



TRAIL TO TROOP

2026

AN AOL ADVENTURE WEEKEND

OCTOBER 23–25, 2026

One trail ends. Another begins.

Trail to Troop—Because every great Scout deserves a great start in Scouts BSA.

WHO



- **Primary Audience:** Arrow of Light Scouts.
- **Supporting Participants:** AOL Den Leaders, Scouts BSA troops, and volunteer staff.
- **Special Invitation:** Non-Scouting youth (5th grade–18 years old) are invited to attend the Saturday daytime program (9:00 AM–3:00 PM) as prospective members.

WHAT



Trail to Troop is a council-wide weekend experience designed to prepare Arrow of Light Scouts for the transition into Scouts BSA.

Throughout the weekend, participating troops will host interactive activity stations showcasing the unique opportunities available within their units. Scouts will experience hands-on adventures such as outdoor skills, climbing, fishing, Dutch oven cooking, STEM activities, and other troop specialties while completing Arrow of Light requirements and building relationships with prospective troops.

- ☒ **AOL Den Leaders:** This weekend is built with your den in mind—help your Scouts check so many things off their list, build excitement for crossover, and make connections that will help them take the next step with confidence. The AOL year is amazing, but it goes fast—Trail to Troop helps you make the most of it!

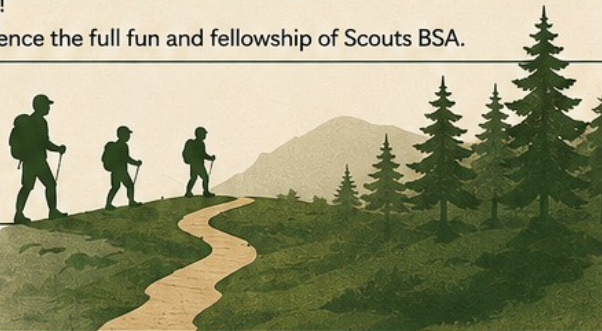
Troops and Scouts will camp together and experience the full fun and fellowship of Scouts BSA.

WHEN



OCTOBER 23–25, 2026

A full weekend experience with a Saturday day program (9:00 AM–3:00 PM) available for visiting non-Scouting youth.



WHERE



CAMP MOUNTAINEER

The trail to your next adventure begins here!

WHY



The Arrow of Light year is the most important transition in Scouting. Trail to Troop is designed to:

- ✓ Strengthen the transition from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA.
- ✓ Increase retention by creating meaningful connections between AOL Scouts and local troops.
- ✓ Allow troops to showcase their unique programs in a fun, engaging environment.
- ✓ Help Scouts complete Arrow of Light requirements while building excitement for crossover.
- ✓ Introduce prospective youth and families to Scouting through a welcoming, hands-on experience.

Rather than simply telling Scouts what Scouts BSA offers, Trail to Troop allows them to experience it firsthand.

COST



EARLY BIRD PRICING

Register by September 30, 2026



\$30

TWO-NIGHT CAMPING
per person

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Register by September 30, 2026



\$20

SATURDAY ONLY
(INCLUDES NON-SCOUTING FRIEND)
per person



After September 30, 2026, regular pricing will apply:

- Two-Night Camping **\$40** per person
- Saturday Only **\$30** per person

All participants must register in advance.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES



Increased Arrow of Light to Scouts BSA crossover rates



Stronger relationships between packs and troops



Greater awareness of troop programs across the council



Increased recruitment through the Saturday guest invitation



A memorable capstone experience for Arrow of Light Scouts before crossover

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