

# Spirit Lake

## Webelos Wood/Bigfoot Search

### Leader's Guide

#### **Welcome Unit Leaders, Parents, and Scouts:**

Webelos Wood/Bigfoot Search will be at Camp Lewis, as it has been for many years. Webelos and Bears are welcome to come out on Friday night **after 6 pm**. We will have a short campfire program and hopefully, the weather will allow us some star gazing.

Remember it is required that each Bear or Webelos staying the night have a parent or adult (21+) attend with them as per BSA Guidelines to Safe Scouting. You are welcome to come for the day for the same cost (\$15). Overnight camping is not required for the event but is for some rank requirements. No siblings that are **not registered** with BSA and do not have the **required rank of Bear or Webelos** are allowed to attend this event. Feel free to email us if you have any questions about this.

This is a wilderness type of camp. All scouts & adults will be tenting camping in the big meadow. There is potable water on site so you can bring containers to fill and carry to your campsite. Wheelbarrows or carts are suggested to help transport your camp items to and from the field. Bathrooms are pit toilets (kybos). There are no showers available on site.

Lovely, toasty fires are permitted in above-ground fire pits if you bring your own firewood. Absolutely, no fires on the ground. **When there is a burn ban in effect no fires will be allowed. We will keep you updated. (Unless a burning ban is in effect)**

Throughout the day on Saturday, each group, also known as patrols, will be going from station to station throughout the camp; some before lunch and some after lunch. Various Scout BSA troops will be conducting the 35 minutes long sessions, teaching special scout skills.

If you need to leave camp at any time, please let the staff know and sign the notebook at the trading post where you can check in and out. Staff members can be found most times at the main shelter, just off the parking lot, wearing staff shirts.

We will always have a medic on-site during the weekend. Please let us know when you check in if you have any special needs. Medical forms are required at the camp in case of emergency, but you can keep these at your campsite.

We hope that everyone will have a great time enjoying the Outing part of Scouting.

Sincerely,

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## Items to Bring

- 1) Webelos Woods is in March and Sasquatch/Bigfoot Search is in September. With that in mind, we could have fall-like weather during the day. This means it could be either sunny or rainy. At night a **jacket or sweatshirt** is a good thing to bring. Leave them in your car for easy access if you don't want to lug them to the campsite, but better safe than sorry. Also, it might be a good idea to have rain gear. Be Prepared! Bring an extra change of clothes and dress in layers to keep the cold out. We strongly recommend that you and your group wear pants, not shorts. Unfortunately, bugs, blackberry vines, stinging nettle, poison oak, etc. are prevalent, so please take these things into account when you are packing for the weekend. Also please make sure that the clothing is appropriate for a youth event. No beer or tobacco ads on caps or clothing or anything else that might be considered inappropriate.
- 2) **Good sturdy boots or shoes** are required. No open-toed shoes, sandals, etc. Too many things are in, on, and around the paths to injure unprotected toes and feet. This goes for adults as well as youth.
- 3) **Uniforms** are required for morning and evening flag ceremonies. If your Unit has a special uniform code, then please follow it. However, for this event, we ask that the uniform shirt be worn by both scouts and adults if you have them. There will be enough time to change in and out of the Class A uniform before and after the ceremonies.
- 4) **A hot dog lunch** will be provided on Saturday, but the other meals will be up to the individual units. **We do not have dietary substitutions. Please bring your own food if this is the case. Let us know at check-in.** Please bring the proper equipment to prepare those meals. Propane stoves on tables work the best. Make sure you have a wash station to clean up. Please, please, no dumping of foodstuff in the woods. We don't want to attract mini bears or other wonderfully exotic wildlife.
- 5) **Pop-ups canopy** or some sort of portable cover is advised. The meadow does not have a shelter that is available for camping or storing gear. Camping gear will solely be the responsibility of the groups at this event.

## Camping Gear List

- 1) **Tents with rain fly & a ground tarp** are a must. Scouts will probably assign Tent Buddies in the den before coming to Camp Lewis, but adults will need a separate tent. Adults are not permitted to share a tent with any scout other than their own.
- 2) **A popup canopy, a dining fly, tarps**, or any type of cover against the elements is extremely helpful but not required.
- 3) **Cooking gear** like pots, pans, serving spoons, foil, etc. are the individual scout's responsibility to provide. Propane stoves for preparing these meals are welcome. However, please be aware that the National Policy on the use of fuels must be followed by keeping all liquid fuel and spare propane tanks in your locked vehicle.

- 4) **Fire barrels, patio burners** or anything that will contain a fire at least 3" off the ground can keep fingers warm and toasty. Fires must always be attended to or completely extinguished before leaving your campsite. You will have to provide your own firewood since no brush gathering or timber cutting is permitted. You must also haul out your ashes. Do not throw them in the woods. **Again, as of right now, there is a burn ban, so fires are not allowed at camp. We will keep you updated if there is a change.**
- 5) **Water containers and water bottles** will be necessary throughout your stay. There is potable water on sight by the main parking lot and on the path towards Ft. Simcoe in a big meadow. Remember water is heavy so wheelbarrows or carts can help.
- 6) **Sleeping bags and pads/mattresses.**
- 7) **A cart(s) or wagon(s)** to transport your gear from the main parking lot to the big meadow.
- 8) This is a primitive camp with pit toilets (**kybos**). There are NO showers. Hand sanitizer and toilet paper will be provided in each kybo, but you may wish to bring your own just in case. We will do our best to keep the kybos stocked and clean, but please help us by reminding scouts to close the lid when they are finished and to only deposit toilet paper into the kybo.
- 9) **Headlamps are a MUST.** As we enter the Fall season, each of us really needs to walk around with a light source.

## Rules of the Road

Welcome to Short Term Property use of our Camp!

We hope you are looking forward to your upcoming visit to our camp. Below are a few rules of the road when using our camp property.

- Arrival time is 6 pm and departure time is 3 pm.
- Please check in with Campmaster upon arrival. We have a caretaker on location if the gate is locked upon arrival.
- If you are unable to attend for any reason PLEASE notify the office, at 503) 225-5759.
- All vehicles need to be kept on gravel roads or in parking lots.
- Cut no trees.
- Campfires in established fire pits only.
  - You may bring your own firewood.
  - NO FLAMES IN TENTS or BUILDINGS!
  - No open flame within ten feet of any tent.
  - Proper storage of flammable liquids and matches.
  - All gas stoves, lanterns, and other equipment used only under direct adult supervision.
  - No fireworks or other explosives in camp.
- Camping in designated campsites only
- Stay away from all water!
- Smoking in vehicles only at the top of the hill.
- No intoxicating beverages or illegal drugs are allowed on Scout property.
- Pets ARE NOT allowed (unless they are licensed services animals in camp).
- Complete Medical Forms A and B (only C if the campout is over 72 hours), to be kept with the unit during a campout.
- It is highly recommended your group designate a responsible person for first aid and emergency care. Who is currently certified in standard first aid and CPR from a nationally recognized provider?

Adirondacks, Mini Decks, and Tent Sites

Supplies Needed:

Brooms, spray cleaner, paper towels

- Littler Sweep of area
- All fires must be out.
- Put benches back where you found them.
- Sweep floors.
- Sweep out outhouses and remove toilet paper.
- Take garbage with you!

- Report any broken or damaged equipment.
- Check out with Campmaster.
- Covid requirements will be determined by the Council and the camp committee will be relayed to the Campmaster(s) upon arrival.

The Boy Scouts of America follow the general rule that things are left in better condition than they are found. We appreciate your help cleaning up after yourself and maintaining the cleanliness of our camp.

## Spirit Lake District Webelos Woods/Bigfoot Search Subject to change

### **Friday:**

6:00 pm – Check-in  
 7:45 pm – Campfire  
 8:00 pm – Troops/Staff Cracker Barrel  
 10:00 pm – Quiet Time

### **Saturday:**

7:00 am - Check-in / Camp Reveille / Breakfast  
 8:00 am – Morning Flag/Announcements  
 9:00am-12:30pm – AM Stations  
 12:45-1:30 pm – Camp Wide Hot dog lunch  
 2:00 pm-5:45 pm – PM stations  
 5:50 pm – Evening Flag/Announcements  
 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm – Dinner  
 7:45 pm – Campfire/Flag Retirement/OA  
 8:15 pm – The Search for Bigfoot!  
 10:00 pm – Quiet Time

### **Sunday:**

7:00am – Camp Reveille/Breakfast  
 8:00 am – Morning Flag/Awards  
 9:30 am – Scout’s Own  
 10:00 am Closing Flag/Announcements  
 Camp Dismissal/Site Inspection

We will have printed schedules at camp and schedules posted throughout camp. Please remember to use the Leave No Trace Guidelines as you are going throughout camp.

Thank you for joining us.