



BSA Troop 21 – Webelos Invitation

Webelos II den leaders,

As you prepare your boys to cross over to Boy Scouts next year, BSA Troop 21 in Batavia would like to extend an invitation to meet with our leaders and boys at one of the following times:

1. **Monday Nov 15th 7PM** – Holy Cross Catholic Church – This is a Normal Troop 21 meeting that you can come and observe and during a 30-45 minute slot of this meeting, see a short presentation about Troop 21, interact with our Adult leaders and Boy Scouts directly and ask any questions you may have.
2. **Saturday Nov 6 Noon-3PM** – Batavia VFW Flag Vigil – During this weekend Campout at the VFW in Batavia come see us from noon to 3pm during the Webelos open house. This is an excellent opportunity to visit with and meet all four of Batavia's Boy Scout troops in one location, Come see for yourself what Boy Scouting is all about.
3. **Saturday Dec 11th 11AM - Sun Dec 12th 9 AM** – (Location BSA Camp Big Timber, South Elgin) – This is an overnight cabin campout that any interested Webelos II are invited to participate to get a first-hand look at a typical Troop 21 winter camping experience. Please note, in accordance with BSA rules, one parent is required to attend with each Webelos II that wants to stay overnight. Even if an overnight visit isn't possible we encourage you to come during the day Saturday Dec 12 and meet with Troop 21's Leaders and Scouts one on one, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have about Troop 21 and Scouting in general.

We would like your boys to see for themselves how our troop runs, learn about all the Outdoor activities, High Adventures, Religious Awards and Service projects that we participate in every year. Please take one of these opportunities to talk with our leaders and the young men of Troop 21 and hear why they choose Troop 21, learn about their Scouting experience so far and why they still participate in Scouting.

If you any of the above dates won't work for you, I would also be happy to schedule with you individually to setup a visit during one of your standard den meetings to provide a presentation on Troop 21 and answer any questions you or the boys might have. Please feel free to contact me at (630) 715 1013. Please Visit us online at www.bataviatrop21.org to learn more before you visit, you most likely see some familiar faces.

Yours in Scouting,

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Note: further details and directions to Holy Cross Church and the Batavia VFW are on the back / attached

Note to Parents:

The Boy Scouts of America is built on a core set of principles that guide us in our mission as volunteer adult leaders to provide a safe, exciting way for the boys to learn outdoor skills, develop leadership, serve their community, and strengthen their faith in God and Country. BSA Troop 21 is Chartered by Holy Cross Catholic Church and it is where we have our meetings. We welcome everyone of ALL religious affiliations and indeed have members from a number of denominations in Troop 21. We support Religious Awards for all denominations and respect everyone’s right to practice their faith in the manner that they are accustomed to, so please have an open mind and don’t let that stop you from taking a serious look at the exceptional Scouting program we have to offer you and your son(s). Our Diversity is a strength. If you have concerns please let us know so we can have an open conversation about them.

Note to Webelos I Den Leaders:

During some of our conversations, I recall some of you had Boys or perhaps even Den Leaders that have expressed interest in getting an early start looking into what it is really like in Boy Scouts and would like to know more, if so please feel free to join us at one of the meetings or the VFW Flag Vigil for the Webelos open house.

Finally, if you have any boys that have come this far in Scouting but are uncertain that they want to continue on into Webelos II please encourage them to attend one of these events, so they can make an informed choice about what they will be missing out on with just one more year’s Cub Scouting experience as a Webelos II.

While “skipping” the last year in Cub Scouts and then joining a Boy Scout Troop the following year is possible, the probability is they simply won’t re-engage successfully. They will miss a lot of the preparations done in Webelos II that it takes to make the transition go smoothly. Finally, the Cross over ceremony into Boy Scouts is an extremely memorable event not just for the boy, but his entire family and Pack as well, and at least for many of the boys I talked with about it, it does really change how they view themselves.

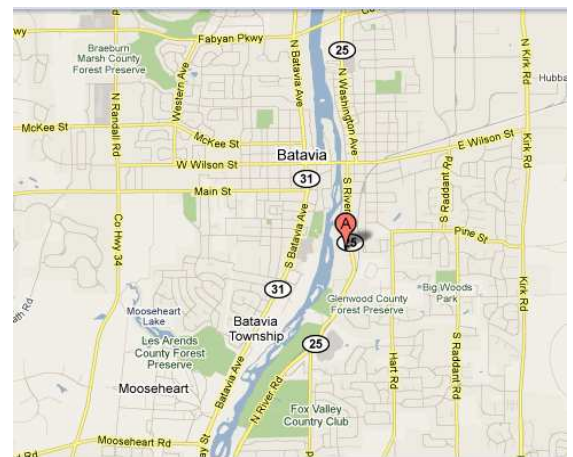
Location and Directions:

Holy Cross Catholic Church

2300 Main St. Batavia IL 60510

Batavia VFW Lodge

645 S River St. Batavia, IL 60510



Holy Cross is located just west of Randall Road on Main Street.

Meetings are held in the Lower Level Multipurpose room ; when You arrive come to the back side of the church (south) and enter Thru the rear doors (South East corner of the building)

Batavia VFW Lodge is located just east of Downtown Batavia , go south on 25 approx ¾ of a mile and it is on the west side of the street, when you arrive , please come directly to the back of the building (towards the river) to Meet all the Boy Scout Troops