

# Camp Skills Instruction Recommendations

## “Outing for Scouting”

### October 29-31, 2010

This event has been designed to give all Boy Scout Troops an opportunity to engage prospective Webelos II scouts and introduce them to their unit, in hopes to encourage them to join the unit in the spring. Because of the timing and unpredictable weather for the time of the year this event is planned, we are strongly suggesting that the Webelos II scouts that you choose to invite be formally trained and instructed in the necessary camping skills appropriate for this time of year. This instruction will help to insure that the young scouts have a safe and enjoyable experience. It is equally important that the Adult partner that will be camping with the Webelos attend this training. Not only so that they also are aware on the needed skills, but also so that they might reinforce them with the Webelos. It is not our intent to tell you how to conduct this training, only to guide you in the success of the experience. The following is some but not all thoughts as to what should be covered. It is without saying that all recommendations in the “Guide to Safe Scouting” be followed.

- ✱ Proper Gear (Clothing, Rain Gear, Sleeping Bag, Pad, Shoes, Etc.)
- ✱ Stay Dry Means Stay Warm
- ✱ Troop guidelines and expectations
- ✱ Have Fun

We are hoping that this instruction will take place on two different dates, maybe one at the Webelos Den meeting and one at the Troop venue. We suggest that the training sessions last no longer than 15 minutes each. It is also recommended that the instruction be done by your youth leaders with adult mentoring (to ensure complete coverage of material). The tracking forms we are asking to be filled out are strictly for tracking the progress and success of the program we are proposing. We are hoping that this program will increase our Webelos to Scout Transition and New Scout Retention to 100% in our district and be a model for other districts in the council. The tracking form will also help us to provide the recognition program to the Webelos Scouts that participate.