



# FIRE MOUNTAIN WEBELOS-REE LEADERS GUIDE



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
MOUNT BAKER COUNCIL



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**Fire Mountain Scout Camp • 26027 Walker Valley Road • Mount**

## 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?

This year the Webelos/Arrow of Lights will be housed in the Fire Mountain Campsites and be able to use the stents and Adirondacks in said campsites. Troops will be camping in the Kit Carson field and will need to bring tents. This is done as we return to our much loved PNW rain there is a 50/50 chance to it raining during Webelos-ree and our Scout Troops are better prepared than Webelos/Arrow of Lights often are to deal with the liquid sunshine.

## 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 separate from their Webelos/Arrow of Light scouts, (Scout BSA youth are NOT allowed to tent with parents). Depending on registration housing may require YOUTH to sleep in a separate structure from their parents. An adult may NOT sleep in a structure with youth members except their own children. If there are scouts who still need to sleep with their parents on a campout we recommend they bring a tent to bunk together, just in case. While we will work to communicate housing accommodations this will be driven on registrations and YPT requirements. Please see the Guide to Safe Scouting at <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/> for more information.

## 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.

## What about the no 4th graders at a “camporee”?

We understand that as of June 2024 the 4th Grade Webelos program and 5th Grade Arrow of Light program are now separate with different purposes. As such 2024 will most likely be the final year of Webelos-ree as it has been run in the MBC for years. In the future these new program change and guidelines will be taken into more consideration in designing a program for Arrow of Lights to meet and greet Scout BSA troops. It's important to remember thought that Webelos-ree is a CUB SCOUT program being supported and attended by Scout BSA troops, while camporee is a Scout BSA program. For more on this see the great article from Aaron on Scouting at: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2024/08/30/what-you-need-to-know-about-webelos-arrow-of-light-and-scouts-bsa-camping/>

## 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 \$10 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 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 unit we can check you in at 4pm.





## 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 by district

### Saturday

- Wake up
- Breakfast in Campsite
- Flags
- Troop Activities
- Lunch in Campsite
- Afternoon Stations (ranges, climbing, mingle time)
- Closing ceremony and flags (about 4PM)
- Check out – or stay another night, and join us for Saturday CAMPFIRE!!!

## What does the program look like?

The principal purpose of the Webelos-ree program is about exposing Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts to the adventure that waits for them not the other side of the cross over bridge in a Scout BSA troop. As such most of the time at camp is spent mingling with Scout BSA troops. Friday evening's cracker barrel will be organized by district. In addition Saturday morning will be round robin activities where scouts will move from Troop to Troop each running a station that is fun and or educational. These round robins will also be organized by district. Scouts are more than welcome to jump from district to district to experience what ALL the Scout BSA troops brought to Webelos-ree.

Saturday afternoon a number of Fire Mountain program areas will open for a few hours. Webelos and Arrow of Lights will be given preference but all scouts are welcome to visit these areas. Lastly the afternoon is for Webelos/AoLs and parents to have some longer times to hang out and talk to Scoutmasters and troops about the culture of their troop.

## When will the full schedule be out?

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

## 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 returning 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 stay Saturday Night?

YES! While the program for Webelos-ree is going to be wrapping up around 4ish on Saturday Scouts can opt to hang out and stay Saturday night. Fire Mountain Staff will be organizing a campfire program for Saturday night among the scouts staying the night. Sunday morning you will be asked to pack and depart camp no later than 11am, check out will be handled by camp staff and the ranger department.

## Can I volunteer and attend for free?

YES ... by joining the Fire Mountain Seasonal Staff! You can do this online at [mountbakerbsa.org/firemountain](http://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.