Welcome to the Fall 2015 Bike-O-Ree! The entire day Saturday is available for biking or hiking as a patrol or unit, or for other unit activities, and dinner will be provided. Everyone is invited to attend!

**When:** Friday, Sep. 11 – Saturday, Sep. 12, with unit camping until Sunday, Sep. 13  
**Where:** Chimney Park Scout Camp (on Highway 230, 32 miles west of Laramie)

Bike-O-Ree check-in opens at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Sep. 11.

The Bike-O-Ree officially ends at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, but units are welcome to stay over Saturday night. There will be a campfire Saturday night, depending on interest.

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Fees

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The fee includes insurance, Saturday dinner, and a participation patch for the event. The Webelos fee includes cracker barrel on Friday night, and breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday.

Registration

Registration for Troops/Crews and Webelos will close on Friday, Sep. 4, at 11:59 p.m. Registrations will not be accepted after Friday, Sep. 4, due to planning requirements. Registration is only available on-line.

Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Team or Venturing Crew registration: one registration per unit—Scoutmaster, Team Captain or Crew President only, please.

http://ow.ly/LZL7L

Webelos registration: individual registration for each Webelos and parent/guardian or Webelos Den Leader.

http://ow.ly/LZLen
Event Payments

Within 48 hours after registering, you will receive an Event Statement. This will include your total cost based upon the information you provided. Please mail payment to our post office box, or make separate payment arrangements with Carey Anson, District Director. All payments or payment arrangements must be made ahead of the Bike-O-Ree.

Payment can be sent to:

Longs Peak Council BSA
Attn: Fall Bike-O-Ree
P.O. Box 21300
Cheyenne, WY 82003

Check-in Requirements

At check-in, each unit must have the following:

- A paid Event Statement, with attached field receipt or cash register receipt from a Council Service Center or from Carey Anson.
- A completed Tour and Activity Plan. (The Event Statement is not a valid Tour and Activity Plan.)
- A completed Annual Health and Medical Record, Parts A and B, for every attendee. [http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx)
- A completed Activity Consent Form for every youth.
- Two or more registered leaders in attendance at all times.

Directions from Laramie

1. Take I-80 exit 311 to WY 130 West / WY 230 West / Snowy Range Road.
2. Continue on WY 230 West for 32.4 miles.
3. The entrance is on the left (south) side of the road, about one mile after the top of the long hill.
4. If you arrive at the Medicine Bow Rail Trail trailhead or Foxpark / Platte River Access Road, you've gone too far.

Chimney Park Scout Camp on Google Maps

Additional Resources

Chimney Park Trail System

http://www.laramigos.net/dfrick/maps/ChimneyPark.pdf

Medicine Bow Rail Trail

http://www.laramigos.net/dfrick/maps/MedicineBowRailTrail.pdf
http://www.cyclewyoming.org/med-bow-rail-trail/

BSA Guide To Safe Scouting

http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx

Webelos Den Overnight Camping Guidelines

The Spring 2015 Camp-O-Ree kicked off the Cycling merit badge with a mountain bike trail-building project and a bike maintenance and skills clinic. We hope that troops have been working on the merit badge rides over the summer, and that the boys are conditioned and ready to complete their final, long-ride requirement. The Fall 2015 Bike-O-Ree is the place for that! Chimney Park has over 15 miles of double-track loops that can be combined to make a 22-mile trail ride for the Mountain Biking option, or there is a connector to the Medicine Bow Rail Trail for a 50-miler (suitable for hybrids and mountain bikes) for the Road Biking option. Some troops may still be working on their shorter Cycling merit badge rides, or would just like to do some recreational riding—great! Everyone is welcome.

Although originally intended to offer the opportunity for the final ride for the Cycling merit badge, the Bike-O-Ree is open to all, for whatever you'd like to do. There will not be a service project or any organized camp activity, so the entire day is yours to plan as you like. Is your troop working on the Hiking merit badge? The Chimney Park trail system is an interesting location to plan a 10-mile day hike, and for older boys who are ready, the Medicine Bow Rail Trail is the place to step out on the 20-miler! Or how about the third Eagle-option merit badge, Swimming? The lake at Chimney Park Scout Camp is...cold and full of leeches. Nevermind ;-)
Do you have first-year Scouts who attended a "Trail to First Class" session at summer camp, but haven't yet had their skills checked off? Or first-year Scouts who weren't able to attend summer camp? So many troop outings are stuffed with activities that it can be hard to find a day in the outdoors to focus on skills and advancement. The Bike-O-Ree is the perfect opportunity for first-year (and older) Scouts to combine a 5-mile hike with map and compass work, build an ax-yard, practice knots and lashings, build a pioneering structure, etc.

We're providing dinner, so groups that have been out riding, hiking or busy with activities can just show up and eat without having to cook. We'll be serving a baked potato and chili with fixin's, along with lemonade.

**Chimney Park Trail System**

http://www.laramigos.net/dfrick/maps/ChimneyPark.pdf

Chimney Park has 12 miles of double-track trails (Forest Service roads), configured into four loops which connect within ½ mile of Baldwin Lodge. This makes it easy to return to camp to water up, eat or make repairs. A ride or hike of any desired distance can easily be planned from the map, and cross-country navigation by compass or GPS is a fun and challenging option. There are Forest Service trail markers located at points “A” through “G”, which makes it hard to get really lost, but they can be easy to miss if you’re biking fast and watching the ground. Any group that is biking or hiking the trail system should carry a copy of this topo map, a compass, their Outdoor Essentials, and be ready to STOP (Stay Calm, Think, Observe, Plan) if they become unsure of their location, or find themselves at an unexpected road marker or “no trespassing” sign.

The double-track trail is suitable for mountain bikes and hybrids. Most of it is fast riding and not too bumpy, but there are plenty of small rocks and sticks. Watch out for ATVs, hikers and other bike riders on blind corners.

**Medicine Bow Rail Trail**

http://www.laramigos.net/dfrick/maps/MedicineBowRailTrail.pdf

The Medicine Bow Rail Trail (MBRT) is a conversion of the Hahns Peak and Pacific Railroad rail corridor to a public trail for non-motorized use. Grades and curves are gentle. With the connector trail from Chimney Park Scout Camp nearly centered on the MBRT, it is a great location for the Cycling merit badge 50-mile ride. It is also a convenient and fast-traveling trail for the Hiking merit badge 20-mile hike.

The MBRT’s surface is hard-packed gravel, suitable for mountain bikes and hybrids; road bikes are not recommended. Although the trail is about ten feet wide, weeds have grown up on it leaving a much narrower travelled path. Weed clumps and cow footprints make for a somewhat bumpy surface. If you've been biking on dirt trails or gravel roads then the surface won't be much of a surprise, but don't expect the MBRT to ride like a paved urban path.
The simplest way to cover almost exactly 50 miles is to ride from Chimney Park Scout Camp to one end of the MBRT, back to camp (great opportunity to water up and eat!), then from camp to the other end of the MBRT, and back to camp. (If you don’t take the trip back to camp in the middle, you’ll end up three miles short of 50 and will need to make it up somewhere.) There are three trailheads with parking lots to the north from the Chimney Park Scout Camp connector, and two to the south, which offer the ability to provide vehicle support for your riders. Note: Dry Park Road/FS 517 is closed east of the Dry Park Trailhead, so do not try to drive to Dry Park or Lake Owen via Fox Creek Road/CR 47; instead, use Foxpark - Platte Creek Access Road/FS 512. There is a $5 day-use fee at all the trailheads except Dry Park. (The National Forest Day Use Pass and Interagency Recreation Passes are accepted.)

From Chimney Park Scout Camp to the Lincoln Gulch Trailhead, and back, is just over 10 miles, which is a good distance for a day hike. However, a 10-mile hike in the Chimney Park Trail System would probably be more interesting and scenic. From Chimney Park Scout Camp to the Lake Owen Trailhead is 10.5 miles (one way).

**Biking / Hiking Support, and Activity Coordination**

Units are responsible for supporting their own traveling groups. Scouts are expected to travel on their own and provide their own route-finding and first aid skills, but bikes and people do break down. One of the advantages of Chimney Park Scout Camp is that the Chimney Park trails are all reasonably close (two miles at the farthest point), and there are vehicle-accessible trailheads spaced along the Medicine Bow Rail Trail.

The registration form provides an area where you can describe your unit’s planned activities. We will look at the combined set of plans, and contact registered units to see if we can coordinate support. For example, if there are five troops each with a group taking a 50-mile ride, we could arrange for each troop to provide support at just one trailhead for all passing groups. As another example, if there are only one or two boys in each of several troops who are ready for a 20-mile hike, they could band together to meet the 4-person minimum traveling group size. And if there are several troops planning for some boys to work on Tenderfoot–Second Class–First Class rank requirements, they could pool instructors and combined the boys into a larger group, if desired.

**Communications**

Cell phone service is spotty to nonexistent across the entire area, so do not depend on it to coordinate travel or support. If you are an amateur radio operator, we'll be on 146.460 MHz.

**Troop/Crew Camping**

The Bike-O-Ree is a Friday-Saturday event. Units are welcome to remain after the Bike-O-Ree ends, and stay over Saturday night. Each unit needs to ensure Two-Deep Leadership guidelines are followed at all times.
Campsites
Units may camp anywhere at Chimney Park Scout Camp, however no tents may be placed within 70 feet of the trees.

Cooking & Meals
A well with potable water is available. Saturday dinner is provided (baked potato and chili); other meals at camp are the responsibility of each unit. (We will provide all meals for Webelos and Webelos adults.)

Fires
Depending on conditions, there may be no open fires. Fires are prohibited except in existing concrete fire pits or contained fire pans. It is preferred that cooking be done on camp stoves. Please be mindful of the BSA policy on chemical fuels and equipment. Each unit should have a fire plan for their campsite. Fireworks and personal firearms are prohibited.

Noise
The Outdoor Code prohibits excessive noise. Camp Quiet Time is from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Wildlife
Please remind your Scouts about the dangers of encountering a wild animal. Be aware that harassment of wildlife is prohibited by law.

Pets
Animals and pets are not part of tours or activities in Scouting—please do not bring them.

First Aid
Each unit will be responsible for caring for its own minor first aid needs in camp and on the trails, and must have a first aid kit in their campsite at all times.

Any serious injuries must be brought to the attention of the Bike-O-Ree staff. As a reminder, Scouts’ medical needs are the responsibility of the unit’s adult leaders.

Please keep in mind that the weather can be unpredictable, so be prepared for wet and cold conditions.
Adult Leadership

BSA National policy mandates that Boy Scout Troops have at least two registered adult leaders in attendance, one over age 21 and another over age 18. For Venturing Crews, both adults must be over age 21, and for Co-ed Crews, at least one male and one female leader must be present. **Two-Deep Leadership must be on hand at all times.** Leaders will camp and eat with their units. No Scout will be allowed out of the Chimney Park Scout Camp area unless their unit leader has given approval. Unit leaders assume full responsibility for their Scouts at all times. This applies to Webelos as well.

Buddy System

Please enforce the Buddy System. Scouts should travel everywhere with at least one buddy. If on the trail for a bike ride or hike, there must always be at least four in the group!

Respect Property

Supervise your Scouts. Stress the importance of *Leave No Trace* camping. Thoroughly inspect and clean up your camp area prior to leaving at the end of the event.

Conduct

Scouts attending the Bike-O- Ree are encouraged to have a good time and enjoy the experience, but at all times all attendees are expected to obey the Scout Oath and Law. There will be no night raids, no ambushes, no hazing, no littering, no vandalism, and no profanity.
Webelos, Parents/Guardians and Webelos Den Leaders

The Fall 2015 Webelos-Ree is held in conjunction with the Bike-O-Ree, allowing Webelos to see Boy Scout Troops in action, while having an exciting outdoor program of their own. The Webelos will go on a three-mile hike on Saturday morning. After lunch, there will be a separate Webelos Adventure program. Come have some fun and learn outdoor Scouting skills!

BSA guidelines allow Webelos Scouts to camp overnight; of course, this is a family decision. Webelos Scouts and their parent(s)/guardian(s) are welcome to come and camp as a family with us Friday night, or show up for just the day on Saturday.

For Webelos dens staying overnight, Webelos Den Overnight Camping rules will need to be followed. From the Guide to Safe Scouting: “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. Den leaders, pack leaders, and parents are expected to accompany the boys on approved trips.” No youth will be allowed to stay in the tent of an adult other than his parent or legal guardian.

Use of the Webelos Scout Overnight Checklist will help simplify the planning of your overnight Webelos outing.


If the Webelos Scout is not camping Friday night, he is still welcome to show up for the full day on Saturday, including breakfast. Please be sure he arrives at Chimney Park Scout Camp in time for morning flags and announcements. The hike will start promptly after flags.

Webelos Scouts and accompanying adults should bring the Outdoor Essentials in a light pack:

1. First aid kit
2. Filled water bottle
3. Flashlight
4. Trail food
5. Sunscreen
6. Whistle
7. Map and compass
8. Rain gear
9. Pocketknife
10. Matches or fire starters

Webelos Adventure!

The afternoon activity will focus on the outdoor skills of the Webelos adventures, along with camping and hiking skills such as fire building, cooking, knife safety and care, tracking and game sign identification. The Fall 2015 Webelos-Ree is a great time for Webelos Scouts to develop these crucial skills that are required in Boy Scouting!
# Bike-O-Ree Schedule

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