



## ARROW OF LIGHT WEEKEND LEADERS GUIDE

**What:** The 2025 Arrow of Light/Webelos weekend is an opportunity for all registered AOL and Webelos Scouts to come get a firsthand look at life as a member of Scouts BSA Troop.

**Where:** Pine Hill Scout Reservation, 120 Watsontown New Freedom Road, Pine Hill NJ 08021

**When:** October 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Open** to all registered AOL and WEBELOS Scouts, Scouts BSA Troops and BSA Crew Members.

**Event Details:** Scouts BSA is a youth-led program, where the scouts run the program with guidance from the adult leaders. Within each Troop you find Patrols. Each Patrol is led by a Patrol leader, who in turn reports to the Senior Patrol leader.

Cubs attending the AOL/WEBELOS Weekend will be assigned to a temporary Patrol for the weekend. To Each of these Patrols we will assign a Patrol Leader from one of the Scouts BSA Troops in attendance. The Patrol leader will lead their patrol as they visit different sites throughout the day. At each station the Cubs will gain knowledge and begin to develop skills that will help them in their future Troops.

Parents are encouraged to follow along with their Scouts; however, we ask that they allow the Patrol leader to lead. In Scouts BSA, adults are there to ensure the safety of the scouts and to provide guidance.

Saturday night we will have a campfire, in the Campfire circle. Each patrol will be asked to perform a song or skit during the campfire. This is a long-standing tradition in the Scouts BSA program. One of the stations that the "Patrol" will visit during the day is to help them prepare and practice their song or Skit.

There will be time set aside to allow the Pack/Troops to prepare the noon and evening meals on Saturday

**Camping Details:** There will be two options for camping. The first is that a Troop may invite a Pack to camp with the Troop. In this option, the Troop and the invited packs will work together to set up camp and provide food and drinks for the weekend.

The second option is for a pack to camp on its own. With this option, the individual Packs will setup their own campsite, and will be responsible for food and drinks for the Pack.

**Food and Drinks:** We will not be providing food or drinks for this event. Each Troop/Pack/Crew will be responsible for providing food and drinks for their unit.

## **BSA Camping Rules:**

Scouts BSA has established the following guidelines for safe and quality camping experiences:

- At a minimum one leader present must be current in Hazardous weather training for all unit types.
- Cub scout packs and WEBELOS/AOL dens who camp overnight must have a BALOO trained leader present.
- Each WEBELOS/AOL scout should attend with their parents or Guardian. If the parent or guardian is unable to attend, the scout may attend under the supervision of at least two registered leaders. The parent or guardian and the leadership must agree to this arrangement and all Youth Protection policies apply.

## **Activity Consent form**

- All Scouts must present a signed Scouting America Activities consent Form before being allowed to participate in either the Archery or BB Shooting activities. The form must be signed by the Parent or legal Guardian of the Scout.

## **Range and Target Acquisition Activities**

- Parents Must be present when their scouts are participating in either of the Range and Target Acquisition activities (Archery & BB shooting)

## **Questions and Answers**

- Are parents allowed to attend
  - Yes, parents are allowed to attend
- What does it cost
  - The fee is \$10.00 for all cubs and Cub's parents attending

- Do I need to camp overnight
  - NO. You can attend the Saturday events only
- Do I need to provide my own camping gear
  - Yes, unless you are camping with a Troop, and they are providing the camping equipment.
- Am I required to camp with a Troop
  - NO. Packs may camp on their own
- My Pack is not attending, can I still come?
  - Yes, individual scouts may attend, but a Parent or Guardian must accompany the cub for the entire event.
- Do I need to provide my own food and drink
  - YES, each Pack/Troop/Crew or individual scout must provide their own food and drink for the weekend
- Do I need to register
  - YES, all Scouts, parents and adult leaders must be registered. We ask that units register as a group. This improves communications
- What time does the event start?
  - Checking for camping will open at 600 PM on Friday night
  - Opening ceremony will be at 830 AM on Saturday
- Do I need medical forms
  - Yes. The pack/Troop/crew should have a completed BSA medical form on hand for all youth and adults attending with their unit
  - Medical forms will NOT be collected.
- Will I be allowed to drive to my camp site
  - Yes, one car at a time from each unit will be allowed to drive to the camp site, drop off equipment, and then exit to the parking lot
  - Unit trailers and the vehicle towing them will be allowed to remain at the campsites.
  - Traffic flow will be one direction only. Permitted vehicles will enter the camping area via the parking lot entrance ONLY. Vehicles will exit the camp area via the back Gate.