



# **Southeast Louisiana Council BSA**



## **Camp VBar**

### **At Salmen Scout Reservation**

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## Welcome

Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts are in the unique position of still being part of the Pack, but transitioning to working at a Scouts BSA level. They are quickly moving away from family outings and whole Pack activities to a more Troop like existence. Webelos Adventure Camp is a wonderful opportunity for these Scouts to get a feel of what participating in a Troop at Summer Camp is all about.

The Scouts attend with their Den Leaders or registered adult and fellow Scouts, not Mom and Dad and siblings. Just them. They get to choose the activities they will participate in (as a group) in advance of attending. They will participate in programs at camp that are not available during a normal Cub Scout campout such as the climbing tower, pool and water front. They get to hang out with Summer Camp Staff and get a picture of what their future may look like if they work staff when they are older. Most importantly, Webelos Adventure Camp offers these Scouts the opportunity to increase their confidence, learn skills that help them adjust to Scouts BSA as they move up, while having a chance to spend a few nights away from Mom and Dad and know that they can do it.

Our goal in Scouting is always to help build character within all of our Scouts. Learning new skills, building confidence, creating leaders and making new friends all combine at Webelos Adventure Camp to create another building block toward our goal.

Our staff is a highly motivated and trained group of Scouts and adults who will deliver a quality program and experience for your Webelos. We are sensitive to your needs and are willing to accommodate special requests to the best of our ability. We aim to please and we never miss our mark. We live and breathe V-Bar. It is our favorite place! We are ready to deliver the lifelong memories that your Scouts will cherish, and we are committed to giving your Webelos an outstanding Summer Camp experience.

We can't wait to welcome you to camp for all sorts of fun and adventure! So Load Up the Wagons and Follow the Trail to Webelos Adventure Camp!

See you at V-Bar!

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Please direct all questions about Webelos Adventure Camp to Tia Lopez – [selacubcamping@gmail.com](mailto:selacubcamping@gmail.com) or 985-414-3459.

## Pricing

General Camp Information	CAMP LOCATION: Salmen Scout Reservation, Camp V-Bar is located in Southern Mississippi approximately 1 ½ hours outside New Orleans, LA. Driving Directions on page 9.	
	Salmen Scout Reservation, Camp V-Bar 27585 V-Bar Road Perkinston, MS 39573	Southeast Louisiana Council, BSA 4200 S. I-10 Service Road West Metairie, LA 7001
	Camp Office: (228) 255-7336 Ranger Office: (228) 255-1336	Council Offices: (504) 889-0388 Council Fax: (504) 889-1162 Toll Free: (800) 394-9410
Campers	Webelos Adventure Camp Dates: Sunday – Wednesday, June 23-26, 2024  Check-In: 1:00 p.m.  Check-out: no later than 11:00 p.m.	Webelos Only
Camp Fees	Webelos Fees  \$195 / Early Bird – Paid in Full by 5/26/24 \$225 / Late Registration – Paid in Full by 6/9/24  Registration Closes 6/9/2024	Adult Fees  \$75 / Leader/Adult paid in full by 5/26/24 \$95 / Leader/Adult paid in full by 6/9/24  Registration closes 6/9/24

Out-of-Council Cub Scouts (attendees) pay same fees as In-Council Cub Scouts. Registrations are accepted on first come, first serve basis and space is limited. Registration is by payment of 100% of total unit fees, only in the name of a registered Cub Scout. No registrations are excepted for individuals who are not a registered member of BSA.

REGISTER AT: [www.bsa-selacouncil.org/wac](http://www.bsa-selacouncil.org/wac) When registering, you will register your entire den as a group. Parents should not register Scouts individually. Webelos and AOL Scouts are registered in different dens and will make separate choices for activities.

ONLINE CAMP REGISTRATION CLOSES ON JUNE 9, 2024 AT MIDNIGHT.

NO REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 9, 2024 OR AT CAMP.

REGISTRATION WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ONLINE (NO MANUAL REGISTRATIONS ARE ACCEPTED AT COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER)

Fees: May be transferred from one Cub Scout to another with written permission from the Cubmaster.

Refunds: Please refer to the council website for the council's policy concerning refunds and refund requests. <http://www.bsa-selacouncil.org/camping-outdoor-program/council-refund-policy/62964>

## Schedule

The registered adults will be in charge of registering for completion of the group registration for selection of activity choices. All Registered Webelos in your group will make session selections as a group. All Registered AOL's Scouts will make session selections as a group. So if you register Webelos and AOL's, you will have two separate schedules – one for each group. Please make one secondary choice just in case the 1<sup>st</sup> choice section is full. Final schedule will be provided at check-in on Sunday!

## Choices:

Webelos will take Aquanaut on Monday and Paddle Onward on Tuesday

AOLs will take Swimming on Monday and Paddle Craft on Tuesday

**Aquanaut & Swimming** – offers basic swimming and rescue techniques in our camp pool with our trained aquatics staff. Aquanaut/Swimming is only offered on Monday and is a requirement for Paddle Onward/Paddle Craft on Tuesday.

**Paddle Onward & Paddle Craft** – takes place at our waterfront. This class offers the Scouts the opportunity to learn new skills including canoeing and kayaking. Aquanaut/Swimming is a prerequisite for Paddle Onward & Paddle Craft. Also, Scout must have be a qualified swimmer (passed the BSA Swimmer test) to participate. If they fail to pass the Swimmer test, participants will be allowed to hang out in the non-swimmer location at the lakefront. Paddle Onward & Paddle Craft will only be offered on Tuesday.

Prerequisites:

- Aquanaut/Swimming
- Pass BSA Swim Test (all swim tests will be given on Sunday after arrival at camp)

## Electives offered:

*Scouts will complete one elective per rotation period.*

## Webelos:

**Build It** – Scouts will work with our Summer Camp staff at our Handicrafts shelter to learn about tools, their proper use, and safety. They will also plan and build a project while at camp as well as learn about a career in construction. If they sign up for this elective, they will take it both Monday and Tuesday to complete all requirements.

**Catch the Big One** – Scouts will learn about planning a fishing trip, the gear needed to fish, the best knot to use to attache their hook and spend an hour fishing off our levee.

**Tech on the trail** – Scouts will learn about GPS and how to use it while moving about in the outdoors. They will use what they learn to go on a hike.

**Yo-Yo** – Scouts will learn about all about yo-yo’s as well as some fun tricks to show off when they get back home.

## **AOL:**

**Engineer** – Scouts will learn about blueprints and what goes into building a project. They will choose a project they can build at camp (similar to what they will learn in the pioneering merit badge in Scouts BSA) and build it.

**Fishing** - Scouts will learn about planning a fishing trip, the gear needed to fish, the best knot to use to attach their hook and spend an hour fishing off our levee.

**Into the Woods** – Scouts will learn about trees, plants and wildlife at Camp Vbar.

**Knife Safety** – Scouts will learn about knife safety, how to use a knife properly and learn how to carve with a knife.

- Prerequisite: Scouts must bring a pocket knife with them to camp. Please make sure that the knife is properly sharpened before they arrive at camp.

## **Fun Options:**

Fun Options will be added to your schedule.

**Shooting Sports** – Scouts will spend time at the shooting ranges. They will be able to choose to go to both BB’s and Archery or spend all their time at just one range. Scouts will learn how to properly use a BB gun and/or Bow and arrow, the different parts of the equipment, etc. This knowledge will help them when they crossover to Scouts BSA if they wish to earn the Rifle, Shotgun, Archery or Shooting Sports Merit Badges. Scouts will be able to complete their BB Gun & Archery electives at camp.

**Climbing Tower** – Scouts will be able to spend time at the Camp VBar climbing tower under the supervision of our trained climbing staff. They will learn about climbing equipment, the knots that are important for climbing, how to properly ascend and descend the tower. Think of it as a stepping stone to the Climbing Merit Badge that they can earn once they cross over to Scouts BSA

## **Sample Schedule**

Webelos	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
Monday	Aquanaut	Build It	Tech On the Trail	Climbing
Tuesday	Shooting Sports	Catch the Big One	Yo-Yo	Paddle Onward

Actual schedules will be assembled by staff after registration closes and will be based on number of registrants. Schedules will be emailed to Den Leaders in advance of camp.

## **Other Camp Activities:**

As with Scouts BSA Summer Camp, there will be additional fun activities provided by our staff during camp.

## Helpful Hints to make Cub Camping easier on everyone

1. Recruit a Pack Coordinator to gather information about the event, relay information to the parents, collect registration moneys from parents, and register EVERYONE who is attending through Council website.
  - i. Makes it easier to know who is attending
  - ii. Allows the Pack to use "Scout" account funds to register individuals
  - iii. Eliminates participants need for refunds, etc.
2. Announce the event at your meetings well in advance of the deadline as well as publish in your monthly calendars and emails to members.
3. Set a specific window for registration through the Pack. Make sure if you are doing it through an electronic portal that someone is monitoring it and double checks it before your Pack registration deadline so that everyone is registered with Council
4. Schedule a "Load & Prep" day the before campout. Members meet at your meeting site or a member house to load the Pack trailer with all of the gear for the camping trip. It also means that members will not have to carry their own camping supplies down the hill to their campsites.
5. Plan a meeting location on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of campout and plan for everyone to leave for camp at the same time. If you convoy up to camp, everyone arrives at the same time. This makes it easier for the newbies to know where to go and what to do as well as making it easier to set up camp.
6. When you arrive at camp as a group, institute a rule that no one goes off to play until everyone's tent is set up. The Scouts should be helping to set up camp as this is one of the skills they will need once they cross over to Scouts BSA. It is amazing how quickly they will get things set up when they are motivated. When they finish with their tent, have them help a friend with theirs, help set up any additional items, gather firewood. All of these items go into setting up camp and shouldn't fall just on the adults.
7. Have a quick safety talk with your Pack once everyone has arrived. Discuss the camp rules, fire safety rules, what time lights out occurs, the location of the health lodge and any other safety rules that are specific to your Pack.
8. Sanity Hint – If you have camped with Cub Scouts before, you realize that one of the first things they do is fine a stick to use as a walking stick for the campout and then spend the rest of the time arguing over whose stick is whose or crying because someone else picked up their stick and walked off with it. Here is a solution to save your sanity – purchase several rolls of the thin, decorative duct tape. Put them on a string and attach that string to your belt or backpack. When they find a stick, let them pick 3-4 styles/colors of duct tape to wrap around their stick and decorate it. It makes the stick identifiable, prevents others from picking it up and reduces the arguments over who "owns" the stick.
9. Before you leave camp for activities, have an equipment check. Does everyone have their water bottle, proper shoes, sunscreen, hat, backpack to carry everything. Make sure their backpacks to not contain too much. Otherwise, you will have Scouts complaining rather quickly.
10. Last but not least, remember that you are supposed to be having fun. If the Scouts don't know that something went wrong and wasn't what you planned but are still having fun anyway, don't worry about it. Make a note of what you could have done different and make the change next time but enjoy the moment for what it is. Before you know it, you will be attending their Eagle Court of Honor.

## PERSONAL EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

*This list is meant to serve as a guide. Use your judgment in choosing what to bring to camp.*

### Individual Scout Equipment:

- ☐ Cash for Trading Post  
(**no large bills** please) We do take debit/credit cards.
- ☐ Personal tent(s) and tarp(s) to put under the tent in case the ground is damp. 2 Scouts may camp together.
- ☐ Signed medical form for each participant
- ☐ Class A Uniform & Cub T-shirts  
Shorts and pants
- ☐ Jacket or sweatshirt (it does get cool at night)
- ☐ Socks & Shoes (closed toe) or hiking boots and shower shoes if using the shower while in camp
- ☐ Cap or hat for sun protection
- ☐ Underwear
- ☐ Pajamas or sleeping clothes
- ☐ Sleeping bag or blankets & sheet
- ☐ Pillow
- ☐ Personal first aid kit
- ☐ Poncho or rain jacket
- ☐ Towels & washcloth
- ☐ Soap and shampoo
- ☐ Toothbrush & toothpaste
- ☐ Comb, brush, & mirror
- ☐ Flashlight & extra batteries
- ☐ Insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Water bottle or canteen & cup

### DO NOT BRING:

- ☐ Any expensive items
- ☐ iPads
- ☐ TV's
- ☐ Electronic games
- ☐ Fireworks
- ☐ Hunting knives
- ☐ Pets
- ☐ Personal Firearms and/or ammunition
- ☐ Personal bows & arrows

### **SOME** ITEMS THAT WILL BE SOLD IN THE TRADING POST:

Ice is free in the Trading Post

Sodas & snacks & ice cream  
Flashlights & batteries  
Camp apparel & camping gadgets  
Soap, shampoo and other toiletries  
**Some** items from the Scout Shop  
Some microwavable foods  
Slushies

Knives (must show their Whittling Chip to purchase)



Pack Equipment Checklist			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Den flag(s)		CAMPSITE ENTRANCE/GATEWAY MATERIALS
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lanterns (propane is best)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pack sign (should include unit number)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Matches/lighters	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pack flag
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rope	<input type="checkbox"/>	U.S. Flag
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tents (if you have them), poles & stakes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Twine & poles for lashing
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-gallon water jugs		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ice chests		BULLETIN BOARD
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trash bags	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bulletin board (provided in campsite)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lockable storage container	<input type="checkbox"/>	Camp roster
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unit first aid kit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Duty roster
<input type="checkbox"/>	Compass	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scout schedules
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lawn chairs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Push pins, etc. For bulletin board
			PAPERWORK
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Advancement records
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Leader's guidebook
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical forms

Google Maps GPS is correct to 27585 V Bar Road, Perkinston, MS 39573



