Boy Scouts go for one or two week periods in the summer to learn and master the traditional skills of Boy Scouting.

Who Goes To The Weboree?

This is a program for all currently active Cub Scout packs in the Council that boasts of having a 4th-grade Webelos den. It is planned by the NNJC Activities Committee and staffed by experienced uniformed Scouts and adult Scouters in immediate past or current leadership positions. Guaranteed to have a lasting effect on your boys and their guardians, all packs are urged and encouraged to participate in this year's event. Whether you are an experienced leader or a new recruit to the cub pack committee role, this is *the* program for your boys.

When Is It Held?

Weboree XXVI will be held on the weekend of April 24-26, 2015. Beginning on Friday afternoon and lasting through Sunday morning, all participants follow a schedule of events geared to this age group. It is recommended that you plan on arriving Friday afternoon to take part in all the activities planned for the boys.

What Will The Boys Do At Weboree?

Attending Webelos Scouts will be exposed to many of the following demonstration segments on the double loop trail which is designed to accommodate the 4th grade Webelos program... Stations may include *First Aid; Knife & Ax; Firebuilding; Model Campsite; Leave No Trace; Nature; Outdoor Cooking; Archery; BB Gun Range; Differently-Abled Awareness Challenge; Climbing Tower; Knots & Ropes; Knife & Axe; Campfire Songs & Skits; and more!* In addition, we have an Activities Badge Midway on Sunday morning where the boys can try some of the more difficult activity badges.

I Heard About A Tee Shirt...

As part of the festivities each Webelos participant and each parent/guardian is urged to bring a clean, white or gray Tee shirt. The staff will print the 2015 Annual NNJC Weboree logo on Saturday morning before opening ceremonies and again on Sunday morning during the Activities Fair. Participants may purchase a blank Tee shirt at the Trading Post, while supplies last.

Let's Review The Program One More Time...

Friday and Saturday overnight camping for boys and parent/guardians: Bring your tents and set up a campsite. Each participating Pack will be assigned a guide to assist the group with set-up, program and facility usage. Activities will include a Father/Mother/Guardian/Son fishing, rope making, Parade of Flags, field events, Archery Range, Leader's Event, Campfire and more! There will be an eight period schedule designed for all to be able to participate in as many events as possible. A keepsake will be given in the form of a neckerchief slide or Tee shirt imprint.

REMEMBER: There are no cars allowed past the parking lot! PACK LIGHT!!!

When's That Again?

APRIL 2015 WEBOREE XXVI						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Registration Closes
4/10/15

Weboree Leaders' Meeting,
4/16/15, 7:30 pm
Council Office



Deadline Participant Registration is April 10th !!!

Weboree Only Comes Around Once ~~A Year!~~

In a Scout's Lifetime!!

Money! What's The Cost? What's Included?

What value can be placed on memories, experiences and interpersonal relationships that both the boy and guardian will take away from camp? The monetary fee for the weekend for both camper and guardian is \$20.00 **per person** for two nights of tent camping or \$32.00 **per person** for Saturday night only in cabin shelters (very limited space available). This includes program fee, camper fee, individual Weboree patch, hatpin (youth only), pack ribbon and screen-printed logo on your shirt. Cost of shirt is not included. Participants also get to make a neckerchief slide and are treated to soup, drink and dessert at lunch time on Saturday. **Late registrations will NOT be accepted!!** Gas for cabin heaters is additional charge, and is based on usage.

Gimme Some Philosophy...

The main focus of Weboree is the many and varied events along the trail. Webelos are grouped together, apart from their guardians for three reasons:

1. Large numbers: 27sites, 9 periods, 375 boys/375 adults; we create 27 groups (9 adult/18 Webelos); we average 20 boys/group; 40 adults/group; adults work together better than Scouts in larger groups.
2. Focus of discussion at each event: Event personnel are geared for two presentations: For Webelos the focus is on fun, adventure and simplicity; for adults and leaders the focus is on how to incorporate the activity into existing cub pack programs.
3. It is hoped that when child and guardian get together they can discuss the happenings on the trail. It is not guaranteed that adult and cub will visit the same eight events, which will spark further discussion and description.

What Else?

Please note that all leaders and cubs from the same pack will share a common lunch time meal together; The allotted trail times where boys will be separated from their guardians totals just under 4 hours during Saturday; Each Webelos group will travel the events trail with a Boy Scout trail guide; This is a camp-promotion weekend. It is the hope of the Council Camp Promotions Committee that each cub pack 4th-grade family participates in this year's Weboree. It is our way of introducing new boys and their families to the wonders of Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco. Please do your best to get the entire Webelos den to this terrifically marvelous event.

Why Do You Need an e-mail Address and Phone Number?

We have found that there is often a need to get last-minute information to participants. We have an FAQ that will help you have a much more rewarding Weboree experience. It is impractical to contact every one of 60+ participating units (plus staff) on short notice in any other way. The e-mail address and phone number that you provide will be used solely for Weboree. If you do not personally have an e-mail address that you can use, maybe someone else in your group does, please check. **Your registration cannot be entered into the system without an e-mail address!!**

Schedule of Events...

2015 (Preliminary) Program Schedule

FRIDAY:

9:00am-9:00pm Staff check-in; Staff set-up for events.
9:00pm-10:00pm Star gazing on the A-field (weather permitting)
3:00pm-8:00pm Camping participant check-in; trading post.

SATURDAY:

7:30am-9:45am Webelos arrive in camp; Registration; check-in; Screen-print shirts; manufacture slides; games; pre-opening activities.

9:50am-10:15am Opening ceremonies; Welcome; Schedule handouts.

10:20am-10:45am
10:50am-11:20am
11:25am-11:50am
11:55am-12:25pm 4 Morning periods: Individual schedules with map of camp will be provided to each participant; Trail will involve scoutcraft, demonstrations, hands-on activities and Exhibits. Stations continue during 3 lunch periods.

12:30pm-12:55pm
1:00pm-1:25pm
1:30pm-1:55pm **Lunch By Schedule Only!** Bag lunch in dining hall; typical lunch routine; Hot soup, drink and fruit; Lunch by schedule only!

2:00pm-2:30pm
2:35pm-3:05pm
3:10pm-3:40pm 3 Afternoon periods: Stations continue from morning and lunch.

3:45pm-4:30pm All Webelos and Adults to A-field for surprise activity
5:00pm-7:45pm Units to campsites; dinner; free time; fishing.
8:00pm-9:30pm Campfire; crackerbarrel following in dining hall.
9:30pm-10:30pm Star gazing on the A-field
9:45pm Leaders meeting; Awards, ribbons, patch distribution.
11:00 Lights out.

SUNDAY:

7:15am-9:30am Breakfast in campsite; Fishing at lakeside.
9:00am-12:00pm Trading post open: Mugs, patches, pins, etc.
9:30am-10:45am Webelos Activity Badge Fair, screen-printing T-shirts – Dining Hall.

11:00am Closing ceremonies – A field.

1:00pm All units out of camp; see you at next Council event!

What Do We Bring to Weboree?

Besides an attitude for having fun and adventure, for discovery and sharing, for fellowship and learning, you will need personal and unit camping and cooking equipment. A more extensive list is included in our FAQ that will be distributed to all participating unit leaders and available on the Council web site.

What Do We Eat at Weboree?

That is up to you! You provide and prepare the food for all your meals. With the exception of Saturday Lunch, all meals will be in your campsite. The participants will eat Saturday lunch in the dining hall. You will be scheduled for one of three lunch periods. Plan on carrying your lunch on the trail. Weboree will provide hot soup, drink and fruit dessert for this meal ONLY. The Pack must plan for Friday and Saturday supper and Saturday and Sunday breakfast.

SATURDAY LUNCH IS NOT PROVIDED BY THE WEBOREE STAFF. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING A BAG LUNCH. THERE IS NO FOOD PROVIDED BY THE CAMP FOR THIS EVENT except as listed above to supplement your bag lunch at the Dining Hall.

* Check the Scout Field Book or Boy Scout Handbook for menu ideas. If you need further assistance contact your local Boy Scout troop or Joe Mertens at the Council Office.

How Many People Have Been to a Weboree?

The Weboree program has been directly responsible for introducing over 18,000 Webelos, parents and guardians to the wonders and joys of Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco. Beginning with a little over 300 participants and 45 staff members in 1990, the Weboree has grown steadily every year. The past several years have seen over 900 participants and staff in camp! This ranks as one of the most successful outdoor programs in Northern New Jersey Council history.

Any Special Instructions?

As with any program of this magnitude, there are lots of details for both leaders and participants. There just isn't room to put everything here. Additional information will be posted on the Council website www.nnjbsa.org (Council Info / Council Events / Weboree), and will be e-mailed to all leaders who provide an e-mail address on the registration form. It is imperative that your e-mail address is clear, legible and complete (use particular care with O and 0; I, l and 1). You will receive a receipt for the event directly in your email after registering. If you don't see a receipt after 24-hours, please contact Joe Mertens at the Council Office.

What's New for 2015?

The Weboree program is constantly evolving as we try to make the weekend more fun and exciting for all participants. Last year we introduced an all-day program for the adults on Saturday, in parallel with the two Webelos trails. We are planning to repeat and improve that this year. Again we are encouraging a den-based emphasis on working with and familiarizing yourself and your scouts with the new Cub Scout Program that comes into effect June 2015. Visit the web site for a complete program of how you can plan, prepare, and complete all of the requirements at Weboree. **Start NOW**, there are some things that have to be done before Weboree.

Weboree Leader's Meeting

The pre-Weboree leaders' meeting has been well received since 2006, and will be repeated this year. We will try to answer all of your questions before you get to camp. We would like to have one representative from each unit attend (preferably the leader, but if the leader can't be there, please send someone from your group). The Leaders' Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2015, 7:30 p.m. at the Council Service Center in Oakland. Please check out the information sheet on the Weboree pages at the NNJC Website.

That Climbing Tower Sounds Like Fun

It IS! Climbing will be on a space-available basis on Saturday morning and late afternoon, and Sunday morning, and the ranges will be available late Saturday afternoon, **based on order of registration**. Due to safety considerations, there is VERY LIMITED capacity for this activity. **If you want to do this, please get your registration in early and check the box on the registration form.**

How Do We Get a Refund If We Can't Attend?

Weboree has never been canceled or postponed, and we do not expect to do so for Weboree XXVI. We restrict participation based on the capacity of the camp, and 99% of Weboree costs are already spent before Weboree actually occurs. As a result, we are unable to refund any portion of Weboree fees after you have registered.

Register Early for Special Incentives

Once again, we are offering a couple of incentives for early registration. Priority for the climbing tower will go to the first units that register. Register at least 4 Webelos Scouts by March 16, 2015, and receive a free Weboree XXVI hatpin for the leader. Limit 1 per Pack/Den. Of course the best incentive for early registration is that it assures your unit's place at Weboree. We have been closing registration early for the past few years when we have reached our 750 participant limit several weeks before the closing date. The best way to make sure that you don't get locked out is to register early.

Download a flyer that you can distribute to your families, at www.nnjbsa.org

Where Can I Get More Information?

Additional information for leaders is posted on the Council Website (www.nnjbsa.org) under Council Events. Information includes an FAQ plus lots of suggestions to help you and your Scouts get the most from the Weboree program. We also have a downloadable flyer that you can distribute to your Scouts and their families, and the information for the photo contest. Directions to Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco and check-in procedures will also be posted as we get closer to Weboree. Ask at your monthly District Roundtable – there is probably someone there who has been to Weboree in a previous year. And please keep coming back – more information will be posted as we get closer to Weboree.

What If I Still Have a Question?

Send us an e-mail at weboree25@gmail.com Please include "Weboree Question" in your subject line. And: come to the Weboree Leaders' meeting on April 16, 2015, 7:30 p.m. at the Council Office!

What's Next?

Register – go to the website and register for Weboree TODAY! Please get your registration in as soon as possible. Don't wait for those who cannot make up their mind. You can always submit an additional registration to add more participants (please make sure to check the box if you are making additional registrations). Use the online registration or the alternate paper form at the website for your registration. Register by March 16, 2015 for your free leader's hatpin. All registrations must be received by April 10, 2015. Registration will be cut off at 750 participants if that happens (and we expect it will!) before April 10, 2015.

Weboree XXVI Pre-order Trading Post

For 2015, we will NOT have Weboree-special items available by pre-order. There will be limited quantities of some items available at the Trading Post. Our purchase quantities will be based on the past experience. Get to the Trading Post early (and often!)

What Else?

You **MUST** bring a completed/signed roster/photograph release form to the check-in desk at Weboree. The form will be posted on the Council website at www.nnjbsa.org.

Don't forget to **keep checking back at the website for information updates**. Get your Scouts and parents ready to have a great weekend.

Don't Wait – Register Your Unit NOW

We know from experience that some units wait to submit their registration because some of their members just can't make up their mind. Too often this results in ALL of the unit not attending Weboree because the registration comes in too late. Don't let this happen to you. Register as many as you have NOW. You can add more later – just log-in to the account you created and update your registration!! Registration will lock-out on 4/10/15, so if you would like to add additional participants after that date, please contact Joe Mertens for assistance. We are happy to accommodate changes, permitting we have not reached our registration cap of 750 participants.

Registration Form

You may register online or using the paper form below. Online registration is preferred – it is quicker and eliminates possible data errors when we enter your information into our registration system. It also saves time for our volunteer Scouters. Online registration requires the same information as the paper form. If you will be paying for online registration online, you will also need your credit card information.

When you register online you may pay online, or print out your registration and send/bring payment to the Council Service Center in Oakland. Any paper registration must be received in the Office no later than 4/6. Registrations received after that date will be returned.

Registrations are accepted in the order that they are received. Online registrations without online payment will hold their position for seven days or until Registration closes on April 5 whichever occurs first.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL participant registrations are by Pack/Den ONLY. Please DO NOT register as individuals!!

NORTHERN NJ COUNCIL – WEBOREE XXVI REGISTRATION FORM

We know that the Weboree is a fantastic event for the Webelos and their guardians! We also realize that this is *the* major Scouting event of 2015 ... a terrific program for our Webelos ... Yes! We'll be there!

(We also realize that no cars are permitted beyond the parking lot --- we'll pack light! Carry in ... carry out)

Pack # _____ Sponsor: _____ Town: _____ District: _____

Person-in-charge: _____

Position in Pack: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ NJ, Zip: _____

Phone: H: _____ W: _____

FAX: _____

e-mail: _____ @ _____

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Webelos / guardians

Webelos: _____ # Adults: _____

TOTAL number of participants
 (Webelos + adults) from pack: _____

Check here if your unit is already registered and this form is for additional participants.

Check here if you want your scouts to use the climbing Wall, (space available).

We have our own tents and want tent sites @\$20.00 /**person** total (Fri./Sat. Nights)

We plan to stay in camp shelters (less than 100 beds available).
 Camp shelters available for Saturday night ONLY. @\$32.00/**person** (Sat. Night Only)

Note: Cabin Fee DOES NOT include cost of propane used!

Return to:
 Weboree XXVI Registration
 C/o NNJC, BSA
 25 Ramapo Valley Road
 P.O. Box 670
 Oakland, New Jersey 07436

TOTAL (check payable to "NNJC, BSA")
 (please indicate account # 965)

\$	_____
\$	_____
\$	_____

**If you received this by mistake, please
PASS IT ON to your local
4th - grade Webelos Den Leader**

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