

2012
Webelos Resident
Camp



Leader's
Guide

2012 WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP—OVERVIEW

What is a Webelos Resident Camp?

The 2012 Webelos Resident Camp is four days and three nights of Scouting fun and adventure! It provides Webelos Scouts a taste of the summer camp excitement they will enjoy when they become Boy Scouts, plus the Webelos Resident Camp provides an opportunity for Webelos to complete some, if not all, of the requirements for select Webelos Activity Pins. The Webelos Resident Camp is held at Comer Scout Reservation and is led by trained Webelos leaders and assisted by staff members from the Greater Alabama Council Boy Scout Summer Camp.

Who can attend?

The Webelos Resident Camp is open to all boys currently registered as Bears (rising Webelos I Scouts) or Webelos I Scouts (rising second-year Webelos).

How much does it cost?

The cost for each Scout to attend is \$125.00 The first adult leader is free with a minimum of 4 registered Webelos. The fee for each additional adult leader is \$50.00. Payment of fees should be submitted along with the Webelos Resident Camp Reservation Form. If partial payments are needed, at least \$25.00 per Scout must be submitted with your reservation form and the remaining balance at least 4 weeks before the start of your Webelos Resident Camp. All reservation forms and fees must be submitted no later than July 6, 2012.

What will the Webelos do at camp?

Webelos Scouts attending the Webelos Resident Camp will be exposed to a wide range of activities for completion of activity pins, which may include Aquanaut, Naturalist, Geologist, Forester, Engineer, Sportsman, Readyman, Outdoorsman, Showman, Craftsman, or Artist. Activity Pins offered at the 2012 Webelos Resident Camp are subject to change, depending on course demand, volunteer staffing, and weather.

Webelos II's will have a full camping experience

during the Outback Adventure. This experience will include the basics of canoe safety, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Leave No Trace Awareness, setting up camp, cooking and an introduction to Boy Scout skills they will use when they become Boy Scouts.

Additional activities offered for all Webelos Scouts will also include swimming, archery, BB gun shooting, nature hikes, and adventure games.

How will Webelos leaders know what each Scout accomplishes at camp?

At least one Webelos Den leaders will be required to accompany their Webelos Scouts to each session. As with other ranks within the Cub Scout program, the Webelos standard for achievement is for each Scout to "Do Your Best." Based on this standard, the Webelos Den leader is the best judge of how each Scout performs on the requirements. At each advancement session, a requirement sheet will be provided for use in recording each Scout's fulfillment of the requirements.

What will we do at night?

A special campfire program will be held on the first and last evening of the Encampment. The first night's campfire program will feature the talents of the Comer Scout Reservation camp staff. At the last night's campfire, Webelos Dens are invited to participate by performing songs, stunts, or skits.

What about the facilities?

Webelos Scouts and their leaders will camp in the Boy Scout summer campsites, equipped with two-person wall tents and cots on wooden platforms. Most meals will be prepared by our camp kitchen staff and served in the camp dining hall. Outback Adventure participants will prepare a few of their meals in their campsite and sleep in tents they bring from home. The camp maintains a full-time health lodge facility during Webelos Resident Camp, and the Trading Post will be open for supplies and snacks.

PRE-REGISTRATION

All Reservations must be submitted to the Greater Alabama Council by July 6, 2012, accompanied by a \$100.00 deposit or payment in full. In addition to the registration form and payment, a legible roster of Webelos Scouts attending the Webelos Resident Camp, accompanied by an Annual Health and Medical Record (Part A and B only) for each Webelos Scout, must be included. Upon receipt of the reservation form, a deposit or full payment and the required documentation, a confirmation will be sent via email. Reservations may be made by Dens or on an individual basis.

SPECIAL NOTES AND GENERAL INFORMATION FOR WEBELOS DEN LEADERS

The adult leader for the Webelos Scouts attending the Webelos Resident Camp must be at least 21 years of age and a registered adult leader with the Boy Scouts of America.

National Scouting policy requires two-deep leadership; therefore, at least two registered adult leaders or one registered adult and a parent of a participating Scout, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age or older, are required at the Webelos Resident Camp.

It is not required that each Scout have a parent/guardian attend; however, the Webelos Resident Camp staff recommends the following ratio of leaders to Webelos Scouts attending the Webelos Resident Camp:

Number of Scouts	Recommended Number of Adults
1 - 10	2
11 - 20	4
21 - 30	6
31 - 40	8
41 - 50	10

Webelos Den leaders and/or supervising adults are responsible for the discipline and behavior of their Webelos Scouts attending the Webelos Resident Camp.

Refund Policy

Fees are transferable to other Webelos, but it is up to the canceling individual to arrange for payment reimbursement from the replacement Scout. The Greater Alabama Council Service Center must be informed of any fees that are transferred at least 10 days prior to arrival at the Webelos Resident Camp.

RESIDENT CAMP CHECKLIST FOR WEBELOS SCOUTS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight | <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pairs of shoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swim suits | <input type="checkbox"/> Cub Scout or Webelos uniform* | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair of pants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 towels | <input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas or sleepwear | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pairs of shorts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Webelos Book | <input type="checkbox"/> Neckerchief and slide | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 pairs of socks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils and paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag or blanket | <input type="checkbox"/> Raincoat or poncho |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jacket or sweater | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal health & medical form | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 sets of underwear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scout t-shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent and sunscreen | <input type="checkbox"/> Reusable cup/water bottle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal toilet articles (i.e. soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, shampoo, etc.) | | |

*Class "A" uniforms should be worn for the first and last evening meals and last evening campfire program.

OPTIONAL SUPPLIES

Camera and film, fishing pole and tackle, musical equipment or instruments, mosquito net or repellent, Bible or prayer book.

ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT SUGGESTIONS

In addition to the list of equipment above, leaders may want to consider the following items:

- Lawn Chair
- Water Bottles
- Daypack to carry the Scouts' rain gear during camp
- Clipboard or folding notebook to carry notes and handouts
- Camp lantern (battery only, No chemical fuel)
- Den or Pack water cooler (bags of ice are available at the Trading Post)
- Props for closing campfire skits
- Toilet paper (just in case)
- Song books and skit books

THE OUTBACK ADVENTURE

The Outback Adventure program is an exciting introduction to Boy Scout style camping for Webelos II Scouts and Webelos Den leaders. To begin the Outback Adventure, Scouts will learn the basics of canoe safety and safety afloat, to prepare for traveling across the lake to Camp Jacobs (weather permitting). Scouts and adults who have passed the Boy Scout Swimmer's Test will be able to canoe to Camp Jacobs, while Non-Swimmers and Beginners will hike to Camp Jacobs. At Camp Jacobs, the Webelos Resident Camp staff will assist Webelos II Scouts in setting up camp and continue to provide instruction throughout the time at Camp Jacobs, including *Leave No Trace* principles and an introduction to Boy Scout outdoor skills. **To participate in the Outback Adventure, Webelos (as a Den or as individuals) will need to provide their own tent and ground cloth.** Any equipment needed for the Outback Adventure will be transported to Camp Jacobs by the Webelos Resident Camp staff. Showers are not available at Camp Jacobs; however, restroom facilities are nearby.

Food and cooking supplies will be provided for those participating in the Outback Adventure; however, Webelos II Scouts will be responsible for preparing and cooking their own meals, with the help of the Webelos Resident Camp staff.

ARRIVAL AT THE WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP

Registration and check-in at the Webelos Encampment will begin at 1:00 PM on July 22, 2012. No one will be allowed to check-in prior to 1:00 PM without prior approval. Please arrive no later than 2:00 PM to provide adequate time for Webelos Scouts to participate in the afternoon activities.

Parking will be in the main parking lot near the Dining Hall. Upon arrival, Webelos Scouts may relax in the immediate area outside of the Dining Hall while one leader completes the registration and check-in process.

All vehicles must return to the main parking area no later than 7:00 PM. No pop-up camper or travel trailers, RV's, bicycles, personal golf carts, motorcycles, or ATV's are allowed at Camp Comer.

Den and campsite assignments and event schedules, will be provided at check-in. Camp t-shirts and patches will also be distributed at check-in.

A Webelos Den leader's orientation meeting will be held on the first day of the Webelos Resident Camp to review the schedule and final plans for the camp.

Webelos Den Leaders' Meetings

In addition to the adult leader training sessions offered at the Webelos Resident Camp, a Webelos leader's meetings may be held at the direction of the Webelos Resident Camp staff. During the Webelos Den leaders' training sessions or meetings, at least one leader should remain with the Webelos Scouts in each unit to ensure proper supervision is maintained. These meetings will be used to review any previous announcements and make leaders aware of any possible changes to the schedule.

DEPARTING FROM CAMP COMER

On the last day of the Webelos Resident Camp, a "continental breakfast" will be available in the Dining Hall for Webelos Scouts and Den leaders. Webelos Scouts will have an opportunity to participate in swimming, BB Shooting, or archery before leaving; however, all Webelos Resident Camp participants should plan to leave no later than 12:00 PM.

Evaluation forms will be distributed during dinner on the last evening of the Webelos Resident Camp.

Before leaving the campsite area used by the Webelos Scouts, Webelos Den leaders should supervise the Webelos Scouts in cleaning up all trash in the campsite area. Trash should be placed in plastic garbage bags and tied. A designated area for the garbage bags to be left will be provided and the garbage bags will be collected by the Webelos Resident Camp staff.

At the time of departure, a Den leader should go to the Camp office and notify a member of the Webelos Resident Camp staff of their departure from Camp Comer. At that time, the Den leader should submit their completed evaluation forms and they will receive the Annual Medical and Health Record forms for the Webelos Scouts associated with their Den or Pack. Any special equipment (i.e. Dutch ovens, cookware, etc.) used during the Webelos Resident Camp should be cleaned and returned to the Dining Hall prior to leaving Camp Comer.

CAMP COMER INFORMATION

Dining Hall:

Camp Comer has a centrally located Dining Hall. Scouts should be able to assemble, enter the dining hall, obtain their food, and sit down in a short amount of time. A salad bar is available during all lunches and dinners. Dutch ovens are available for units to use.

Camp Office:

The camp office is located in the central area of the camp and is adjacent to the Health Lodge. It houses the administrative offices for the Camp Director.

High-Tech Productions Science & Technology Center:

Part of this building is the site of our leaders' lounge. The Coosa Lodge Order of the Arrow has furnished this room for leaders to relax. During the day, the leaders' lounge will be used for the adult leader training sessions to be offered during the Webelos Resident Camp. In the evening, the leaders' lounge will be open for ADULTS ONLY until 7:00 PM each night.

Health Lodge:

The Health Lodge is located just across from the dining hall and adjacent to the Science & Technology Center. All medical forms and medications are kept in this building for access and administration by the Medical Officer. The Medical Officer lives in the facility during camp and is always available; however, the camp asks that all Webelos Dens maintain and utilize a unit First Aid Kit in their sites to treat minor cuts and scrapes, as well headaches and other minor ailments. On the side of this building, there are three restrooms.

Trading Post:

Camp Comer has a well-stocked trading post that is also located in the main camp area. The Trading Post offers Camp Comer souvenirs as well as general Scouting and craft items. The Trading Post also offers snack items. The Trading Post is much like a convenience store, with batteries, stamps, flashlights, shirts, patches, craft items, and other general merchandise available for purchase. Most Scouts will find their way to the Trading Post several times during the Webelos Resident Camp and this should enhance the camp experience for the Scouts. In addition to cash, the Trading Post accepts Visa, MasterCard, and Discover.

Visitors

All visitors must check in at the camp office immediately upon arrival for security purposes. Visitors also need to check out at the camp office when leaving. Any family member visiting during the Webelos Resident Camp can eat in the Dining Hall; however, reservations are required for those not registered for the Webelos Resident Camp as a Scout or adult leader. Reservations can be made by contacting Marzetta Lee by email at mlee@1bsa.org or by telephone at (256) 634-4389. A \$7.00 fee will be charged for each visitor's meal, which is payable upon arrival at Camp Comer. Any visitors eating in the Dining Hall during the Webelos Encampment should arrive between 5:30 PM and 5:45 PM. The Webelos Den leaders for each unit will have the schedule of meal service for each unit.

Flatt Rock Arena:

The opening night and closing night campfires are held in the Flatt Rock Arena overlooking Lake Republic.

Lost and Found

The lost and found for the Webelos Resident Camp will be located in the camp office.

Meals

Prior to each meal, campers and leaders should assemble at the parade field near the Dining Hall for prayer and flag ceremonies. Seating in the Dining Hall will be by assigned Dens. Class "A" uniforms should be worn for the first and last evening meals. The following procedure will be implemented for meal service:

- Each Den will appoint 1 team per meal (2 Webelos & 1 Adult).
- At meal time, Webelos will enter Dining Hall, go through the serving line and take a seat at their assigned tables.
- Once the meal is over, the appointed team will clean tables and sweep and/or mop under the tables.

Insurance

Each Pack in the Greater Alabama Council is covered by supplemental accident and sickness insurance. This will cover them during participation at the Webelos Resident Camp. Benefits are to cover deductibles or co-pays.

Camp Security

An important aspect of youth protection at camp is controlling visitors in the camp. The Webelos uniform is a powerful validation symbol making anyone wearing one seem to be in the right place at the Webelos Resident Camp. Unfortunately, almost anyone can obtain a uniform, whether or not they are registered in the program.

Everyone in attendance at the camp must wear identification that signifies legitimate participation in the camping program. Wristbands, such as those used in hospitals, will be the method used during the Webelos Resident Camp. The importance of wearing this identification will be stressed when each unit arrives. It is not necessary to explain the youth protection aspect of this identification beyond its signifying a properly registered participant in the camp program.

All visitors to the camp must stop at the camp office and sign in. A guest book for this purpose will be maintained and positive identification required. A special visitor's nametag will be given that will easily identify the person as a legitimate visitor. Upon conclusion of their visit, guests will sign out so that camp administrators will know who is on camp property at all times.

Any time a person is spotted in camp without either a visitor's nametag or camp participant identification, that person should be escorted to the office to sign in and the Webelos Resident Camp staff should be notified.

For the safety and security of both adults and youth, NO ONE may leave camp without notifying the Camp Directors or a member of the Webelos Resident Camp adult staff. A sign out/in sheet will be provided. This is for the safety and security of both adults and youth.

Vehicles in Camp

All parking is confined to parking lots. On the first day and last day of camp, vehicles are permitted in the camp area for unloading/loading. **THE SPEED LIMIT IS 15 MILES PER HOUR.** While the camp is in session, only camp vehicles and delivery trucks are permitted in the camp. **It is PROHIBITED for youth or adults to ride unrestrained in the bed of a truck or on a trailer pulled by a motor vehicle.**

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

Comer Scout Reservation takes the safety of each camper very seriously and pledges to do the utmost to see that they have a safe and enjoyable environment to pursue the great ideals of Scouting.

A safe and enjoyable experience has always been the focus of Scouting. The camping experience at Comer Scout Reservation is no exception. Minor medical needs can be treated at the Medical Lodge located in the center of Camp Comer next to the Camp Office. In the event of an emergency, Camp Comer has immediate response capability with a DeKalb County Emergency Management team located only five (5) miles away. The Webelos Resident Camp will also have Emergency Medical Technicians on the site at all times working out of the Health Lodge. The EMTs can be contacted by radio 24 hours a day. If needed, a medical doctor is on call 24 hours a day, supported by the DeKalb Regional Medical Center located in Fort Payne. This facility offers a full array of state of the art medical services. Emergency transportation by ambulance is available and the facility will accommodate the landing of an emergency helicopter, if necessary. The DeKalb County Sheriff's Department makes random checks of the facility and is ready to assist in the event of an emergency.

For the safety of everyone at the Webelos Resident Camp, no bicycles, scooters, skates, or skateboards are allowed in camp. Closed-toed shoes must be worn at all times.

Tick Awareness Plan – Comer Scout Reservation

The Health & Safety Committee along with the Camping Committee desires to make our campers more aware of the concerns created by ticks at Camp Comer. Ticks transmit various disease-causing agents from animals to humans, their pets and their livestock. These agents include viruses of disease-producing organisms. They are obligate parasites of vertebrates, and in the United States, most ticks utilize three different hosts for blood meals, one in each of the larval, nymphal, and adult stages.

Most people do not feel a tick biting nor the subsequent drawing of blood it needs for nourishment. If left undisturbed, the tick will remain attached to its host and become engorged with blood over the next 2 - 4 days, eventually dropping off. If the Ixodes (deer) tick happens to be a carrier of *Borrelia Burgdorferi* (*spirochetes*), it may transmit them to the host during this feeding process. Once in your body, the spirochetes can multiply. Not all ticks carry the spirochere, and a bite does not always result in the development of Lyme Disease – even if the tick is a carrier.

All participants on day of arrival will be cautioned and directed as to the risk of tick borne disease, and the precautions and procedures to be followed. Signs will be posted throughout Comer Reservation with information about ticks. All imbedded ticks are to be removed by Health Lodge personnel and preserved in properly labeled specimen containers (any such incidences will be properly logged according to pre-existing procedures). All exposed persons will receive written information pertaining to the exposure and appropriate follow-up care. (For youth, the information will be provided to the responsible adult).

General Cleanliness

Scouts and adults should be clean in everything they do, including personal hygiene and cleanliness of the camp. Hot showers are available for Scouts and Leaders. Trash barrels are in each campsite and throughout camp. Please remember to leave the camp cleaner than you found it.

SWIMMING FOR CUB SCOUTS AT LAKE REPUBLIC

There are three swimming ability classifications for Webelos, which are Non-Swimmer, Beginner and Swimmer. On the first day at camp, Webelos and leaders should travel to the lake for a brief swim test, which will determine the areas allowed for the Webelos and leaders to swim. The specific areas and requirements for each area are as follows:

Non-Swimmer – No specific requirements other than to get wet with all your friends. The Non-Swimmer area is at the front of the lake.

Beginner Swimmer – Jump in water over your head, swim 25 feet and come back to where you started. The beginner area is all across the middle of the dock area. This is the largest single area of the pool and where most of the Webelos and parents will be allowed to swim.

Swimmer – A longer test of swimming strength that qualifies the Scout or adult for boating and the deep end of the lake. To pass the test for Swimmer, the participant must jump in water over their head and swim a total of 100 yards, which includes 25 yards of backstroke and at least one sharp turn. The camp counselors will explain the requirements in full detail at the time of the swim test. Webelos and parents are encouraged to take the beginner test first and enjoy the water and water slide, while having fun exploring the lake. The Swimmer test can be taken at any time, as long as a camp counselor is available to assist. The Swimmer area is at the far end of the docks to your left as you enter.

ADULTS PARTICIPATING IN ANY WATER ACTIVITY WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO PASS THE SWIM TEST.

NOTE: All of the waterfront staff are trained BSA Lifeguards, a safety program recognized by the State of Alabama.

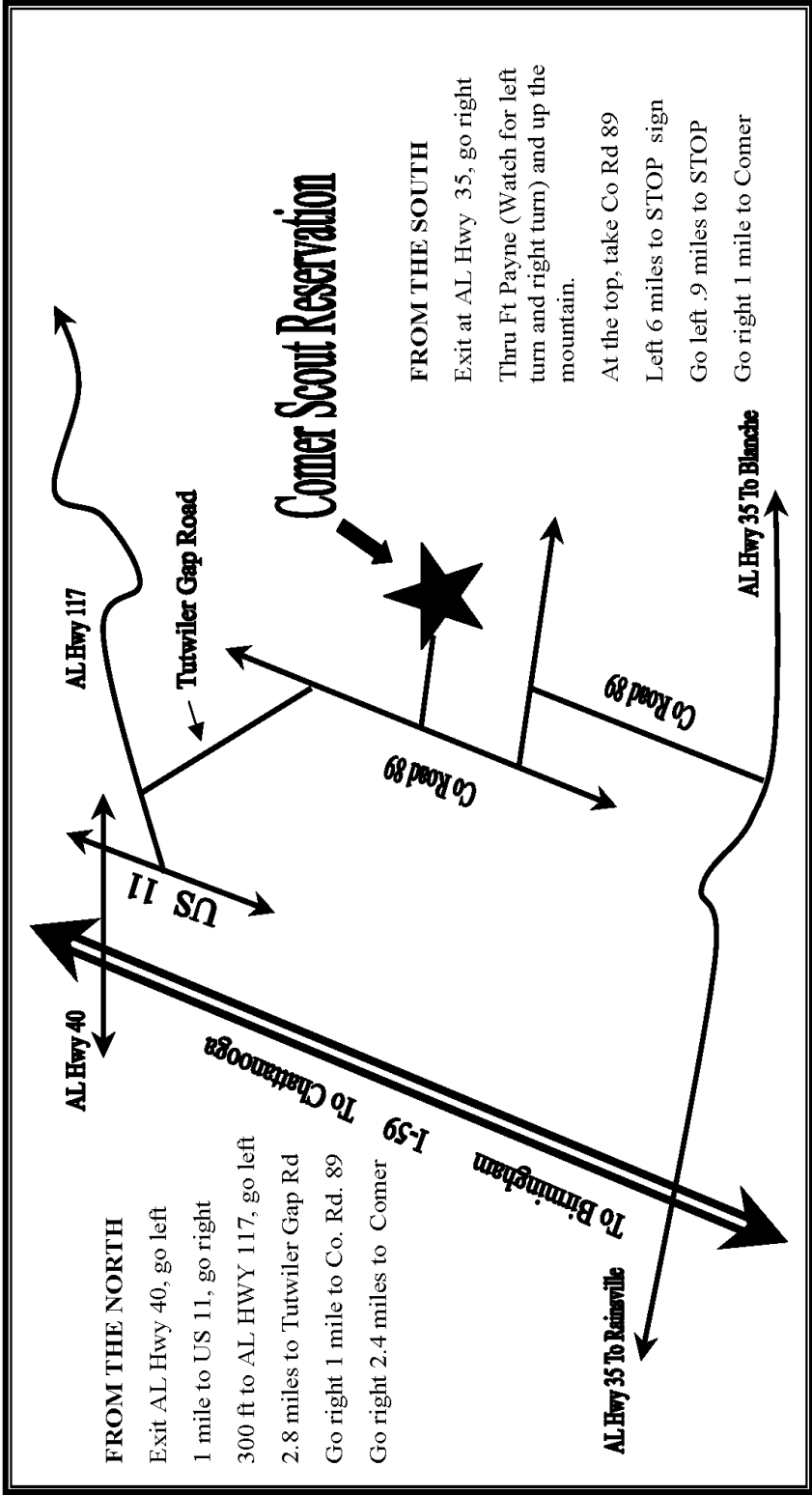


Comer Scout Reservation

16490 County Road 89

Mentone, Alabama 35984

256-634-4389



2012 WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP RESERVATION FORM

Pack # _____ District: _____
 Leader: _____ Email: _____
 Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
 Daytime Telephone: _____ Evening Telephone: _____

Comer Scout Reservation
July 22 - 25, 2012
 (Sunday afternoon—Wednesday morning)



List Number of Scouts and Leaders Attending:

# Scouts	Program	Camp Program Requested	Fee Per Person	Total Fee
	Webelos I	Activity Pins	\$125.00	
	Webelos II	Activity Pins and "Outback Adventure"	\$125.00	
# Adults				
	First adult leader is FREE (with a minimum of 4 registered Webelos)		\$0	
	Additional Adult Leaders		\$50.00	
	Den Chiefs		\$50.00	
	TOTALS			\$

Deposit—Due with this form (balance of fees due by July 1, 2012)

# Scouts / Leaders (from table above)	Deposit Fee per Group	Total Amount
	\$100	\$

Attached is the \$100.00 per group reservation. This \$100.00 will be credited to the remaining balance upon arrival at camp. A change in Webelos/Adult participation numbers is allowable until July 5, 2012. After July 6, 2012, any fees paid are non-refundable.

All balances will be paid by July 1, 2011 with the understanding that the Greater Alabama Council Camping and Program Committees can only assure and prepare the number of spaces for which payment has been received.

NOTE: The first adult to accompany a minimum of 4 Webelos is FREE. All other Adults/Den Chiefs must pay the \$50.00 fee. Your reservation is not guaranteed unless accompanied by a deposit.

WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP ROSTER



COUNCIL _____

DISTRICT _____

PACK _____

SCOUT'S LAST NAME	SCOUT'S FIRST NAME	RANK (WEBELOS I OR II)	T-SHIRT SIZE
DEN LEADERS			
ADDITIONAL DEN LEADERS / DEN CHIEFS			

2012 WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Does your pack have some extra adults who need something special to do at camp? Maybe you can provide some VOLUNTEER ADULT STAFF MEMBERS this summer. Talk to the adults who work with your pack. See if anyone wants to teach their favorite skill at camp to boys from your Den/Pack and other Dens/Packs.

The form below can be used to let the Program Director of the Webelos Resident Camp know what they would like to teach and when. Fill this form out and send it to Jeff Brasher at the address below as soon as possible. We will re-confirm your volunteer staff plans prior to camp.

Adults from your group may also want to help out at camp in other ways. We always need help with plumbing and electrical work, carpentry, and other camp maintenance. Use the form to tell us about your interests. If there are questions, we will get back in touch with you.

Remember that your Den/Pack must have the proper adult/Scout ratio at all times. If someone from your Den/Pack volunteers to teach classes or do other work away from your campsite, you may need extra adults to make sure you have sufficient leaders at all times for your Den/Pack.

Any adult who plans to attend Webelos Scout Resident Camp with a pack is invited to spend some time helping the staff. We need to know WHEN you will be there and WHAT kinds of things you can do. Please turn this form into the Support Services Division at the address listed below at least one (1) week before your arrival at camp.

Name of Adult: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Pack/Unit Number: _____ Scouting Position: _____

WHEN will you be available at camp? _____

Please Check the Things You Want to Volunteer for at Camp

_____ Instructing Webelos on Activity Pins

List Activity Pins _____

_____ Instruct Webelos Den Leader Training Sessions

List subjects _____

_____ Help with camp maintenance and improvements

List things you can do or want to do _____

List tools you can bring for work at camp _____

Mail or Fax this form to:
Greater Alabama Council, BSA
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Birmingham, AL 35243-0307
Fax: 205-970-0349