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ARROW OF LIGHT WEEKEND

LEADERS GUIDE

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What is the Arrow of Light Weekend?

The Arrow of Light Weekend is a fun filled camping event for Arrow of Light Scouts put on and sponsored by the Order of the Arrow. Arrow of Light Scouts will participate in team-building exercises, work on skills, and possibly complete some requirements toward the Arrow of Light Award.

This Weekend also gives scouts an opportunity to experience a taste of what a Scouts BSA summer camp is like, especially in the Spirit of Adventure Council. Scouts will be able to rotate between many of the activity areas that are available during the summer and get to know some of the camp counselors who normally run summer programs.

Everyone will participate in a typical Summer Camp Dining Hall experience as well as enjoy the sites that every scout enjoys in camp on a daily basis. See the Program information for more details.

What is the Order of the Arrow and Pennacook Lodge?

The Order of the Arrow (the OA) is Scouting's National Honor Society, and is considered Scouting's older youth program that allows youth to be active until age 21. Pennacook Lodge is the OA program for the Spirit of Adventure Council that serves its scouting units, the Council and its camps.

Pennacook Lodge's leaders and members are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long term summer resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others. Pennacook Lodge also develops young people, through training and leadership opportunities, with the willingness, character, spirit, and ability to advance Scouting and its mission.



Location

Wah-Tut-Ca Scout Reservation

292 Blakes Hill Road

Northwood, NH 03261

Directions

From I-93 - Take I-93N to Exit 15E in Concord, New Hampshire. Take I-393 East to Route 4 East. Take Route 4 East to the traffic rotary in Epsom, about 8 miles from I-93. Continue East on Route 4 into Northwood, NH. Turn right onto Blake's Hill Road, about 7 miles from the rotary. The camp entrance is approximately 1.5 miles on the right.

From I-95 - Take I-95N to exit 4 (the Route 4/Route 16 split) in New Hampshire. Follow Route 4W/16N for 5.7 miles to exit 6W - Route 4 west. Follow Route 4 west for about 22 miles to Blake's Hill Road in Northwood, NH. Turn left onto Blake's Hill Road. The camp entrance is approximately 1.5 miles on the right.



Logistics

Date and Time

The Arrow of Light Weekend will be from

Starts: Friday September 17 at 6:00 PM until

Ends: Sunday September 19 when camp closes at 11:00 AM

Arrival

Please arrive at Wah-Tut-Ca on Friday between 6:00 PM and 7 PM. Registration begins at 6:00 PM, but arriving by 7:00 PM gives dens time to set up their campsite before the opening campfire.

Gear

See pages 11 and 12 for a packing list of personal and den gear.

Upon arriving at camp, drivers will be sent to a parking and gear drop-off area. Expect that some of your gear will be transported to your campsite via our camp vehicles. Other personal gear such as your back pack can be carried. Please bring coolers and other similar containers to protect food you bring against weather and animals. Since this is off-season, we also have a carry-in, carry-out policy.

Medical Forms/Special Accommodations

Scouts BSA medical forms parts A and B are both required for this weekend, and can both be found at the link below. If any scouts or adults require special accommodations of any kind, please contact AOL@OAPennacook as soon as possible.

BSA Medical Forms Parts A & B: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf



Registration Details

Registration for the Arrow of Light weekend is done online at:

OAPennacook.org/AOL

Units will pay ahead of time for a more seamless and quick check-in.

Price: \$25.00 per AOL Scout

. \$20.00 per Adult leader and/or Parent

As groups arrive at camp, staff will direct them to check-in. All participants will be required to wear wristbands to help identify those who have checked in.

All Arrow of Light staff will be available throughout the weekend to answer any questions you might have. You can also contact youth representatives by email with any questions, comments or concerns you may have.

Contact Information

We are here to answer any questions, comments, or concerns about the weekend that you might have before, during, and after the weekend.

AOL Chair and Program Sachem - Patricia Ducharme, **AOL@OAPennacook.org**

Lodge Vice Chief - Delia Hanna, **vicechief@OAPennacook.org**

Lodge Chief - Thomas Burns, **chief@OAPennacook.org**

AOL Associate Adviser - Angela Rzeszut, **AOL@OAPennacook.org**

Any emails you send to the above emails will also be forwarded to an adult advisor for YPT purposes. If you don't receive a timely response, you can also email Lodge Adviser Tom Markham directly at **adviser@oapennacook.org**.



Program Information

During Friday night check in, each den will be assigned a campsite and a guide to help lead you to it and set up. After check in, there will be a Friday night campfire where the AOL Camp staff will perform songs and skits.

Arrow of Light scouts will get the opportunity to perform their own songs/skits at the Saturday night closing campfire. Please come prepared with your songs/skits, and be ready to perform them!

This Arrow of Light weekend will have both fun and educational events planned. It is up to you whether you feel your Webelos have completed requirements outlined in the Webelos Handbook. Currently we are planning activities such as Archery, BB's, Handicrafts, Sports, Frontier, Waterfront, and STEM, although these are subject to change based on equipment availability, staffing, weather, and other factors.



COVID-19 and Social Distancing

Upon arrival at camp, all scouts, leaders and parents will check-in with the health & safety officer. Please provide a completed Pre-Camp Covid Questionnaire form for every attendee. This form will ask if each participant has symptoms of the coronavirus, and is fit to participate in the weekend's activities. Provided it accurately reflects the 24-hour period immediately prior to arrival at camp, parents of Webelos/AOL Scouts may sign this form ahead of time and have the participating Cub leader turn the forms in at on-site Check-In.

This Pre-Camp Covid Questionnaire is available in this Leaders Guide on the last page. Please copy as needed.

A sign-in log (with names and phone numbers of all that are attending) will be maintained for potential Contact Tracing purposes.

All attendees will be following all COVID Safety Protocols under the Spirit of Adventure Council's Gear 4 requirements, including small groups, social distancing, frequent hand washing/sanitizing, and the wearing of face masks for all indoor activities, except when eating. More information may be found on the Council's website at www.scoutspirit.org/reopening.

The Spirit of Adventure Council encourages all scouts age 12+, scout leaders and parents to get fully vaccinated. If you have any concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to us at: AOL@OAPennacook.org.



Schedule* (Subject to Change)

Friday, September 17

Time	Activity	Location
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Scouts Arrive	Main Parking Lot
9:00 PM	Opening Campfire	Clayton Lane Stockade
10:00 PM	Lights Out	Campsites

Saturday, September 18

Time	Activity	Location
7:00 AM	Wake Up and Breakfast	Campsites
8:00 AM	Morning Colors and Opening	Dining Hall
8:30 AM - 11:20 AM	Morning Program Sessions	Assorted Locations
11:30 AM - 11:50 AM	Lunch	Campsites
12:30 PM - 5:40 PM	Afternoon Program Sessions	Assorted Locations
6:00 PM	Dinner (in Class A Uniforms)	Dining Hall
9:00 PM	Closing Campfire	Clayton Lane Stockade
10:30 PM	Lights Out	Campsites

Sunday, September 19

Time	Activity	Location
7:00 AM	Wake Up	Campsites
7:45 AM	Closing Ceremony and Colors	Dining Hall
7:55 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
11:00 AM	Camp Closes	Campsites

*Please note exact times and locations maybe updated the night before upon review of the staff and an updated Schedule will be issued at the start of day on Saturday.



Food Information

We ask all Dens to be prepared to cook on their own for Saturday breakfast and lunch. Refrigeration will not be provided for food. Dens will be provided Saturday dinner, and Sunday breakfast by the Staff of Pennacook Lodge. The dining hall will be in use this year for everyone.

We will not be able to provide cooking tools, stoves, or the like. If your Den does not have all the tools you need, please ask your local Boy Scout troop if they have any equipment you can borrow.

Allergy Concerns and Accommodations

The AOL Weekend requires the submission of a completed official BSA Health and Medical History form, Parts A and B. Included on this form is a section for parental disclosure of any food or environmental allergies that a scout may have. Pennacook Lodge takes seriously any and all concerns about a scout's or a scout leader's health and safety due to allergies and we ask that proper sharing of information be made by parents or guardians.

Our health and safety officer must be aware of any such allergies that may be in camp and our food services adviser must be prepared to provide alternative meals. Alternative meal options also apply to any participant requiring such accommodation. Please let us know in advance by calling or emailing one of the associate advisers noted below.

In addition to completing and submitting the BSA health form upon arrival at camp, any parent, guardian, or unit leader is welcome to reach out to the lodge administration directly to inform us about any food or environmental allergies. Please contact Associate Advisers James Bradley or Angela Rzeszut at **AOL@OAPennacook.org**.



Personal Gear Checklist

- Class "A" Webelos Uniform
- Webelos Handbook
- Tent & Ground cloth
- Backpack or duffle bag
- Weather appropriate clothing such as:
Rain gear, jacket, Poncho and/or coat, as needed based on weather
- Sleeping Bag
- Pajamas
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Mess Kit
- Sturdy Shoes, such as sneakers or hiking boots (opened toed shoes are not allowed)
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Flashlight/Headlamp
- Hat
- 2 face masks
- Refillable water bottle
- Hand sanitizer
- Small notebook and pen

Please label all gear with your name and unit number so that in the event you lose or misplace it, it can be identified and returned to you.



Den Gear

- Rain or dining fly
- Rope
- Trash Bags
- Food
- Camp Stove if needed to cook meals
- Cook kit and utensils
- Containers to Carry Water
- Containers for food (coolers, etc)

If needed, please check with your local Scout troop for the possibility of borrowing camping gear, as most troops will gladly provide tents and/or outdoor cooking gear for a Webelos group.

Please label all gear with your unit number in the event that it gets lost or misplaced. Drinking water, toilets, and showers will be available at camp. This is a carry in, carry out event, so all trash you create over the course of the weekend must be collected and carried out at the end of the weekend.



Pre-Camp Questionnaire/Checklist Staff & Campers

Due to the pandemic and State guidelines we are required to ask the following questions before we can allow attendees into Camp. Parents please answer all the questions below for your child and present this sheet when checking in at camp.

Camper or Staff Name: _____ **Date:** _____

- 1.) In the past 14 days, have you had close contact with a person known to be infected with the (COVID-19 virus)? . . . Yes No
- 2.) Today or in the past 24 hours, have you or any household members had any of the following symptoms?
- Do you have a Fever (temperature of 100°F or above), felt feverish, or had chills? Yes No
 - Do you have a cough? Yes No
 - Do you have a sore throat? Yes No
 - Do you have difficulty breathing? Yes No
 - Do you have gastrointestinal symptoms (diarrhea, nausea, vomiting)? Yes No
 - Do you feel Fatigued? (Fatigue alone should not exclude a child from participation) Yes No
 - Do you have a Headache? Yes No
 - Do you have a new loss of smell/taste? Yes No
 - Do you have new muscle aches? Yes No
 - Do you have any other signs of illness? Yes No

Presenting this completed questionnaire will speed up the check-in and we can get to the fun stuff much quicker. By signing below I attest this daily self screening to be accurate to the best of my ability.

Parent or Staff Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



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