



FIRE MOUNTAIN WEBELOS-REE LEADERS GUIDE



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
MOUNT BAKER COUNCIL



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ABOUT FIRE MOUNTAIN

Located in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains, on 665 acres nestled in the forests of scenic Walker Valley, Fire Mountain Scout Camp is home to some of the finest Scouting program opportunities in the Pacific Northwest. The patrol is the focus of the Fire Mountain program. All staff and programs are geared towards teaching the patrol method, thus strengthening year-round troop operations. Our beautiful, wooded environs, temperate climate, and friendly and enthusiastic staff create the ideal setting for a great Scouting experience!

Why is it called “Fire Mountain”?

In the 1950’s, before it became a summer camp, Fire Mountain was a farm used as a staging area and base camp for firefighters who were fighting wildfires on and around Cultus Mountain. They had to return so frequently, they told others they were going back to “Fire Mountain.” In 1971, the name was suggested for the new Scout camp and it stuck!



The Mount Baker Council is committed to a camp that meets the high standards of the BSA. Fire Mountain is inspected and accredited on an annual basis. Our key camp staff members are trained at the National Camping School of the Boy Scouts of America.

HOW DO YOU GET TO FIRE MOUNTAIN?

From the south:

Go north on I-5 to exit 221 (SR 534). Exit I-5 and head east. Continue until you reach SR 9. Turn north on SR 9 (Left at “T” intersection) and continue five miles. Look for milepost 46. Shortly after this milepost you will see Walker Valley Road. Turn right on Walker Valley Road and continue to the end of the road. The camp entrance will be on your left.

From the north:

Go south on I-5 to exit 227 (College Way). Exit I-5 and head east. Continue until you reach SR 9. Head south (right at the roundabout) and drive for approximately 3.7 miles. Look for Walker Valley Road on your left. Turn left on Walker Valley Road and continue to the end of the road. The camp entrance will be on your left.

Our address listed above can be used in most modern GPS units and smart phones for directions to camp. It is also the camp’s mailing address for sending mail to a Scout during camp. The main office phone number for camp is only monitored DURING summer camp, otherwise contact the Everett Service Center at (425) 338-0380.



WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP (suggested)

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- > No firearms, ammunition, or weapons of any type (including bows) may be brought to camp.
- > No fireworks allowed at camp.
- > Smoking, vaping, e-cigs, juuls are not allowed in front of Scouts; restricted to adults in the designated area.
- > Any person using alcohol, marijuana and/or illegal drugs will be reported to the camp director and sheriff and will be sent home.
- > Pets of any type are not permitted at camp. Registered service animals are the only animals allowed. Please notify camp leadership or the Everett Service Center if you require a service animal in camp.

RULES OF CAMP

The primary rules at Fire Mountain Scout Camp are the Scout Oath and Law. The following is presented as clarification based on past experiences in camp.

1. Use the buddy system.
2. Stay inside camp boundaries.
3. Wear close-toed shoes at all times. Flip-flops may be worn IN the shower house, not walking to it.
4. Scouts with their Totin' Chip may carry multi-tools or folding pocketknives. Sheath knives are not allowed.
5. Do not cut live or downed trees.
6. Respect others' and camp's property, keeping it free from damage and defacement.

FIRE MOUNTAIN DRESS CODE

The Boy Scouts of America is a uniformed organization and dress at camp should meet this standard and meet the needs of the activity the scouts and leaders are participating in. The standard activity uniform for a scout is a scout activity t-shirt (class b), scout shorts/pants, scout belt, scout sox and scout hat with app rate foot wear. Dress at events such as flag ceremonies, chapel and campfires should include the field uniform (class A) shirt and neckerchief.

Not every scout or leader can afford the official BSA shorts, pants and sox nor do all scouts have scout shirts to last a whole week. All scout and scouters at Fire Mountain should endeavor to aim for this standard when packing for camp.

Infractions of this dress code will be reported to the Camp Director and unit leadership is expected to support efforts to meet this expectation. Campers that chose to not comply will be found in conflict with the BSA Code of Conduct and will be asked to go home.

WHAT ARE SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS LIKE?

If you are staying in one of camps many stents or adirondack shelters your "bed" will be a sheet of plywood. What this means is that you will need to bring a sleeping pad or camp mattress with you in addition to a sleeping bag, camp does NOT provide mattress to our campsites. While there are some designated tent areas in camp most campsites have large open areas that a tent could be set up in, for many events we tent camp units in one camps field areas such as Kit Carson or around Fort Boeig.

Troop/Pack Gear

- National Flag
- Troop flag
- Patrol flag(s)
- Lanterns
- Tarps
- Rope
- Troop library

Personal Gear

- Current medical form
- Spending money (for the store)
- Backpack
- Daypack
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- Pillow
- Sweatshirt/jacket
- Raingear
- Hat
- T-shirts
- Pants
- Shorts
- Underwear (1 per day)

Toiletries

- Comb/brush
- Toothbrush/tooth- paste
- Deodorant
- Soap/shampoo

- Props for skirts
- Dutch oven (optional)
- Charcoal briquettes (optional)
- Axe-yard supplies
- Camp cook gear
- Troop first aid box
- Socks (1-2 pair per day)
- Hiking boots
- Extra shoes
- Class A uniform (hanger)
- OA sash (if member)
- Canteen/water bottle with carrying strap
- Flashlight/extra batteries
- Scout knife
- Pencil/paper
- Scout handbook
- Watch
- First aid kit
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Face masks (sufficient for personal use)
- Second towel for showering
- Shower shoes/flip flops (optional)



Where will I be sleeping?

Due to changes in the BSA's Youth Protection requirements effective Sept. 1, 2023 Webelos Dens will NOT be camped in the same campsites as Scout BSA troops. The Webelos will be placed in campsites first with Scout BSA troops being placed in campsites after all Webelos and parents of Webelos have their sleeping arrangements worked out. We hope to inform everyone of their sleeping arrangements as soon as possible after registration closes.

- The reason for this change is that not all parents attending Webelos-ree will be registered members of the BSA (as cub parents don't need to be registered to camp with their scout) while ALL adults camping with a Scout BSA troop must be registered.

We will try and camp Webelos as close as possible to their "sponsor" troop to make it easy to spend time in the campsite and eat with their troop.

Do Webelos need to sleep in the same tent/stent with their parents?

No. Though it is allowed for Webelos to bunk with their parents we encourage if possible for parents to tent expertly (Scout BSA youth are NOT allowed to tent with parents).

Are parents required to attend for a Webelos to attend Webelos-ree?

Each Scout should attend with their parent(s) or guardian(s). A Webelos or Arrow of Light Scout whose parent or legal guardian cannot attend a den overnight camping trip may participate under the supervision of at least two registered leaders. The leaders and a parent or legal guardian must agree to the arrangement, and all Youth Protection policies apply.

Do Webelos need to have their Whittle Chip to attend?

No. They do need to have their Whittle Chip to use a knife, just as a Scout BSA member must have their Totin Chip in order to use a knife/axe/saw.

Do Webelos need to be involved in the planning of food?

Not from the event's perspective though it is a great idea to involve everyone attending in menu planning and execution. Webelos are not required to plan the menu for the troop/den/family they are coming with. There are food related requirements for Webelos and Arrow of Light and if this campout can be used to knock a few those out this could be a great opportunity.

Do Scout BSA troops need to register (pay) to attend?

We are asking for Scout BSA troops to register for the Webelos-ree with scouts and adults paying \$7 a person. This covers the patch (concept art attached) and the cracker barrel food for Friday Night as well as some general facility stuff (I think we all like having enough toilet paper) and admin (like printing schedules). Scouts BSA youth and adults pay less because they are manning some of the activities.

Is there any food provided?

Food is all done in the campsite except the Friday night cracker barrel. Note: Units are responsible for their own meals.

Webelos are encouraged to sign up with a troop in mind for camping together, but we will look to have unattached Webelos paired with troops for the weekend. Such pairings will be communicated once we know who is coming (so register early, there are late fees).

What paperwork is required?

Your unit should have Part A/B of the BSA medical form on hand and be able to provide it on a moments notice to staff in case of a medical emergency.





What does the schedule for the Webelos-ree look like?

The general schedule for the weekend is:

Friday

- Get to Camp
- Get to your campsite
- Get Settled in
- Cracker Barrel and opening show for the Jamboree on the Internet!

Saturday

- Wake up
- Breakfast in Campsite
- Flags
- X Factor Activity
- Lunch in Campsite
- X Factor Activity
- Closing ceremony and flags
- Check out – or stay another night!

What is the “X Factor”?

The X Factor is a series of two activities, and we won't know exactly how much total time to give to each activity until the week leading up to Webelos-ree when we have a better picture of how many troops will attend.

There will be a round robin of scout skills and activities run by the Scouts BSA Troops in Kit Carson Field with a whistle marking when the Webelos move on to the next station. Time per station will most likely be 10-15 minutes with each Webelos group depending on how many troops and Webelos dens we have.

Our afternoon X-Factor will incorporate a number of camp activity areas that will be open to campers. It's important for troops to think about this time as time to spend WITH Webelos so in addition to visiting one of these areas, or stopping by the JOTI station to chat with scouts around the world maybe think about inviting some Webelos back to your campsite for the afternoon to play games, or take part in a fun troop tradition.

JOTA/JOTI at Webelos-ree

Webelos-ree is hosted traditionally on the third weekend of October which happens to be the same weekend as Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet. These are the largest single scouting events in the world with MILLIONS of scouts from around the world participating in program and chatting all weekend. As part of Webelos-ree we will work to incorporate JOTA/JOTI program in as much possible.

What time can I check in?

Ideally units will arrive together at camp, not trickling in one family at a time, so plan ahead and think about a good spot for the unit to rally before arriving at camp. That said we will check in anyone that arrives as they arrive. Check in will be running from 4:00PM to 8:30PM. Please be respectful of those getting ready to facilitate the event, if you arrive before 4PM you will be asked to remain in the parking lot until we can check you in at 4pm

Can I drive to my campsite?

We will allow ONE vehicle at a time to enter camp and unload gear and then return to the parking lot. What this means is that if you unload, get unpacked, settle in, start a campfire, and make dinner before retuning your car to the parking lot you may be keeping those your sharing the campsite with in the parking lot for a long time waiting for their turn. Most scout troops are used to putting as much gear in one rig to haul gear back instead of each family driving back, so again it may benefit your unit to rally and pack gear as a group either before arriving or in the parking lot.

Can I volunteer and attend for free?

YES ... by joining the Fire Mountain Seasonal Staff! You can do this online at mountbakerbsa.org/firemountain ... be advised that staff are housed in staff village and NOT with their unit during events. Staff attend events like this to serve and work so that our fellow scouts can have an amazing adventure.



Can I have my car in the campsite, to store food and the like?

No, the only vehicles allowed in camp during program/overnight are staff vehicles that will be easily identified as Fire Mountain staff.

When will the full schedule be out?

A full schedule for the weekend will be given out to leaders on check in at camp.