

***The Gravois Trail First Annual Webelos-Ree
With our Partners from
The River Trails District
September 24th – 26th, 2010***

The camping department from the Gravois Trail District is joining forces with our counterparts in the River Trails District to bring a new and exciting experience to the Webelos Scouts in both Districts. River Trails has used this format for the past three years with great success and we hope to enhance and expand that success into the Gravois Trail Camping program. There will be a few new things introduced and some changes to the old routine, but rest assured, the Scouts will have a fun time and can take extra pride in taking part in the First Gravois Trail Webelos-Ree.

The first thing to know is that this is just for Webelos, their leaders and their parents; the Boy Scouts will be holding their Fall Pacao at a later date in October. The *Rule of Four* adult to Scout ratio is our first rule, so we are encouraging as many adults to attend the weekend as possible. We are planning a special tour of the Ranch for those parents that have never been to S-F, and if there are some who do not like to camp, they can come down on Saturday and join in the days activities. Just make sure that when you pre-register that you add these folks to the list of attendees so they can get their patch and recognition for being involved.

For those that are camping, you can come down on Friday night after 4:00 p.m. and begin to set up your camp. Since you have pre-registered, the camp staff will have a camp site marked off just for you, and when you check in at headquarters, the staff will show you where it is. The registration and permission forms should be available on the Council website, stlbsa.org or by contacting Rob Sinda or Jackie Noel. If you are new to this kind of camping, look up the "camping basics" document or email Randy Doty at dotyrandall@yahoo.com, also remember that parking is limited, so if you can arrange car pools, the staff will be most appreciative.

Friday night will be all yours, as the staff does not have anything special planned ☺ There is no theme to this weekend, so when your Pack is getting together to plan this trip, all they have to prepare are the normal camping basics; **food** (keep cold things cold and locked away from the raccoons), your **shelter** (dining fly's are usually the first thing to go up) and **clothing** (now is a great time to teach the Webelos *what* and *how* to pack). Since you have planned ahead with firewood and cook stoves, drinking water and the First Aid kit, setting up on Friday night should go real smooth, so you can sit back and let the boys enjoy the evening.

Waking up early on Saturday morning will be real easy, since the Scouts were in bed by 10:00, right? Well, the day begins for the Pack leader at 7:30 a.m. with the morning meeting at Gravois Trail HQ so somebody else should have breakfast ready for them before that. At 8:30, the day begins for everyone else as we meet up with the gang from River Trails for the Morning

Rally and flag ceremony. Then at 9:00, the Scouts will begin their journey through the 10 events they have scheduled for the day. They will spend about 30 minutes at each station, and have a break for lunch around noon. Meanwhile, the adults will be either attending *Pressurized Fuel Training* or going for a ride around the ranch and learning about all the great stuff that Scouting at *S bar F Ranch* has to offer. The Scouts will be finished in plenty of time for dinner, and since the *Twelfth Point of the Scout Law is Reverence*, Religious services will be held for Catholics, Lutherans and Protestants beginning around 7:00 p.m. When everyone returns, we will again join our friends from River Trails for a campfire show produced by the Boy Scouts that is sure to hold some special memories and surprises.

The events that the boys will experience are designed to expose them to some of what *Boy Scouts* has to offer. The goal of the BSA Webelos program is to prepare boys for crossing over into the Boy Scouts, but to do it in a fun and exciting way. The events will be operated by Boy Scouts from both Districts and monitored by Webelos-Ree Staff. This is designed to allow the Webelos to see what it means to be a *Boy Scout* by spending time with *Boy Scouts*. This also affords the opportunity for the boys to meet other Scouts their age but also boys from different areas of the District. What we hope to accomplish is that the adult leaders and parents will have to spend less time ushering the Scouts from place to place and that the boys will spend more time doing things they love to do, like shooting BB guns, building fires and learning first aid.

On Sunday morning, the Gravois Trail Webelos-Ree Staff will hold a special closing ceremony for our Scouts, at 9:00 a.m., at which we will award and recognize the people that made this weekend special, beginning with all of the Webelos Scouts that were lucky enough to attend the ***First Annual Gravois Trail Webelos-Ree.***

Friday, September 17th, pre-registration is due

Friday, September 24th, check-in begins at 4:00p.m.

Saturday, September 25th;

7:30 – Leaders meeting at HQ

8:30 – Morning Rally at flag pole (located in middle of campground)

9:00 – Events begin: adults to the tours and training, Scouts to:

BB, Archery, Pioneering, Knife & Axe, Orienteering, operated by River Trails

Cooking, Camping, Fires, First Aid and Games, operated by Gravois Trail

12:15 to 1:25 everyone breaks for lunch

5:00 to 7:00 – Dinner and Down time for Scouts and Adults

7:00 – Religious Services

8:00 – Campfire Show

10:00 – Camp Quiet time

Sunday, September 26th,

9:00 a.m. – Closing Ceremony, Check out and Travel Safely Home