



Frequently Asked Questions

Cub/Webelos Action Camp

(an overnight adventure for Cub Scouts & parents)

Where's the best Cub Scout Resident Camp in the world?
Hundreds of Scouts have told us it's the Deer Lake Cub Camp in Killingworth, Connecticut so it has to be true!

Are there programs for Cub Scouts and their whole family? Yes. There is a Cub Family Weekend for Cub and Webelos Scouts, their parents and their siblings; Friday, July 15-Sunday, July 17.

Are there separate programs for Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts? Yes. There are two sessions for combined Cub and Webelos Scouts and two program sessions for Webelos only.

May Tigers attend resident camp? Yes. BSA has changed the age requirements for participation in resident camp programs. Boys going into first grade in the Fall may attend resident camp. They must be accompanied by their adult partner.

What's the difference between Cub and Webelos camp programs? Both programs share the 'Super Heroes' theme but the Webelos program includes activities with a higher level of adventure, rigor and risk. For example Webelos will participate in action archery, bouldering, kayaking, cooking over a camp fire, Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics (STEM) activities and appropriate advancement and skills development sessions.

Does the camp program include advancement opportunities for the Scouts? Each session has time allotted for advancement especially with those requirements which are difficult to organize and conduct in the den or pack environment. But not too much time--Scouts come to camp to have fun and that's what the staff delivers.

Can the parents attend camp with their Scout? Yes they can. Tigers must be accompanied by an adult partner. Wolf and Bear Scouts may be accompanied by a parent or any adult the parents allow to take responsibility for their Scout—an uncle, grandparent or Scout leader; however, partners may not be responsible for more than four Scouts at a time. Parents are also welcome to attend with their Webelos Scout but Webelos may attend resident camp with their Webelos den (a minimum of two adult leaders with up to eight Webelos) or as provisional campers (without an adult and assigned to a provisional den supervised by camp staff).

If our Pack attends as a group, do we get any adults at no charge? For Packs registering as a unit for a session at camp, one leader may attend at no charge for each eight youth registered.

Do the Scouts cook their meals over an open fire? All camp meals are prepared by a chef from the Navin Brothers Food Service and served in the Deer Lake dining hall. Our camp food is the best in the world and is often times cited as being "better than what mom makes"--- or so the kids tell us.

Can you accommodate food allergies or religious restrictions in the dining hall? If the chefs know about the Scout's needs at least two weeks in advance they can prepare special meals for those with either religious or health issues. Parents may be asked to provide packaged food items to meet their Scout's unique needs.

Is the dining hall nut free? No. However, great effort is taken to avoid using any food containing nut products or having been prepared where cross contamination could occur.

Is there a health services provider at camp? Yes, a registered nurse or doctor is available on camp for the entire season and an "On Call" physician is available if there is a need.

Is the camp accredited? The BSA and State of Connecticut inspect our camps annually and we have a tradition of scoring very high on these inspections. We intend to continue this tradition.

What type of equipment is required to be comfortable in camp? All camp sites are furnished with six lean-tos with six bunks and mattresses in each. Additionally, there is a picnic table and many incidentals such as a camp cook stove, lantern, water cooler, clothesline, etc. that you may need for an enjoyable stay at camp. Some campers find bringing a favorite camp stool or chair is a very good idea. But, no matter what you bring with you to camp, the ranger crew will deliver it to your site. The Adult Campers' Guide, available on the council website, contains detailed information on preparing for camp.

What facilities are there at Deer Lake? Deer Lake was recently developed to provide campers with modern shower houses and restrooms. These facilities are located near the campsites and program areas.

Can a Scout attend camp without his den or pack? Absolutely. Scouts can attend camp with their unit or as an individual Scout/adult pair (or provisionally for Webelos) for as many sessions as they wish.

Can siblings attend camp with my Cub Scout? Siblings may attend Cub Family Weekend. The other camp programs are designed to be age appropriate for the Cub and Webelos Scouts. Siblings either would not enjoy the program or would be a distraction to the program's enjoyment for the Scout and his partner.

Are there planned activities for adults? No, adult parents and partners are expected to be fully engaged with the Scout for the entire day helping him do his best in every activity. The camp program is designed to involve the parent or partner in the world as perceived by their Scout. This may sound corny but it will result in a shared experience you both will remember the rest of your lives.

Do I need BALOO training to bring my Pack to summer camp? No, a BALOO trained leader is not required for a Pack attending a Council run summer camp program.

Where can I find more information on Cub and Webelos camp? Come to the 2016 Camp Kick-off, Feb. 4 and/or go to ctyankee.org/camping/cubscouts for details about the camp and how to register. You may also call the Camp Registrar, 203-876-6868 ext. 273, with questions or to request more information.