

04/30/2011 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills/Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders Pre-course Meeting Report

The pre-course meeting for Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills/Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders was held on Saturday, April 30, 2011 starting at Noon.

Staffing the event was Paula Ball, Scott Moffett, Bill Paben, and Doug Seidl.

Per information received from Council, only 13 individuals had registered to take this training. Additional calls had been made to the staff from others expressing an interest in attending the training which would put the number to be expected for the pre-course meeting closer to 20.

Actual number in attendance for the pre-course meeting was 25. Calls had been received from two additional participants stating that they would be unable to attend the pre-course meeting which puts the expected number of participants for the May weekend event up to 27 as of April 30, 2011.

Goals of the pre-course meeting:

1. Present "Patrol Leaders Council" video clip and discuss patrol method
2. Patrol assignments –the group was split into 4 patrols and given the following tasks:
 - Select a Patrol Name
 - Design a Patrol Flag
 - Come up with a Patrol Cheer
 - Choose a Patrol Leader to coordinate activities between now and the weekend training event.
 - Determine equipment needs of the patrol
3. Compile list of participants by patrol with contact information. This information will then be sent to each patrol member and member of the staff.

After the pre-course meeting it was determined that staffing needs would be reviewed and additional staff recruited to handle the larger number of participants, especially since registration cut-off was in two weeks. Also, participants for this event also reported difficulties in trying to sign up for the course at the Scout Service center stating that when they called or went to the center they were told by staff members that they had no information about the upcoming training. They were advised to contact/go to the Service Center and ask specifically for Karen Krieger when registering for the course.