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NEW ENGLAND BASE CAMP

411 UNQUITY RD, MILTON, MA





Arrow of Light Weekend

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Order of the Arrow, Spirit of Adventure Council

New England Base Camp **September 19 - 20, 2026**

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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 sponsored by and run 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 gives scouts an opportunity to experience unique and fun opportunities that they will do as scouts in a Scouting America troop.

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 leadership 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.

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

- ☐ *Co-Chairs – Rain Carlisle and Leah Downs, AOL@OAPennacook.org*
- Lodge Chief – Ryan Titcomb, chief@OAPennacook.org*
- Lodge CEO – Ben Freisner, ceo@OAPennacook.org*

Any emails you send to the above youth leader emails will also be forwarded to an adult adviser for YPT purposes. If you don't receive a timely response or have a sensitive question, you may also email Lodge Adviser Tom Markham directly at adviser@oapennacook.org.



The Facts & Logistics 2026

Location

New England Base Camp
411 Unquity Road
Milton, MA 02186
www.newenglandbasecamp.org

Date and Time

The Arrow of Light Weekend will be from

Starts: Saturday, September 19 at 7:15am until

Ends: Sunday, September 20 when camp closes at 11:00am

Arrival

Please arrive at camp on Saturday morning between 7:00am and 9:00am. Carpooling is strongly encouraged. Registration begins at 7:00am and we recommend arriving as early as possible to give your scouts time to set up their campsite before engaging and enjoying their busy Scouting day at camp.

Gear, General Information, Trash

See pages 9 and 10 for a packing list of personal and den gear.

Upon arriving at camp, drivers will be directed to a parking and gear drop-off area as personal vehicles will not be allowed in campsites. Expect that much your gear will be transported to your campsite via our camp vehicles. Other personal gear such as your backpack can be carried; as it's intended. Please have coolers and other similar containers to protect the food you bring against weather and animals. Please anticipate your stay generating trash and come prepared with trash bags. Camp staff will pick up your filled trash bags on Sunday morning from the edge of your campsite along the camp road for disposal.



Medical Forms/Special Accommodations

All participants, youth and adults, are required to provide a completed hard copy official Scouting America medical forms parts A and B for this weekend, and both can be found at the link below. Medical forms are to be submitted upon arrival Saturday morning. Electronic copies cannot be accepted. If any scouts or adults require special accommodations of any kind, including physical, medical, allergy and/or dietary, please email Pennacook Lodge at AOL@OAPennacook.org as soon as possible and reference on the health form.

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 the Pennacook Lodge website: www.OAPennacook.org/registration

Units and/or individuals must register and should pay ahead of time (online) so we can schedule campsite and program needs and to support a more seamless and quicker check-in upon arrival at camp.

*Price: \$35.00 per AOL Scout, to include all program and t-shirt
 \$20.00 per adult leader and/or Parent*

We encourage all attendees to try to car-pool rides among those scouts, Cub leaders, and parents within the same dens, packs, or towns.

As groups arrive at camp, OA 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 Weekend OA staff will be available throughout the weekend to answer any questions you might have and support your stay in camp.



Program Information, Camp Meals, AOL Adventures

SET UP CAMP: During Saturday morning check in, each den or individual AOL scout and parent will be assigned a campsite and an OA staff guide to help lead you to it and get set up. Upon arrival in your campsite, AOL den leaders are encouraged to set up camp at that time as once the program rotation begins, den time gets scheduled for the rest of the day. Please be sure to have your AOL scouts involved in setting up camp, their tents, stowing their gear, etc. to foster an outdoor camping experience from the onset.

MEALS: AOL Scouts and parents/leaders will prepare Saturday lunch and Sunday breakfast in their campsite with food and cooking equipment that you bring with you. Saturday dinner will be provided for all attendees prepared and served by the OA camp staff at the camp dining hall.

THEME & PROGRAM: This Arrow of Light weekend's theme is **Arrow 5-0, a take on a Hawaii 5-0 mystery puzzle and a celebration of 2026 being the 50th Anniversary of the OA hosting an AOL/Webelos weekend.** We will have both fun and educational activities, including the opportunity to complete certain AOL Adventures' requirements through activities led by the OA staff. As Den and Pack leaders, it is up to you whether you feel your AOL scouts have completed requirements as outlined in the Official Handbook.

Currently we are planning the below Elective Adventures and other skills as led by the OA staff; although these are subject to change based on equipment availability, weather, and other factors.

- Archery (engaged scouts can complete)
- BB Guns (engaged scouts can complete)
- Estimations (engaged scouts can complete)
- Into The Woods (engaged scouts can complete)
- Cooking & Fire Starting (a den challenge)
- Arts & Crafts
- Games & Sports (a special surprise, Hawaiian Theme activity)
- Den Time, campfire planning



Schedule* (*Subject to Change*)

Saturday, September 19

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:00am – 9:00am	Registration/Arrive at Camp Set up campsites, tents, etc.	Main Parking Lot Campsites
9:15am	Morning Colors and Opening	Hayden Tarmac
9:30am – 12:00pm	Morning Program Sessions	Assorted Locations
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch	Campsites
1:10pm – 5:30pm	Afternoon Program Sessions	Assorted Locations
6:00pm	Dinner (in Class A Uniform)	Luau Tent
8:00pm	Campfire & Theme Show	Council Amphitheater
10:30pm	Lights Out	Campsites

Sunday, September 20

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:00am	Wake Up Breakfast in your campsites	Campsites
8:45am	Closing Ceremony and Colors AOL Awards	Council Amphitheater
9:15am	Return to campsite to breakdown, Prep gear for pickup by OA staff	Campsites
9:30am-11:00am	OA staff pick up gear from campsites, per schedule	
11:00 AM	Camp Closes	

* Please note exact times and locations may be updated throughout the weekend based on program need and weather conditions. An updated Den Guide schedule will be issued at the start of day on Saturday.



Meals and Cooking Information

We ask all Dens to be prepared to provide and cook on their own for Saturday lunch and Sunday breakfast. Refrigeration will not be available for food. All participants will be provided Saturday dinner prepared by the Culinary Staff of Pennacook Lodge.

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

Allergy Concerns and Accommodations

The AOL Weekend requires the submission of a completed official Scouting America 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 dietary restrictions 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 or dietary restrictions that may be in camp and our food services adviser must be prepared to provide alternative meals at dinner. Alternative meal options also apply to any participant requiring such accommodation. Please let us know in advance by calling or emailing the Associate Lodge Adviser noted below

In addition to completing and submitting the Scouting 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 Adviser for Administration, James Bradley at: AOL@OAPennacook.org.



Personal Gear Checklist

- Class "A" Webelos/AOL Uniform
- Webelos/AOL 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 – Be prepared.
- Sleeping Bag, and blanket, pillow
- Pajamas
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Mess Kit (eating utensils, fork, spoon, etc.)
- Sturdy Shoes, such as sneakers or hiking boots
(opened toed shoes, such as flip-flops or sandals, are not allowed)
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Flashlight/Headlamp
- Hat
- Refillable water bottle
- Hand sanitizer
- Small notebook and pen

NOTE: *Please label all gear with your name and Pack 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 (a tarp at least 10x10 in size)
- Rope or para-cord for use in securing tents and hanging the tarp
- Trash Bags
- Food for Saturday lunch and Sunday breakfast (all food should be stored securely in coolers)
- Camp Stove with propane (if needed to cook meals)
- Cook kit (pots and pans) and cooking utensils (spatula, large spoon)
- Containers to carry water (water for drinking and cooking available at camp, but you will need your own containers)
- Containers for food (coolers, secure bins with lids, 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 Cub/AOL 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, (partially) carry out event, meaning all trash you create over the course of the weekend must be collected and carried to the edge of the camp road for the camp staff to dispose of in camp dumpsters.