



2026 Webelos and Arrow of Light
Adventure Camp
Camp Leader's Guide

**Mississippi Valley Council
Scouting America**

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Forms & Documents

Visit our website at <https://mvcscouting.org/> for more resources including:

- 2026 Camp Staff Application
- BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A, B are required)
You can also find the medical form here: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>
- Mississippi Valley Council Campership Form
- Refund Request Form
- Swim Test Certification
- Scout Release Request
- Camp Maps



Webelos Adventure Camp

Basic Information

A 3-Night/4-Day adventure at Saukenauk Scout Reservation located 25 miles north of Quincy and 4 miles east of Lima, Illinois. Scouts have the opportunity to experience life-changing adventures as they learn new skills, make new friends, and experience nature like never before! This camp is intended for youth entering 4th and 5th grades in the fall, parents, leaders, and Den Chiefs.

Preparation for Scouts BSA

Based upon great feedback from leaders, parents, participants, and Scouts, we are doubling down on preparing your Webelos to attend Scouts BSA Camp.

- Registration will be done as a unit.
- We encourage you to work with Scouts to select their Adventure/Activities.
- Activities will be spread out over multiple days, just like at Scouts BSA Summer Camp. That means if you take Aquanaut, you'll get wet *every single* day in our lake.
- Read on through this guide for more great updates and new things!

Saukenauk Scout Reservation

Adventure awaits at this back-woods property with 600+ acres to roam and explore. This camp focuses on adventure and shooting sports while still maintaining the traditional camp experiences.

- Camp dates are: June 24 – June 27

Webelos Adventure Camp	
2026 Early Bird If paid by 4/20/26	\$255/Scout \$135/Adult
2026 Standard Price If fees are paid after 4/20/25	\$280/Scout \$160/Adult

Adventure Sign-up

You may begin signing up for adventures on April 17, 2026. Due to limited space and resources, some adventures may have a cap and will be filled on a first-come, first serve basis. Units that do not sign up online will need to see what programs are available at camp after the Leader's Meeting, and there is no guarantee that all activities will be available at that time.

The schedule is subject to change due to staffing and weather changes. We will do our best to limit changes to the schedule and to inform leadership as soon as possible.

National PROGRAM UPDATES

Webelos and Arrow of Light will be separated. Webelos will become the 4th-grade program in Cub Scouting. Arrow of Light becomes a stand-alone badge of rank for 5th graders. Arrow of Light will be the program that prepares Cub Scouts to join Scouts BSA.

The Webelos Adventure Camp program will separate Webelos and Arrow of Light scouts during the rotation. They will NOT be at the same place at the same time, so please plan leadership and the buddy system accordingly. As the new program updates have them listed as totally separate dens, we're going to treat them as such during summer camp.

Adventure awaits your scouts in the following program areas:

Swimming: Swimming is great exercise and a whole lot of fun. In this adventure, Scouts will discover how to enjoy swimming and how to respond to water emergencies. This adventure can be completed at camp. *Webelos & Arrow of Light Scouts.*

Paddlecraft: Hop in a canoe and paddle the lake. Staff will be available to help scouts learn how to properly paddle a canoe and learn important safety guidelines. **BSA requires at least one blue swimmer or an adult in each canoe.** *Webelos & Arrow of Light Scouts.*

Archery: Experience the use of a bow and arrows while walking the Active Archery Range trail. *Webelos & Arrow of Light Scouts.*

Pellet Guns: Learn proper handling and shooting techniques while using firearms. *Webelos & Arrow of Light Scouts.*

Sling Shots: Scouts will practice their aiming at the Stacy Turner memorial slingshot range. *Webelos & Arrow of Light Scouts.*

Fishing: Bring your fishing gear and bait and head to the pond and try your luck at fishing. A limited supply of fishing poles and bait will be available. *Webelos & Arrow of Light Scouts.*

Math on the Trail: Ever sit down to start planning a hike with your scout friends, and wonder how long it takes you to hike 2 miles? Then this adventure is for you. It's especially helpful before you plan your Webelos Walkabout hike! *Webelos Scouts.*

Into the Wild: Discover all things animal in this elective! We'll watch animals in their natural habitat and learn about the relationships between different animals and their homes. *Arrow of Light Scouts.*

Earth Rocks: Are you the kiddo who brings pockets full of rocks home, and then gets yelled at for it? Come learn more about the different types of geology with this elective. We'll crack some rocks open, use a mineral test kit to identify them and explore crystals. *Webelos Scouts.*

Art Explosion: Explore your colorful, messy side with art! We'll combine nature and art with pencils, paints and mixed media projects. *Webelos Scouts.*

High Tech Outdoors: Ever wonder how your smart phone could improve your camping experience? What about other technological tools? This elective looks at how your device can help make the most of your time in nature. Scouts (or their adults) are encouraged to bring their device to this elective. *Arrow of Light Scouts.*

Into the Woods: Saukenauk has a beautiful array of trees, and this is your chance to learn a bit more about them. Learn about native trees, the relationships between trees and the animals who live in them, and how fires can impact the forest. *Arrow of Light Scouts.*

Champions for Nature – Webelos: This elective is all about ecology – how do you make a habitat, how do you know when an animal is endangered, and how do you protect them? *Webelos Scouts.*

Champions for Nature – Arrow of Light scouts: Everyone should know how food gets from the source to our plates, and what happens after we finish eating! This elective explores food – how it moves, where and when it's available, and things you can do at home to support nature through food! *Arrow of Light Scouts.*

Check-in procedures:

You're finally here! Plan on arriving at camp as a Unit, and park in the parking lot any time after 11:00am. Please proceed directly to your campsite and begin setting up. Check-in will be done at the trading post beginning at 12:00. Your campsites *Site Guide* will arrive sometime after 12:30 to welcome you to camp and take you through the camp orientation.



Orientation

Meet Your Unit's Site Guide – The Site Guide will meet you at your campsite sometime between 12:30 and 1:30pm. Your site guide will conduct your tour of camp and provide program updates.

Unload gear and set-up camp – Units that bring trailers will be allowed to drive one vehicle back to their campsite to drop the trailer for the time at camp. Additional vehicles will not be allowed to drive into camp. You are allowed to swap out vehicles if it is only 1 vehicle at a time. Please plan accordingly.

One adult leader will be directed to the check-in area to meet with the Camp Director. If you have worked everything out in advance, your registration should go smoothly. Please don't wait until camp to pay fees or ask unanswered questions as this slows down check-in for other packs behind you.

Medical Check – Please bring all official complete BSA medical forms and medications with you to check-in. You will be required to have parts **A, B1 and B2** for Webelos camp. Chiropractor signatures are not acceptable. A school, sports, or work physical exam is NOT acceptable. Please note the vaccination policy in our Health & Safety chapter at the end of this guide. If you have a Unit Lock Box for medications, you may keep prescriptions in your campsite. Also bring any Scout or Scouter that may need to talk to the Health Officer about particular medical conditions or medications.

Swim Checks – All Unit members (youth and adults) will participate in swim checks. You may do swim checks prior to arriving at camp (form in appendix). A certified lifeguard, with credentials, is allowed to perform early swim checks. You will still need to visit the swimming area for an orientation.

Den Orientation – Both our stellar camps follow the *Patrol Method* which is, as our Founder stated, not simply *a way* to run the Scouting program but the *only way* to run the program. Dens are guided by Akela (usually the Den Leader) but Scout Patrols are guided by an elected Patrol Leader.

Dining Hall Orientation – Learn the dos and don'ts for our Dining operations this summer as well Dining Hall etiquette.

Camp Tour – Yes, we know that many of you have been to camp before. Many of our activity locations change from year to year depending on the facilities/equipment needed, timing of the activities, and other factors. Please attend the camp tour so you know where ALL activities and adventures are.

Tobacco policy – Leaders are not allowed to smoke in program areas, campsites or anywhere in the presence of youth. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking. A designated area will be available for those adults wishing to do so. Marijuana and alcohol are prohibited on camp property. Bringing either of these items to camp is grounds for removal from camp property and will not be subject to refunds.

Court of Flags –Saukenauk’s flag ceremonies occur at the Court of Flags parade Field. **Packs are welcome and encouraged to fly their unit flag every day.** It’s traditional at SSR to walk around the perimeter of the parade field, as a sign of respect to the current American Flag and all the former flags that have been retired here at SSR.



Dining Hall

We aim to maximize the amount of time your Scouts get to spend working on adventures, exploring, adventuring, and making memories.

Meals will be served at the dining hall, in traditional buffet style. Breakfast will be served starting at 7:30am. Lunch will be served at 12:00pm. Dinner will be served at 6pm.

Daily Camp Schedule

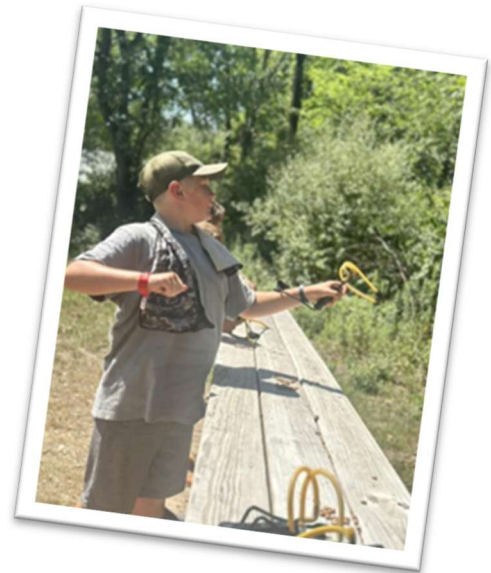
Day 1

- 11:00 AM Early arrival at camp
Check in at Trading Post & Camp
- 12:00 PM tours
- 2:00 - 5:00 PM Swim checks
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 8:00 PM Flags
- 8:15 PM Webelos Specific Intro program
Arrow of Light Specific Intro program
- 10:00 PM Quiet time



Day 2 & 3

- 7:30 AM Breakfast
- 8:40 AM Flags
- 9:00 AM Rotation 1
- 10:00 AM Rotation 2
- 11:00 AM Rotation 3
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 2:00 PM Rotation 4
- 3:00 PM Rotation 5
- 4:00 PM Rotation 6
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 7:30 PM Evening Programming
- 10:00 PM Quiet time



Day 4

- 7:30 AM Breakfast
- 8:40 AM Flags
- 9-10:30 AM Rotation 5
- 10:30 AM -12 PM Rotation 6
- 12:00 - 1 PM Lunch to Go



Activity Times

	Webelos	AOL	All Scouts			
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON						
Slingshots			X			
Math on the Trail	X					
High Tech Outdoors		X				
Fishing			X			
Rotation Number	1	2	3	4	5	6
WEBELOS SCOUTS	THURSDAY & FRIDAY				SATURDAY MORNING	
Art Explosion	X	X	X	X		
Earth Rocks	X	X	X	X		
Archery	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pellet Guns	X	X	X	X	X	X
Champions for Nature – Webelos					X	X
Paddlecraft			X	X		
Rotation Number	1	2	3	4	5	6
ARROW OF LIGHT SCOUTS	THURSDAY & FRIDAY				SATURDAY MORNING	
Into the Wild	X	X	X	X		
Into the Woods	X	X	X	X		
Archery	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pellet Guns	X	X	X	X	X	X
Champions for Nature – Arrow of Light scouts					X	X
Paddlecraft			X	X		

Staff may need to make minor adjustments to the schedule to accommodate availability and/or distances traveled.

Organizing Your Unit

Unit Leaders

If you are a leader, make sure you are familiar with this guidebook, check the website often, and attend Roundtable for up-to-date information. <https://mvcscouting.org/>

Start by preparing your Unit early and promote camp year-round to help keep Scouts excited about summer camp.

- Attend a Pre-Camp Leaders meeting in March
- Mark all deadline dates (deposits, Camperships, final payment dates, meetings, etc.) on the Unit's calendar.
- Work with families and promote camp fees to help Scouts be "Thrifty" and earn their way to camp and help the Unit's Committee with budgetary needs for camp.
- Schedule time with each Scout to go over possible advancements and special programs.
- Make a list of any special allergies or special food requirements to share with the council prior to check-in.
- Conduct a "Pack Camp Kick-Off" to inform families of plans and answer questions.
- Finalize Rosters and submit activity preferences online.
- Organize all Health Forms (parts A, B1 and B2 are required), payments, and travel for camp.
- Remember to bring your Pack & Den flags.

We encourage you to take the following steps:

- Schedule a time during your Pack Meeting for dens & Scouts to review the activity schedule.
- Have them write out which pins they desire to take and an alternate in case the class is full.
- Make sure to talk with the Scout about prerequisites, things they must do before camp, or they will not complete the badge and will receive a "partial".

Parents

Informed families can greatly enhance your Scout's summer camp experience and ease anxieties for first time campers. Be familiar with this guidebook and work closely with your Unit leadership to stay informed.

- Mark all deadlines on your calendar – ask your Unit leader as they may require earlier deadlines to process all Unit members' money and paperwork before they turn it in as a Pack. Make sure you take advantage of the Early Bird camp fees.
- Schedule time to get your physical done. Use the official BSA Health and Medical Form **(parts A, B1 & B2 are required)** and turn it into your Unit. We suggest you keep a copy for your records.
- Work with Unit Leadership to find out which pins and programs are good for the Scout.
- Look through suggested items to bring to camp and work with Unit leadership to determine all gear to be taken to camp.
- Attend "Unit Camp Kick-off" to get the latest information and ask questions.
- Mark **Family Night for Friday, June 26th** and plan on attending and supporting your Scout!

What to Bring to Camp

You'll want to be prepared for your week at camp. The following lists should be a good beginning. Feel free to add to the list and check with your unit as to what equipment may be provided.

- Completed and signed BSA Health and Medical Form **parts A, B1 & B2 are required** (Any other form will NOT be accepted).
- Medications labeled with easy-to-read directions for the Medical Officer, Scout name and unit number.
- Webelos uniform: shorts, shirt, socks.
- Webelos or Arrow of Light Handbook
- Flashlight
- Appropriate hat (Cub Scout or Scout hat preferred)
- Appropriate summer clothing: i.e. t-shirt & shorts
- Swimsuit
- Underwear and socks
- Sneakers and/or hiking shoes
- Notebook and pencils
- Personal gear (towel, soap, toothbrush/paste, comb)
- Raincoat or poncho
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Shower shoes or aqua-socks
- Spending money for the Trading Post OR a refillable Pre-Paid Card!
- Sweatshirt or light jacket
- Bug spray (non-aerosol)
- Sunscreen (non-aerosol)
- Small lock box for important items

Optional

- Camera and film
- Clothes hangers
- Clothesline or rope
- Compass
- Individual first aid kit
- Musical instrument
- Pocketknife
- Watch

Please do NOT bring:

- TV's and gaming systems
- Expensive jewelry or clothing
- Fireworks
- Gasoline fueled stoves or lanterns
- Guns or weapons *of any kind*



Camp Rules

All units in camp must have at least two (2) leaders with the unit 24 hours a day. One leader must be at least 21 years of age. The second leader must be at least 18 years of age. Leaders may rotate if necessary.

The consumption, possession, or use of alcohol in any form, and all controlled or illegal substances while on or near the premises of camp property is not permitted. Being under the influence or even having alcohol on the breath is a negative influence on our youth. Those individuals will be asked to leave, whether they are campers, leaders, staff, or visitors.

No firearms, bows, or arrows of any kind may be brought to camp. Absolutely no fireworks or personal ammunition of any kind are permitted at camp.

Liquid fuels are not permitted at camp. Propane may be used, but only under the supervision of an adult.

No fires or open flames are allowed in or near tents. This includes self-contained stoves and lanterns, mosquito coils, citronella candles and other such items. All tents must be clearly marked, "NO FLAMES IN TENTS."

Avoid using aerosol spray cans while at camp wherever possible.

Leaders are not allowed to smoke in program areas, campsites or anywhere in the presence of youth. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking. A designated area will be available for those adults wishing to do so. Marijuana and alcohol are prohibited on camp property. Bringing either of these items to camp is grounds for removal from camp property and will not be subject to refunds.

Campers and RV's are not permitted in camp without prior approval of the Scout Office.

No electricity, except solar, is to be generated in campsites which includes running of extension cords from power sources. Exceptions will be made for C-PAP machines and medical devices.

Units that have disability needs will work with the Camp Director prior to camp to accommodate where possible.

Batteries (inverter and/or rechargeable marine batteries) used for medical needs are allowed to be recharged at a location specified by the Camp Ranger. Vehicles will not be allowed to be used as sources of power in campsites.

All private vehicles are to be parked in the camp parking lot. Unit trailers can remain in the campsite.

Personal bicycles are not permitted on camp property during summer camp.

No pets are to be brought to camp.

No additional family members or additional guests will be allowed to stay at camp unless they are registered campers.

Identification Bracelet - Each Scout and adult leader will be issued a color-coded bracelet for identification purposes. These bracelets must be worn at all times.

Closed toed shoes/sandals must be worn-please no flip-flops or open-toed sandals. This is being done for safety reasons. Flip flops/open-toed sandals are allowed in the shower house, pool, and beach area.

Youth Protection policies & adequate adult leadership are required at all times.



Adult Leadership

Youth Protection and *Guide to Safe Scouting* policies apply. Please remember two deep leadership is imperative. There must be one adult for every five Scouts attending with a minimum of two adults in camp at all times. Youth Protection Training may be taken as a self-study e-learning course at www.scouting.org.

Advancement

It is not the responsibility of the Camp Staff to sign off on any requirements. It is not the prime objective of Camp to whiz through the advancement. Instead, advancement is a byproduct of our program. The program will include opportunities for Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts to work on their specific adventure pins and elective adventures. Some activities will require work before or after camp to complete adventures.

Den Chiefs

Webelos Dens are encouraged to bring a Den Chief to camp to assist. The Den Chief Registration fee is the same as the adult. A Den Chief is a position of responsibility in Scouts BSA. The Den Chief will assist in your pack and den program and provide a mentor for your Scouts.

Family Night – Friday, June 26th

Siblings and parents of Scouts are welcome as visitors on Family Night. All visitors must check in at the Camp Office or Trading Post to receive a Camp bracelet. Meal tickets are \$10.00 per person and can be purchased at the Trading Post. Infants and Toddlers not eating in the Dining Hall will not have a fee and must be accompanied by an adult at all times. They should still be signed in at the office.

Family Night Schedule

4:00 – 5:00 PM – Families start arriving

6:00 PM – Dinner at the Dining Hall

7:30 PM – Evening Program

Swim Qualifications

All Scouts and leaders participating in aquatic adventures will be tested by the aquatics staff and placed into one of three ability groups. Scouts who do not satisfy the requirements may retake the test as frequently as they desire.

Non-Swimmer – Anyone who either opted out of the test or was unable to complete the full test.

Beginner – Jump feet first into water over your head, come to the surface, level off, swim 25 feet, turn sharply, and come back to the starting point.

Swimmer – Jump feet first into water over your head and surface. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudge, or crawl. Swim 25 yards on your back, using the elementary backstroke. Rest by floating for 10 seconds.



Health and Safety

Health Lodge and Emergency Care

24-hour emergency medical care will be available by a trained Health Officer. A Scout or leader that has a medical problem should report to the Health Lodge as soon as possible. A medical doctor is on call for medical advice and emergencies and an AED is located in the Health Lodge.

Insurance

The Mississippi Valley Council provides accident and liability insurance for those persons registered in the Boy Scouts of America and are registered campers. No other youth are permitted to camp nor participate in the program of the camp for insurance reasons. Out of Council units must present proof of insurance from their council upon check-in on Sunday or mail to the Scout Service Center prior to the camp session. Any accident that occurs while they



are at camp is covered first by your insurance and then our insurance kicks in second. Claim forms must be filled out by the parents and physician and submitted to the Scout Service Center. Additional information about filing claims can be obtained from the Council Service Center (217) 224-0204.

BSA Health and Medical Records

The BSA's Health and Medical form can be downloaded at the Council website at <https://mvcscouting.org/>. **(Parts A, B1 & B2 are now required for Webelos Camp)**. The medical exam must be performed, signed and dated by an MD, DO, PA or NP. Chiropractor signatures are not acceptable. A school, sports, or work physical exam is NOT acceptable. Any camper that does not have the appropriate signature on the BSA Health and Medical Record will not be permitted to stay on site for more than 72 hours. We suggest the family keep a copy for their records.

Medication

While in camp, medications may be held by either the Health Officer or a Unit Leader. A Unit Leader may only keep medication if they can provide lockable storage at all times. All other medications will be checked in with the Health Officer after arrival.

Vaccinations

Tetanus immunization is required to participate. Other immunizations that are recommended can be found in the Guide to Safe Scouting and the Annual Health & Medical Record form published in January of 2022.