

Trail to Troop 2025

Lake Shores Territory

Leaders Guide for Packs and Troops



When: October 11, 2025, 1:00–4:00pm (**Troop setup starts at 11am*)

Where: Redmond Municipal Campus
8711 160th Ave NE, Redmond, WA (parking garage address)

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Why Trail to Troop?

Welcome to Trail to Troop. Trail to Troop is a Mini-Day Camp event designed to introduce Arrow of Light (5th grade) and Webelos Scouts (4th grade) to the rich experience of Scouts BSA. This awesome event includes activity sessions with troops from Lake Trails Territory and important information for parents and Scouts about transitioning to Scouts BSA. This is a great opportunity for Webelos Scouts and their parents to observe local troops in action. Especially exciting is that the event serves as a perfect opportunity for Cub Scouts to invite their friends who would like to learn more about the Scout adventures.

Event Overview

The Trail to Troop event is designed to showcase scouting experiences to AOL scouts and prospective scouts in the East Side community. It aims to build confidence in scouts and families considering the transition to troops.

Goals

- Showcase the scouting experience to AOL scouts and prospective scouts
- Build confidence in families considering troop selection
- Highlight Scouts BSA offers Girls unique leadership development opportunities
- Help AoL/Webelos scouts earn requirements for advancement
- Build recruitment skills among older scouts in Scouts BSA
- Promote scouting to Scouting alumni
- Articulate the "journey of scouting" to parents and prospective scouts
- Provide merit badge sign-off opportunities

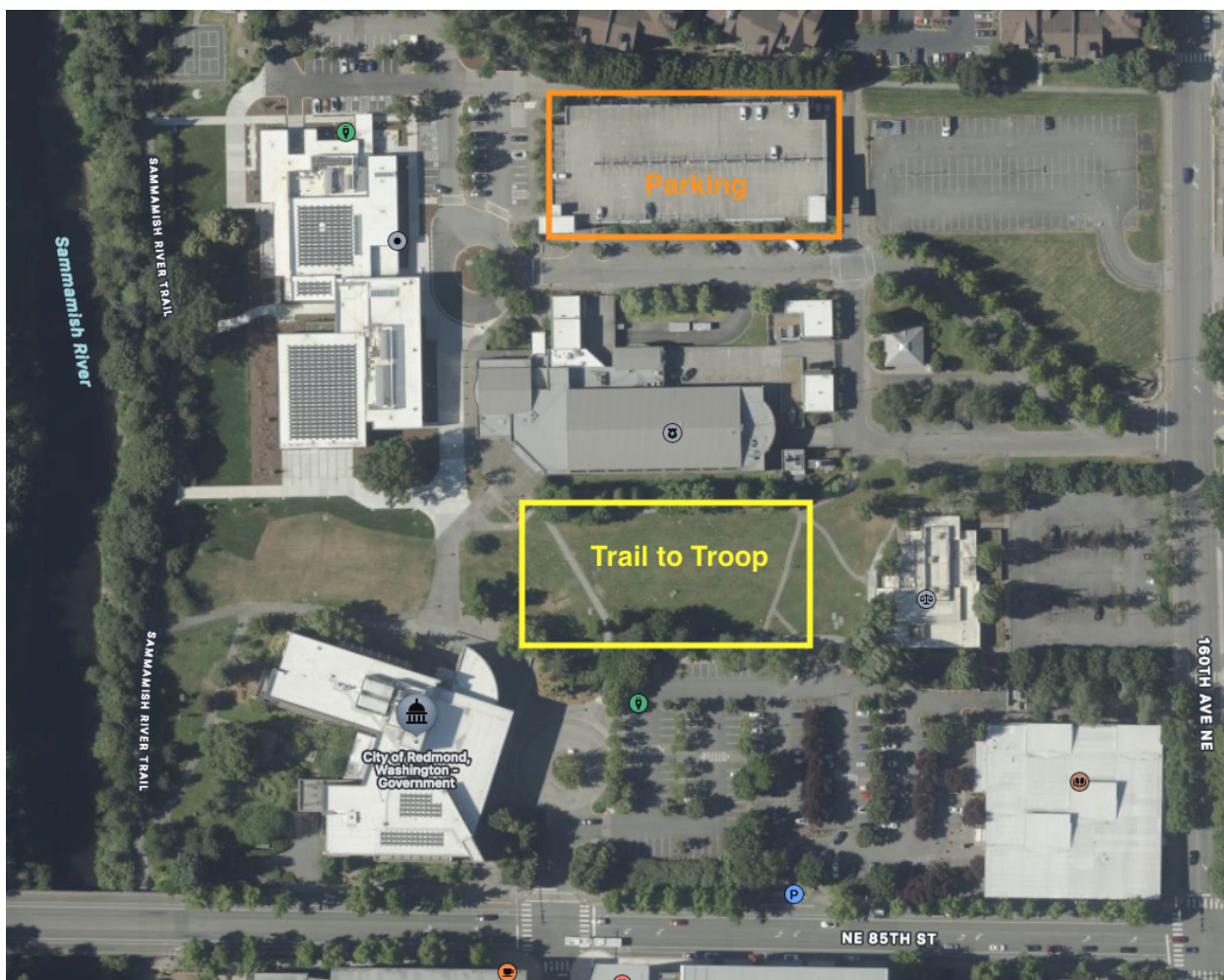
Check-in/Checkout Procedures

Logistics

- Date: October 11th; Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (troops setup at 11:00 AM)
- Location: Redmond Municipal Campus. The lawn area south of the Police station and between City Hall and District Court
- Registration: Central registration at Check-in Station
- Bathrooms: Available in the Community Center and Library

Check-in Station

Check-in will take place at a well-marked Check-in Station. Everyone is encouraged to park at the Municipal Campus Parking Garage, next to the Police Station and Senior Center.



Troop Setup and Break down Schedule

All troops should arrive by 11:00 AM on Saturday for setup. Packs and families are invited to arrive by 1pm. Activities will run through 4pm at which time Break down will start and should be completed by 5pm.

Troop Setup

- Troops can bring canopies with weights (no stakes allowed)
- Tables and Activity supplies
- Recruitment handouts

Troop Break down

- 4-5pm

Camp Rules

The rules at the Trail to Troop follow the Scout Law and common sense.

- Have fun.
- **No fires are allowed.**
- No food at the Troop stations.
- Use of any tools onsite must comply with the [Scouting America SAFE Checklist](#).
- You are responsible for the behavior of your group and must provide adequate supervision.
- The Buddy System must be used at all times.

Trail to Troop Map

Webelos/AoL Scouts will be given a Trail Map and Activity Card that details the activities they can complete at each station. Troops will sign-off the passport for scouts that participate and do their best. At the end of the activities, scouts can bring completed Activity cards to the Check-in Station to document progress and the staff will forward it along to the appropriate Cubmaster for recording in Scoutbook.

Pack Leaders are responsible for entering the completed activities in Scoutbook and awarding the Webelos and AOL pins to the scouts. Adventures completed are listed on the scouts Trail to Troop Passport. Be sure to award these pins at camp or at the next pack/den meeting so that they can proudly show their friends, family, and younger scouts all they accomplished at Trail to Troop.

Trail to Troop Stations

Troop Stations and Activities

Troop Scouts are invited to take part in sharing their experiences in their troop and learn how to promote their troop to prospective Cub Scouts. Troop history, Unique merit badges, fun times, memorable times, experiences that taught life-long lessons. Troops are encouraged to find engaging methods to share the stories of their troop experiences.

Also, Troops are encouraged to host activities in their station to help Cub Scouts earn rank advancements.

Here is a link to the updated Webelos Adventure requirements.

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/adventures/webelos/>

Webelos - 4th Grade Cub Scouts – EXAMPLE Adventures

- Stronger, Faster, Higher (Required Adventure)
- Webelos Walkabout (Required Adventure)
- Build It (Elective Adventure)

Here is a link to the updated Arrow of Light Adventure requirements.

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/adventures/arrow-of-light/>

Arrow of Light - 5th grade Cub Scouts – EXAMPLE Adventures

- Personal Fitness (Required Adventure)
- First Aid (Required Adventure)
- Outdoor Adventure (Elective Adventure)

Examples of what activities can be delivered at Trail to Troop.

Rank	Adventure	Requirement
AOL	Personal Fitness	Requirement 3: Be active for 30 minutes with your patrol, a younger den, or at least one other person in a way that includes both stretching and moving.
AOL	First Aid	Requirement 3: Demonstrate what to do for hurried cases of first aid: serious bleeding, heart attack or sudden cardiac arrest, stopped breathing, stroke, poisoning.
AOL	First Aid	Requirement 6: Demonstrate how to treat the following: cuts and scratches, burns and scalds, bites and stings of insects and animals, and nosebleeds.
Webelos	Stronger, Faster, Higher	Requirement 3: Complete 15 minutes of personal exercises.
Webelos	Webelos Walkabout	Requirement 5: Demonstrate first aid for each of the following events that could occur on your 2-mile walk: blister, sprained ankle, sunburn, dehydration and heat related illness.
Webelos	Build it	Requirement 1: Learn about some basic tools and the proper use of each tool. Learn about and understand the need for safety when you work with tools.

Merit Badge Station

Scouting America's Merit Badge Program will be presented by Florence Baluyot, the Lake Shores Territory's Advancement Chair. It will provide Cub Scout families with insights into how the acclaimed Merit Badge Program of Scouts BSA works.

For Webelos/AoLs and their families:

- Merit Badge Program Introduction for adults and AOLs - Learn about what the Merit Badge Program is all about.
- Merit Badge Counselor Introduction for adults - Learn how to become a Merit Badge Counselor.

For Scouts BSA scouts:

- Scholarship MB Drop in - Requirements will be verified and marked off. BSA Scouts should bring work to **show** and a physical blue card signed by their Scoutmaster.
- Checklist for Merit Badge Counselors attending the event - This is for BSA Scouts that have completed work already done for Merit Badges and are looking for requirements to be verified and marked off. Scouts should have a physical blue card signed by their Scoutmaster. Checklist subject to Merit Badge Counselor availability at the event.
- Merit Badge Clinic - Scouting Heritage Merit Badge. BSA Scouts should bring a physical blue card signed by their Scoutmaster.

Joining Scouts BSA Station

Parents and guardians are invited to attend the Joining Scouts BSA presentation. Representatives from the Council and various troops will be on-hand to lead a discussion and answer questions about the journey scouts and their families have as they transition to Scouts BSA.

Topics covered include:

- Differences Between Cubs Scouts & Scouts BSA
- Troop Basics, What is Scout-led? Troop Meetings, Types of Troops – 3 models to choose from: Single gender, linked, and combined. The options to afford every family a solution regarding gender, and multi-sibling schedule meeting management.
- Girls excelling in Scouts BSA FAQ
- Scouts BSA is for the whole family. Specialized training opportunities for adults in skill growth, leadership, and community service.
- Finding a Troop, Preparing for Summer Camp

“Journey of Scouting” Station: First Class, Eagle, Crew, Ship, and Beyond

Scouting experience provides both the journey and the destination. The journeys afforded to youth as they rise in rank and explore the breadth of Scouting America’s programs are unique and a treasure in American culture. The **Scouting Trails Station** provides a great opportunity to learn about how the phases of growth in Scouting cultivates and delivers tomorrow's leaders. Scouting is active regionally, nationally, and globally with high adventure bases, leadership trainings, and Jamborees, all working together to support a vibrant Scouting movement. In addition to the progression offered in life-skill powered experiences, unique leadership programs like the Order of the Arrow, Scouting’s Honor Society provide Scouts avenues to pursue excellence in merit and community service. This station is great for both Scouting families and families exploring Scouting. Scouts and Adult Volunteers from Venturing Crews and Ships will be on-hand to share information about these programs Scouts and families can continue exploring themed and nautical interests.

Topics discussed include:

- Why Choose Scouting America?
- How does the rank of First Class prepare youth?
- What is an Eagle Scout? How does earning it provide leadership skills.
- What is Order of the Arrow?
- What do Scouts in Venturing Crews and Ships do?
- How can Scouting Alumni get involved?

FAQs

What if my scout doesn't have a field uniform (Blue/Tan Shirt), can they still attend?

Yes, scouts can wear their activity uniform (pack or Scouting t-shirt) if they do not yet have a field uniform. Either uniform is acceptable at Trail to Troop.

Are meals provided?

No. But for those who miss lunch, there are food options in the area.

Are we allowed to have a campfire? Are fire rings allowed?

No.

AoL Crossover Process

The goal of AoL Crossover is to build excitement for AoL Scouts and their families to continue on their Scouting journey. Scouting America suggests the following plan to coordinate the transition. <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/resources/recruitment-marketing/webelos-to-scouts-transition/>

Arrow of Light to Scout Plan

	August	Person Responsible
1	Get names, addresses, and telephone numbers of Arrow of Light Scouts. Record the information on the Arrow of Light Scout Tracking form.	TMC, OALDL, CM
2	Plan a joint Scout troop/Arrow of Light den camping trip for October.	SM, PLC, CM, WDL
3	Schedule the Arrow of Light den visit to the Scouts BSA Troop to complete the Bobcat Adventure requirement.	OALDL, SM, TMC
4	Select a den chief for each Arrow of Light den.	SM, SPL, CM
	September	Person Responsible
1	Mail a letter of introduction from the Scout troop to Arrow of Light families.	TMC, SM
2	Put Arrow of Light Scouts on the mailing list to receive the troop newsletter.	TMC
3	Continue planning the joint camping trip for October.	SM, PLC, CM, AOLDL
	October	Person Responsible
1	Conduct the joint camping trip with the Arrow of Light den.	SM, TMC, SPL, CM, AOLDL
	November	Person Responsible
1	Assist Arrow of Light Den Leader with Adventures at den meetings.	SM, TMC, SPL
2	Have den chiefs attend a local council or district training course.	SM
	December	Person Responsible
1	Confirm the date, time, and location for the Arrow of Light crossover ceremony	SM, TMC, SPL, CM, AOLDL
2	Inform Arrow of Light parents of the dates, location, and costs for Summer Camp.	SM, TMC
	January	Person Responsible
1	Finalized plans for Arrow of Light crossover	SM, SPL, CM, AOLDL
	February	Person Responsible
1	Recommended time to hold cross-over ceremony.	SM, CM, SPL, TMC
2	Get new Scouts actively involved with the troop through troop activities.	TMC, SM, CM
3	Recruit parents of new Scouts to become assistant Scoutmasters or troop committee	TCC, SM
	March	Person Responsible
1	Plan a troop activity for new Scouts to get them involved with their new troop.	PLC, SM, TMC, TG
	April	Person Responsible
1	Conduct summer camp orientation to encourage troop involvement.	SM
2	Sponsor a troop activity for the new Scouts.	SM, TMC, TG, PLC
	May	Person Responsible
1	Work closely with new Scouts and parents during their transition to a troop, ensuring their needs are met and that their move has been natural and fun.	TMC
2	Work on rank advancement with new Scouts.	SM, SPL, TG
	June	Person Responsible
1	Ensure that all new Scouts attend summer camp.	TMC, SM
	July	Person Responsible
1	Work closely with new Scouts and parents during their transition to a troop, ensuring their needs are met and that their move has been natural and fun.	TMC
2	Work on rank advancement with new Scouts.	SM, SPL, TG

- **CM**-Cubmaster
- **PLC**-Patrol leaders' council
- **SM**-Scoutmaster
- **SPL**-Senior patrol leader
- **TCC**-Troop committee chair
- **TG**-Troop guide
- **TMC**-Troop membership chair
- **AOLDL**-Arrow of Light den leader