

Spring 2010

Dear Cub Scout Leader,

The staff of Camp Akela looks forward to joining you and your Webelos at Bear Creek this summer. We are preparing an exciting four days and three nights of activities that will make your camping experience fun and enjoyable.

Please carefully review all of the material in this booklet! It contains helpful information that will make your camping adventure easier for you and your Webelos. Do not overlook the health and insurance sections. It is essential that the proper medical forms be present when you check in to camp.

Youth protection policies of the Boy Scouts of America are fully adhered to at Camp Akela. Youth and adults may not use the shower or restroom facilities at the same time. Youth and adults from different families may not share the same tent. We will work with you during camp orientation to establish schedules and work out any tent difficulties.

Our Camp Akela adult leader and parent orientation will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 10, 2010 at the Scout Service Center on 2226 NW Military Highway. A separate reminder is included in this package for you to put on the refrigerator. The purpose of this orientation is to review the Camp Akela program, to discuss health, safety and youth protection concerns and to assist leaders in any last minute problems or questions. This is an important meeting and you should make your best effort to attend.

One last word about what not to bring to camp. The boys will want to bring snacks and candy. Leave them at home. While insects are not overwhelming, they do attack such items. In past years we had ants that ate through two plastic bags and a candy wrapper to get at the goodies. The boys were a little uncomfortable that night.

Bear Creek is a rustic but fun place for camp. You can get in on all of the action with the boys. Don't hold back. Have fun! Enjoy yourself! If you have any questions before camp, please contact me at [kelamb@bsamail.org](mailto:kelamb@bsamail.org) or 830-238-4560 (office).

I look forward to meeting you at the orientation and at camp.

Yours in Scouting,

***Ken***

Ken E. Lamb

Camp Akela Director

## ADULT STUFF

On the next page you will see the details of what we will be accomplishing with the boys at camp. These are the activity badge requirements and sports activities that make up the program. You, the Webelos Den Leader, are responsible for the advancement of the boys in your den. We will demonstrate the skills and ask them to show us what they know, but you will actually sign the boys off on their knowledge and skill capability. While all of this technical stuff is going on we hope the boys have fun with the theme this year, "Following the Ways of Asito".

We organize the packs into camp dens to help us keep track of everyone and to make scheduling of the activities a little easier for everyone. In the next pages you will find the do's and don'ts for Camp Akela. These have been developed over the years to provide a safe and sane camping program for each boy. Your cooperation is appreciated.

You will have fun this summer! Bear Creek is a great place to learn about the outdoors, the food is good and fellowship terrific. Your attitude about the experience will travel down to the boys. If you are up and enjoying yourself, they will too. If you are down or having problems, the boys see it and react to it. Please get in touch with your Camp Commissioner, the Program Director or the Camp Director if any problems or issues come up that are not handled to your satisfaction. We can take care of the matter for you and return you to the "having fun" mode quickly.

So much for the adult stuff, turn the page and see what the boys will be accomplishing this year. We have included a sample schedule so that you can share it with the boys. Pump them up, it's going to be a great experience for all of us.

# Camp Program

Camp Akela is a great place to learn about the outdoors. The boys can join in the fun with activities named in the Webelos tradition. They can complete the following requirements for each of these activity badges:

## **Aquanaut**

1. Swim test
2. Float test
3. Surface dive
5. Basic rescues
6. Small boat safety
7. Swimming belt loop

## **Craftsman**

1. Leatherwork
2. Indian Lore

## **Naturalist**

3. Nature Center Visit
6. Poisonous plants and reptiles
7. Watch 6 wild animals

## **Ecology**

- Nature Trail
- Wetland Study

## **Forester**

3. Identify 6 forest trees
4. Identify 6 forest plants
9. Wildfire

## **Readyman**

1. Explain first aid
2. Getting help quickly
4. Treat for shock
5. First aid for cuts, burns & choking
6. Safe Swim
11. Car Safety
12. First Aid demonstration

## **Outdoorsman**

1. Knots
3. Overnight
5. Campfire
7. Fire Safety
8. Boy Scout camp visit

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Webelo Program

### Tenderfoot Requirements

5. Safe hiking
6. Flag etiquette
12. First aid

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Requirements

- 2d. Fire building
5. Wild animals
7. Safe swimming

### 1<sup>st</sup> Class Requirements

2. Compass use
6. Native plants

## **Sportsman Activity Badge**

You will be able to learn about these sports and earn your Sportsman Activity Badge.

### **Individual Sports**

- Archery
- Swimming
- Fishing
- BB Guns

### **Team Sports**

- Volleyball
- Ultimate
- Basketball \*
- Soccer \*
- \*Subject to playing field conditions

Plenty of free time will be available for learning new crafts or practicing the ones that you know. The trading post will be stocked with projects and your crafts instructors will be working with you on leathercraft and Native American Handicrafts.

**CAMP AKELA 2010  
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Sunday : July 25 OR  
Wednesday: July 28**

1:00 p.m. Campers arrive at Camp.  
Check in begins  
Turn in medicine & physical forms

2:00 p.m. (or as soon as possible) Swim  
Test (as many boys as possible)

3:00 p.m. Camp Tours

4:30 p.m. Leader Orientation (Dining Hall)  
one leader per pack needed

5:30 p.m. Supper

7:00 p.m. Retreat (Valley Parade Field)

8:30 p.m. Opening Campfire

10:30 p.m. Lights out

**Monday: July 26 OR  
Thursday: July 29**

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:45 a.m. Flag Ceremony (Valley Parade Field)

9:00 a.m. Session 1 (Each session is 50 minutes  
with 10 minutes to move to next area)

10:00 a.m. Session 2

11:00 a.m. Session 3

12:30 p.m. Lunch and Rest Period

2:00 p.m. Session 4

3:00 p.m. Session 5

4:00 p.m. Session 6

5:30 p.m. Supper

7:00 p.m. Flag Ceremony (Valley Parade Field)

10:30 p.m. Lights Out

**Tuesday: July 27 OR  
Friday: July 30**

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:45 a.m. Flag Ceremony (Valley Parade Field)

9:00 a.m. Session 1

10:00 a.m. Session 2

11:00 a.m. Session 3

12:30 p.m. Lunch and Rest Period

2:00 p.m. Session 4

3:00 p.m. Session 5

4:00 p.m. Session 6

5:30 p.m. Supper

7:00 p.m. Flag Ceremony(Valley Parade Field)

8:30 p.m. Closing Campfire

10:30 p.m. Lights Out

**Wednesday: July 28 OR  
Saturday: July 31**

7:30 a.m. Flag Ceremony (Dining Hall)  
followed by Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Break Camp/Departure

- Program:** The program at Camp Akela is planned by BSA Certified Program Directors. These individuals have been or are Webelos Den Leaders with experience in den activities. They know boys this age and understand how to prepare a program that meets their needs. At Camp Akela, the boys will accomplish enough activity badge requirements to complete Aquanaut and Sportsman. Other activity badges are partially completed, leaving something for you, the den leader to accomplish in your den meetings. Since you will be actively participating with your den during camp, you will know what each boy has completed and what areas he may need help in when he returns from camp. Included in this booklet is the camp schedule.
- Staff:** The staff at Camp Akela is Boy Scouts and Adult Scouters who have been selected because of their knowledge and skills. If you experience any difficulties, please refer them to your Camp Commissioner.
- Location:** Bear Creek Scout Reservation is located outside the town of Hunt, Texas. Nestled in a valley, Bear Creek camp features a swimming pool, shooting sports facilities, waterfront for boating and fishing, a super campfire ring, nature at it's finest, good food and a quiet, restful setting for a good nights sleep.
- Questions:** A roundtable for all leaders will be held during the first day of camp. Special announcements and instructions about camp life will be included in this session. Any questions that you may have will be answered at that time. Update announcements will be made at flag ceremonies.
- Getting There:** A map is included that shows you how to get to Bear Creek. It is important that you give yourselves plenty of time to arrive safely. Do not caravan. This is a dangerous practice and can cause chain reactions accidents. Make sure each driver understands the route, and then let him or her set their own pace.
- Transport:** Each pack is responsible for it's own transportation. **No riders are allowed in the backs of pickups or trucks.** All riders must have a seat belt. If possible, consolidate bulky items into one vehicle to help in transporting them to the campsites.
- Check-in:** Check-in will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 25, 2010 or Wednesday, July 28, 2010. **Each adult and boy must also bring their properly completed medical examination forms. No boys or adults will be allowed to stay at camp without the proper medical examination form.** You will be met by a staff member

upon arrival, who will help you locate your campsite and get started on your program. In reviewing your schedule you will see that we begin the program early in the afternoon. Please arrive early in the afternoon so that the boys do not miss a minute of Camp Akela.

- Leadership:** Each pack must have adult leaders in charge of Webelos at all times. Two or more adults must accompany each group of four or fewer boys. One adult must be over 21 and the others over 18. One additional adult is required for every 2 boys over the initial four.
- Parking:** Lots are provided near the campsites for leaders or visitors parking. Only camp vehicles are permitted beyond the parking lot after you have unloaded.
- Mail:** The mailing address for Bear Creek is:  
Scouts Name & Pack #  
Bear Creek Scout Reservation  
125 Bear Creek Scout Rd. W.  
Hunt, TX 78024-0135  
Since camp is only four days long, in most cases the mail will not reach the boy before he returns home. Please consider this before you send mail to the camp. Mail is best taken up with an adult leader to give out at camp.
- Telephone:** 830-238-4560 for business only.
- Uniforms:** The official Webelos Class A uniform is requested at dinner and retreat. Adults are also asked to set a good example by wearing their uniforms as well. Class B uniforms should also be worn during the day (T-shirt and shorts). Since Bear Creek has a rocky terrain, previous experience has shown that thin-soled tennis shoes cause foot problems for the boys. Please consider substantial footwear for those attending.
- Tents:** Tents will be provided at camp. If you need to bring your tent for special reasons please call the office first.
- Safe Swim:** We comply with the Safe Swim Defense at camp. All campers, adults and boys, will be given a swimming ability test on the first day of camp.
- Trading Post:** We maintain a super trading post. The trading post will generally be open during the normal operating hours of the camp. Soft drinks and food items will be available as well as handicraft items,

program supplies, and a limited amount of Scout equipment. Camp T-shirts, hats, etc. will also be available.

**Ice:** Ice is available at the Dining Hall at a cost of \$1.00 per 10 pound bag.

**Pets:** **NO PETS ALLOWED!**

**Costs:** Webelos: \$110.00      Adults: \$55.00 - early registration before July 9.

Webelos: \$120.00      Adults: \$65.00 – after July 9.

*All fees due by July 16, 2010 at the latest.*

**Buddy System:** Bear Creek Scout Reservation follows all national and local council rules. The Buddy System is always in effect at camp. No camper should go anywhere in camp alone unless passing from one program area in the valley to another valley area. Campers will be asked where their buddy is when appropriate. Leaders please help us uphold this rule.

**Leaving Camp:** There should be no reason to leave camp, but if it should become necessary, those individuals are required to log out of the camp upon leaving and log in upon returns. A check in/out log will be provided for that purpose at the Camp Reception Center.

**Firearms:** No personal firearms or bows and arrows may be brought to camp. Do not bring any ammunition or targets from home.

**Lost and Found:** All lost and found items will be kept at the cottage until the end of camp. Afterwards items will be taken back to the Scout Service Center.

**Substance Abuse:** Alcohol and non-prescription drugs are not permitted at camp. Violators will be asked to leave camp immediately.

**Security:** Be certain to secure all valuables. Keeping spending money low and work with the boys to provide only the amount of money that they need each day.

**Youth Protection:** The Youth Protection policies of the Boy Scouts of America are practiced at Bear Creek. To insure that all boys have their privacy respected, national camp standards require that adults and boys shower and sleep separately. More detailed information on youth protection will be provided during the camp orientation.

**Discipline:** The conduct and discipline of the boys and adults in your unit are your responsibility. We ask for your cooperation. The camp staff will not discipline your boys unless serious bodily injury or property damage may result. Your campsite is your home. Entering another campsite or loitering there can cause problems. Taps is at 10:00 p.m. Campers not in their areas after 10:00 p.m. will be escorted to their campsite by camp staff members. Please report all suspicious activities to camp staff members. This is for the safety of all campers.

**Insects:** To insure that the boys have a good camping experience, please make sure that they bring a good insect repellent. Bear Creek has chiggers, ants, mosquitoes, and occasional ticks. Commercial insect repellents are useful in keeping these pests away. Sublimed sulfur mixed 50-50 with baby powder and sprinkled on the ankles will keep chiggers away. Avon Skin So Soft has also been found to be useful.

**Check-out:** Check-out will be at the cottage. We would like everyone out by 10:00 a.m.

### **INSURANCE AND MEDICAL CARE**

1. The responsibility of the unit leadership is to provide transportation for the unit member(s) requiring services from a doctor or hospital.
2. Two adult leaders from the unit will accompany the unit member requiring service from a doctor or hospital and is asked to carry insurance forms. He must obtain the Scout's health record from the health officer before going to the doctor or hospital.
3. Parent(s) or guardian(s) will be immediately notified by the Camp Health Officer of any serious illness or injury. If parents will not be at home during the camp period, have them notify you of their whereabouts.
4. The camp will provide transportation ONLY when the units has none available. If the unit has inadequate transportation, or if the injury requires Health Staff attention, the camp will provide transportation.
5. Directions to the doctor's offices or hospital will be available at the Health Lodge. Procedures to be followed will be provided.
6. The Camp Health Office must clear all cases requiring outside medical care. This is an agreement with the local health services facilities, insurance company and a claim procedure.

Health Lodge is located at camp, and is staffed by persons trained to handle minor accidents and injuries. Special arrangements for treatment of more serious cases have

been made with physicians in the town nearest camp. If such treatment is necessary, the camper's parents will be notified by telephone and their desires concerning further treatment will be respected. It is understood that where compliance with the medical examination is a violation of the religious convictions of the individual, such requirements will be set aside by the presentation of certification from the camper's parents, and proper church officials, full responsibility for any consequences of such exemption and release the Boy Scouts of America, their employees, and volunteers from any responsibility.

Each Scout that attends the camp must have a completed Personal Health and Medical Record, Class 2, completed within the last 36 months prior to the beginning date of camp. Each Scouter (adult) under the age of 40 must have a Personal Health and Medical Record, Class 2 completed within the last 36 months prior to the beginning date of camp. Each Scouter (adult) aged 40 or over must have a personal Health and Medical Record, Class 3 completed within the last months prior to the beginning date of camp. A licensed physician must complete all exams. The health form **MUST** have personal insurance information and be signed by the parent or legal guardian of each scout.

## **CHECKLIST 1**

### **GETTING READY TO GO**

\_\_\_\_\_ Each boy and adult has the required health form completed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Transportation to and from Bear Creek has been arranged.

Drivers \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ We have our Unit Equipment together. (Checklist 3)

\_\_\_\_\_ Each camper has his/her individual equipment together. (Checklist 4)

\_\_\_\_\_ We have funds for an emergency.

\_\_\_\_\_ We have phone numbers for each parent or guardian in case of emergency.  
We have provided the camp number to each parent or guardian. (Checklist 2)

\_\_\_\_\_ We know which parents will be arriving for pick- up on the last day of camp.

\_\_\_\_\_ All items checked – we are ready to go!



### CHECKLIST 3

#### **UNIT EQUIPMENT**

- \_\_\_ Dining fly or sun shelter
- \_\_\_ Cots (lots of rocks)
- \_\_\_ Folding chairs
- \_\_\_ **Water jugs for campsites**
- \_\_\_ Cups
- \_\_\_ First Aid Kit
- \_\_\_ Trash bags
- \_\_\_ Lanterns
- \_\_\_ Parents Emergency Information to include day and evening phone numbers and an alternate to contact in case of emergency.

## CHECKLIST 4

### PERSONAL EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

- \_\_\_ Completed Medical Examination Form.
- \_\_\_ Uniform(s) including shirt, belt, and a HAT.
- \_\_\_ Webelos Handbook
- \_\_\_ Personal cup (each person should bring their own cup).
- \_\_\_ Small back pack (to carry swimsuit, crafts etc.)
- \_\_\_ T-shirts
- \_\_\_ Shorts or jeans.
- \_\_\_ Underwear, socks and pajamas.
- \_\_\_ Shoes or hiking boots.
- \_\_\_ Swimming suit.
- \_\_\_ Tennis shoes (wet shoes).
- \_\_\_ Sleeping gear – including sleeping bag, bedroll, sheets or blanket, pillow, cot.
- \_\_\_ Poncho or raincoat.
- \_\_\_ Personal kit including towels and washcloths, soap and container, toothbrush toothpaste, comb, brush and mirror.
- \_\_\_ Suntan lotion or sunblock.
- \_\_\_ Insect repellent.
- \_\_\_ Flashlight with batteries (spare batteries and bulb).
- \_\_\_ Fishing tackle (optional)
- \_\_\_ Camera and film.
- \_\_\_ Plastic bag(s) for dirty clothes etc.

The boys will be in camp for four days and three nights. They will be getting wet in the pool at least once a day. They should have enough clothing to change each day. They do not need radios, tapes, or anything of value that may be misplaced. They need not bring food or snacks from home as these items tend to attract ants, *and the ants usually win!!*

# Camp Akela 2010

## Meeting Reminder

**Saturday, July 10, 2010  
@Scout Service Center  
11:00 A.M.**

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