



Boy Scout Troop 29 Auburn, Alabama

Chartered to Auburn United Methodist Church
Stan Harris, Scoutmaster, cell: 334-524-9291

Dear Cubmaster and Webelos II Den Leaders,

Boy Scout Troop 29 would like to invite your Webelos II dens, scouts, and their parents to join us for a fun-filled day (and night if desired) of adventure on Nov. 14-15! This is a chance for your Webelos and their parents to learn more about Troop 29 and what we are all about as they make the important decision about continuing in scouting and selecting the troop that is right for them. The outing is also an opportunity to fulfill two of the requirements for the Arrow of Light award: *"With your Webelos den, visit at least one Boy Scout-oriented outdoor activity"* and *"Participate in a Webelos overnight campout or day hike."* Details of the weekend are outlined below. We request that Webelos dens RSVP with their plans by Nov. 8 so that we can make plans for food and equipment.

When: 11 am, Saturday, Nov. 14 – 10 am, Sunday, Nov. 15. Webelos can arrive and depart at their convenience but we prefer they attend as Dens if possible.

Location: 232 Chadwick Lane, Auburn. Traveling on Wire Road out of Auburn, go about 1 mile past the Auburn Soccer Complex and turn right onto Lee Road 51 (Chadwick Lane) . Drive 1.7 miles (you will pass Kiesel Park on your left) and turn left into a pasture across the street from a big pond (the turn is 0.4 miles past Kiesel Park). Look for a sign!

Activities: During the day on Nov. 14, we will be building a rope bridge, throwing tomahawks, having fire building contests, building and firing trebuchets, knot tying, cooking, eating, and generally having a good time. We will eat lunch at noon and have dinner at 6 pm. Dinner will be followed by a campfire. We will also be camping out Saturday night with breakfast, scout's own religious service, and camp breakdown for departure at 10 am.

Cost? NONE! Troop 29 would like to treat you.

Who should attend? Webelos II scouts, den leaders and parents are invited to attend. It is preferable that scouts attend as a den, but if that is not possible, scouts with a parent can attend on their own.

Camping arrangements: Webelos II dens are invited to camp with us. Webelos can bring their own tents and other gear or use those provided by the Troop. Scouts should provide their own sleeping bag/blankets and personal toiletries. The following Guide to Safe Scouting camping guidelines must be followed:

A Webelos Scout may participate in overnight den camping when supervised by an adult. In most cases, the Webelos Scout will be under the supervision of his parent or guardian. It is essential that each Webelos Scout be under the supervision of a parent-approved adult. Joint Webelos den-troop campouts including the parents of the Webelos Scouts are encouraged to strengthen ties between the pack and troop. Den leaders, pack leaders, and parents are expected to accompany the boys on approved trips.

RSVP: Please RSVP by Nov. 8 to Stan Harris at harris@auburn.edu or 334-524-9291. Please indicate how many scouts and adults will attend, approximate times they plan to be present, meals that they will have with us, and camping plans.

Troop 29 Quick Facts

History: Troop 29 was chartered in February 1998. The first meeting in April 1998 had six scouts in attendance. Presently the Troop has registered 26 Scouts and 14 Assistant Scoutmasters. The Troop has attended summer camp and received Honor Troop every year of its existence. The Troop has also earned the Quality Unit Award each for the past 10 years.

Rank Advancement: Troop 29 provides activities and leadership for each Scout to advance in rank. This is accomplished through an annual program that consists of weekly Troop meetings, monthly outings and camping, 6 days/nights at summer camp, service projects and fundraisers. Scouts from our Troop have participated in Philmont Scout ranch treks for the last 4 summers. Most of our Scouts reach the rank of First Class within 12 months of joining if they attend Troop meetings and campouts on a regular basis. To date, 18 scouts from the Troop have earned their Eagle; seven of those in the last 12 months.

Meeting Time and Place (unless otherwise announced): Mondays, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Scout room at Auburn United Methodist Church

If you have any questions drop me an email or give me a call.

Yours in Scouting,

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