

**Troop 89 Webelos Weekend Campout
Hale Reservation, Westwood MA
November 12-13, 2011
TRIP INFORMATION**

Trip Description:

The Webelos Weekend Campout is Troop 89's primary recruiting tool for new Scouts, offering current Webelos Cub Scouts from Pack 200 and Pack 113 a chance to meet Troop 89 Scouts, take part in Boy Scout activities, and have outdoor fun with us. The event also helps Webelos Scouts fulfill requirements for the Arrow of Light award, by spending the day in outdoor activities with the Troop. Webelos Scouts will visit the troop for a program of activities during the day, and some will also stay overnight.

For Troop 89 Scouts the Webelos weekend is also an important part of our camping program, to teach all Troop members good outdoor skills and provide opportunities for rank advancement. We will be visiting one of our traditional favorite camping areas, Hale Reservation in Westwood, and staying in the Fern Valley campsite.

The PLC will have an active day planned for Saturday, including scoutcraft demonstrations, hiking and fun and games. It is very important that we get a good turnout from the troop to staff all of the scoutcraft stations and to help the Webelos learn about Troop 89. We anticipate a large number of Webelos, so it is important that all Troop members attend. This is our last regular campout until January.

Signup and Cost:

- Signup will be at the regular Troop meeting Thursday, November 3, 2011.
- Cost will be \$20 per person, due at sign-up deadline. This covers 3 meals and overnight campsite fee.

Logistics:

Saturday, November 12:

1. Patrol Leaders and Grubmasters – Meet at the Scout Shed at 7:30 am
2. All other Scouts – Meet at the Scout Shed at 8:00am for prompt departure.

Sunday, November 13:

1. Depart Hale Reservation by 10:00am
2. Arrive at Scout Shed by 10:30am
3. Scouts will be dismissed for pickup after normal procedures for unloading and stowing gear.

Be prepared:

Being prepared is your responsibility and you should make sure YOU PACK all of the suggested equipment/clothes for the trip. Please make sure to bring this newsletter and equipment list on the trip. We will do a quick inspection prior to departure to make sure everyone has the necessary equipment.

The weather is variable at this time of year. Be prepared for wet and cold weather. We will be sleeping in tents.

Parental Approval:

Form must be on file with the troop.

Meals:

Scouts should eat a hearty breakfast Saturday before coming to the Scout Shed. Lunch and Dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday are included in the trip cost.

Advancement Note:

There will be opportunities to work on Communications and Camping merit badges and to complete hiking, nature observation, cooking and other Scoutcraft related requirements for all ranks. You must let your patrol leader and an adult know in advance what requirements you would like to complete.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT LIST:

The following is a checklist of what personal equipment to bring. As with most camping trips, Scout uniforms will not be required. All Scouts should bring their Scout Handbook.

EQUIPMENT LIST:

- Water Bottle
- Sleeping Bag (Winter weight, or summer weight with 1 extra blanket)
- Sleeping Pad
- Personal Cup (metal or heavy duty plastic)
- Mess kit and utensils
- Knapsack or Backpack
- Plastic Trash Bags
- Hiking Boots or equivalent
- Camp Shoes/Sneakers
- Socks (2 – 3 pairs), including wool socks for walking
- Long Pants
- Wool shirt
- Long Sleeve shirt
- T-Shirts (2)
- Sweatshirt or Light-Weight Jacket

Raingear - Poncho or raincoat
Underwear (2)
Long Underwear – Tops & Bottoms
Pajamas or other Sleepwear
Wool hat
Gloves
Heavy Jacket, e.g. fleece
Hand Towel
Brush/Comb
Toothbrush and Toothpaste
Personal Basic First Aid Kit
Insect (tick) repellent with DEET
Scout Handbook
Compass
Pocket knife (optional and with Totin' Chip
card only)

*Please note that personal electronics (including cell phones, I-pods, and CD players) are not on the equipment list. Do not bring these along on the campout. Thank you!

Any questions, please e-mail Mr. Lester tripcoordinator@troop89medfield.org.