

Arrow of Light Camp is a 4-day, 3-night outdoor activity and camping experience at Camp Nicol & Ben Delatour Scout Ranch designed to prepare Arrow of Light Scouts for long-term Scouts BSA adventures!

Scouts will participate in rank adventures focused on outdoor skills while they explore Camp Jack Nicol and visit BDSR Scouts BSA Camp Jeffrey. Experience nature at 7,000 feet, learning about the forest and local wildlife, conservation, and Leave no Trace. Put your boots on the ground during the day hike to Monster Mountain and the Scouting Museum. Hike Spyglass Hill in the dark! Test your hand-eye coordination with Archery, BB's, and Slingshot adventures. Build your first aid and Scout skills!

All of these adventures and many more await you at AOL Camp, a program just for this transitional year!

## ARROW OF LIGHT CAMP NICOL

Located 45 minutes northwest of Fort Collins, CO and is surrounded by Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forest land.

Camp Nicol  
2331 CR 68 C  
Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545  
**970-881-2956** (during camp only)

## ELEVATION & WEATHER

Camp Nicol sits between 7,500-7,800 ft. Mornings are chilly, sometimes dipping to 30°-50° F. Afternoons can get as high at 90°. The air is dry and hydration is essential.

## ADVENTURE WEST COUNCIL

The Adventure West Council serves Northern Colorado, Western Nebraska, and most of Wyoming. We operate 5 camping properties and have 3 service centers.

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## Welcome to Arrow of Light Camp!

On behalf of the Adventure West Council, it is our honor to welcome you to Arrow of Light Camp! Get ready for non-stop fun, adventure, and unforgettable memories!

Arrow of Light Camp is designed especially for our oldest Cub Scouts as they prepare for the big transition into Scouts BSA. This camp is packed with exciting activities, new challenges, and a healthy dose of outdoor fun! From hiking through the beautiful Rockies to skill-building adventures that help you grow in confidence and leadership, every moment is about celebrating your journey and getting ready for what comes next.

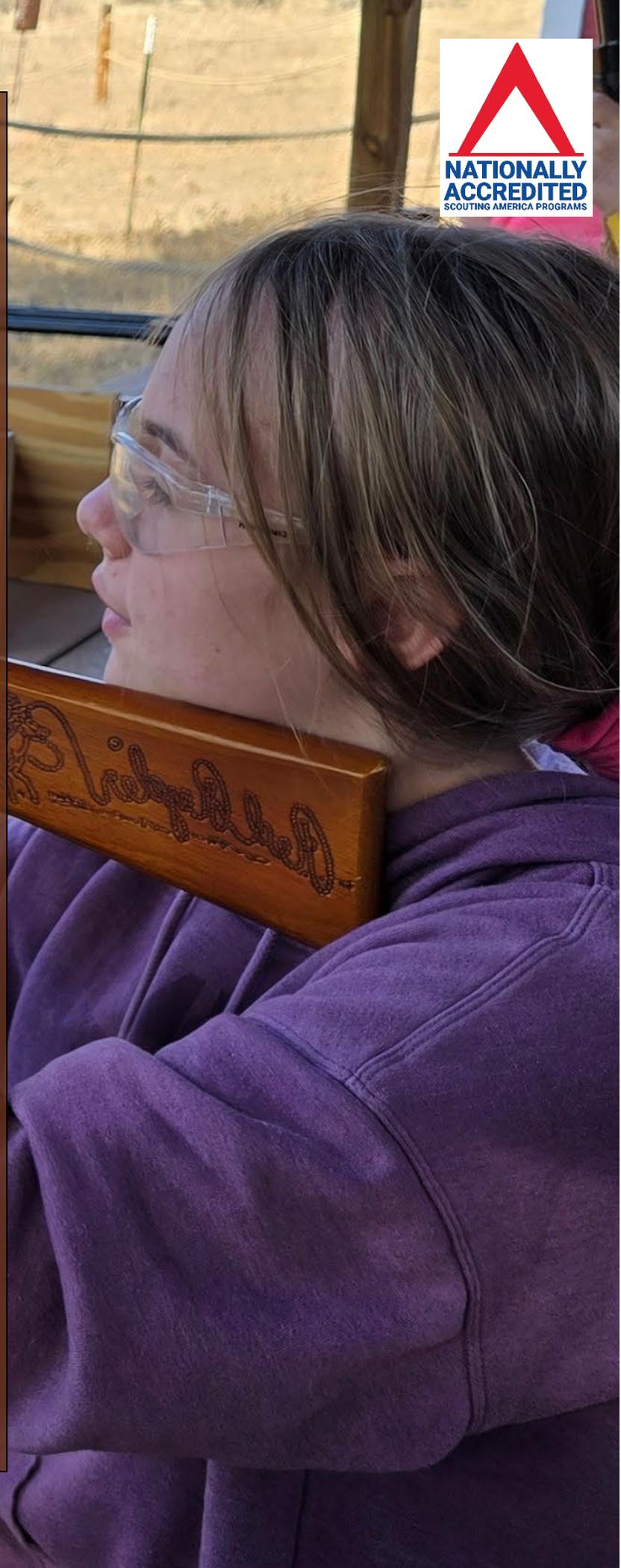
Whether you're building teamwork at the archery range, learning outdoor survival skills, conquering nature hikes, or cooling off with water games, this camp is all about having fun and making lasting friendships.

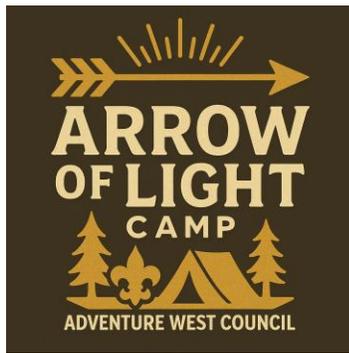
And don't worry, we've got everything set up to keep you comfortable while you're having fun: big tents with cots, hot showers nearby, and delicious food served family-style, plus snacks and cool camp gear at the Trading Post.

This guidebook outlines everything you need to plan and prepare for an amazing experience. We're so excited to have you with us at Arrow of Light Camp. Get ready to laugh, explore, learn, and celebrate the journey ahead, we're going to have a blast!

See you soon,

Nathan Dutson  
Scout Executive  
Adventure West Council, Scouting America





## Camp Overview

Arrow of Light Camp is action packed!

- Opening Campfire!
- Knife Safety!
- Slingshot, Archery & BB&!
- Monster Mountain Hike at BDSR!
- Scouting Museum Visit!
- Fishing & Paddlecraft Adventures!
- First Aid Adventure & Scout Skills!
- Trading Post!
- Wildlife sightings!
- Cafeteria-Style Dining!
- 7&9&canvas 2-person tents with cots provided or bring your own tent!
- Flushing toilets & shower house with private stalls!



## 2025 SESSION DATE

AOL Session 5: July 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>

### CAMP FEES

AOL Scout Youth	\$225
Adults 18+	\$125

*There is a convenience fee for credit card payments. ECheck transactions limited to \$6,000 per transaction. Checks can be mailed to AWC, 2215 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Greeley CO, 80634. Please include registration # on your check.*

Arrow of Light Resident camping designed specifically to begin preparing AOL Scouts to join a Scouts BSA Troop and is much more rigorous than Cub World.

*Cub World Sessions are June 26-28 and July 17-19  
(See Cub World Guidebook for Details)*

### ADULT Parents, Guardians, and Leaders:

We recommend that a parent or legal guardian attend with their AOL. The minimum leadership requirement for any Pack attending camp is a ratio of two registered adults to a maximum of eight youth and one additional adult for each four additional youth (*or part thereof*). Additional adults are highly recommended, and all adults must be compliant with Safeguarding Youth guidelines. Pack and Individual registration are available.

### CAMPERSHIPS:

A limited number of camperships are available for Scouts from the Adventure West Council who want to attend camp but cannot afford to go. These are for individual youth. Packs should plan to aid their Scouts as much as possible prior to asking for assistance. Applications are available at [awbsa.org](http://awbsa.org), and requests must be received by March 31<sup>st</sup> to be considered.

### REFUNDS:

Planning and purchasing for camp happens long before camp begins and is based on pre-registration. If a participant cannot attend camp, please review the Council's refund policy and submit a refund request through our online portal, both found at [awbsa.org/refunds/](http://awbsa.org/refunds/).



# ACCOMMODATIONS



**Tents** Camp has multiple campsites with 2-person 7' x 9' canvas wall tents and picnic tables. There is no electricity in the campsites. Participants can also camp in their own tents. Your option is selected as part of the adult registration. Sites may be shared by multiple units. Campfires and cooking are not permitted in the campsites. No open flames or heaters in tents.



**Facilities** Camp Nicol has a restroom with 6 private flush toilets and shower house with 8 private stalls. Latrines are also located near program areas.

**Meals** Participants will enjoy cafeteria-style meals in Tointon Dining Hall with breakfast bar, soup and salad bar for lunch, and salad bar for dinner. AOL Scouts will wipe down their table and sweep underneath to help keep the dining hall clean.

**Transportation** Each unit is responsible for the safe transportation of Scouts and adult leaders to and from camp. On arrival, park nose-out in the main lot. After check-in, hand carts will be available to transport your gear to your campsite, or bring your own.

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## PRE-ARRIVAL CHECK LIST

Submit the following through the registration system:

- Register each person for camp
- Make payments
- Submit special needs requests
- Submit dietary restrictions
- Fill out [Annual Health & Medical Record parts A,B1,B2](#) for EVERY person attending camp
- Complete AOL Swimmers Test

## AOL SWIMMER TEST

Participants must complete [the AOL Swimmers Test](#) to participate in Paddle Craft Adventure requirements 5-9. Bring a completed [Swim Classification Record](#) with you to camp for everyone that will be on the water.

## ARRIVAL

Check-in begins at 1:00 p.m. Our staff will be there to guide you to the parking lot and help with the check-in process. If you arrive early, please park nose-out. Bring your med form with you to check in.

**MEDICATIONS:** All medications (prescription and over the counter) must be in original containers labeled by the pharmacy. Medication is required to be always stored under locked conditions. If you are not able to store medications in your vehicle, we can store them for you in the camp office.

**CPAP:** Electricity is not available in the campsites. Participants should come prepared with batteries which can be recharged at the restroom building.

**Dietary Requests:** Please submit all dietary/allergy information in the participant registration at least 2 weeks before your session **AND** to our dining services via this QR code:



## The Elements:

Thunderstorms are common and can appear quickly. If weather impacts safe participation in program, staff will move participants to an appropriate location until the storm has passed.

### Are you hydrated?

Camp Nicol climate is arid and low humidity, you must drink more water than normal beginning the week before your arrival. Arriving dehydrated will negatively impact your experience.

### Altitude Sickness & Sunburn

Camp Nicol is located at 7,500-7,800 ft. above sea level. Anyone not accustomed the altitude will take 1-2 days to adjust. High elevation also increases sun exposure, making burns possible within 30 minutes. Sunscreen and hydration is essential. Monster Mountain tops out at 8,059 ft.

### Native Critters

Camp Nicol has abundant life including bear, moose, elk, deer, mountain lions, bobcats, and rattle snakes. Appropriate distance should be afforded all species and reported immediately to a staff member. **All "smellables" must be stored in latrines or the dining hall.** We also have black widow spiders, ticks and mosquitoes that carry West Nile Virus.

## Prohibited Items:

- Pets (Service animals must be pre-approved)
- Fireworks and pyrotechnic devices
- Personal Firearms, Air-Pistols
- Bows, Ammunition, Slingshots
- Unicycles / Skateboards
- ATV's, UTV's, or ORV's

## ALCOHOL, TOBACCO & DRUGS

Alcohol and controlled substances are absolutely prohibited, including marijuana. Possession or use will be reported to local law enforcement. Scout Camps are smoke-free. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, vaporizers, or systems which simulate tobacco smoking. A designated smoking area is available.

## ADDITIONAL POLICIES

- Behave in a Scout-like manner.
- Do not throw rocks.
- No clothing with inappropriate graphics.
- No items in violation of Scouting policy.
- See Guide to Safe Scouting for all policies.



## SPECIAL NEEDS

If you need some extra help to enjoy the camp experience, please let us know! This includes anyone with special dietary, health, and mobility needs. Requests are submitted as part of the registration process. Please reach out to us with any questions. Requests that are made upon arrival to camp may not be possible to accommodate.

## PHONE SERVICE

Cell phones do not work at Camp Nicol. Emergency calls can be made at the camp administration office. Camp office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and messages will be delivered as soon as possible. Calls after 10:00 will generally awaken someone.

## ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell phones and other devices are the sole responsibility of the owner. There is no wifi available at Camp Nicol.

## RESTRICTED AREAS

Participants are restricted from the staff areas around the administration building and trading post. Scouts should not be by the lake without adult supervision. No refunds are provided for removal from camp for disciplinary reasons.

## BUDDY SYSTEM

The buddy system of having two or more campers together is used during camp and is important. Parents are responsible to supervise their AOL Scout at all times. Participants will travel together to program areas to facilitate this.

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Camp Nicol has written plans for emergency response situations and details will be shared at the Camp Welcome and Opening Campfire. Adults should always carry vehicle keys on them while in camp in case of an emergency or evacuation.

## LOST OR MISSING SCOUT

Parental supervision is required at all times. If a Scout is believed to be missing, unit leaders should first confirm that the Scout is not in the campsite, program areas, or other common gathering places about camp. If still not found, notify camp staff leadership.



# PROGRAM

AOL Scouts will work on adventures for rank advancement along with fun immersive activities!

All requirements for an adventure may not be completed while at camp. Please bring your Arrow of Light Handbook to check things off as you go.



## Arrow of Light Adventures!

- First Aid Adventure
- Knife Safety Adventure
- Estimations Adventure
- Fishing Adventure
- Paddle Craft Adventure
- Archery Arrow of Light Adventure
- Slingshot Adventure
- BB Guns Adventure
- Summertime Fun (1 activity!)
- Outdoor Adventurer
- Monster Mountain Hike
- Scouting Heritage Museum

## ARROW OF LIGHT CAMP SCHEDULE

Time	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:45 AM	Camp Closed	Morning Flags ( <i>Activity Uniforms</i> )		
8:00 AM		Breakfast		
9:00 AM - 11:45 AM		Monster Mountain Hike! 8,059ft! (Lunch at Top of Mountain)	AOL BB & Archery Adventures	Scout Skills Competition
12:00 PM	Lunch			
1:00 PM	1pm - 2pm Camp Check-In @ Admin Building	1:00pm - 4:30pm Scouting Heritage Museum Fishing Adventure Paddlecraft Adventure	1pm - 2pm Free Time (Trading Post / Gaga Ball / 9-Square / Take a Nap)	
2:00PM - 5:30PM	3:00pm - Camp Welcome & Opening Campfire @ Amphitheatre - 4:00-5:30 Estimations Adventure		First Aid Adventure	2:00pm-3:00pm Check Out @ Trading Post
5:45 PM	Evening Flags ( <i>Scout Uniforms</i> )			
6:00 PM	Dinner			
7:00PM - 8:30PM	Knife Safety Adventure, Whittling, & Slingshot Adventure	Knife Safety Adventure, Whittling, & Slingshot Adventure	Scout Campfire @ Amphitheater - Spy Glass Night Hike	Camp Closed
9:00PM	Lights Out			

\* Schedule may change due to weather or other factors beyond our control.

# PREPARING FOR CAMP



## WHAT TO BRING to Check-In

- Paperwork – Annual Health & Medical Record A,B1,B2 for EVERY person attending
- Medications that cannot be kept locked in your vehicle (in original pharmacy container with label).
- Swim Classification form

Campsites and canvas tents are assigned based on pack attendance and are made the week before your arrival. Campsites may be shared by multiple units.



## PARTICIPANTS– WHAT TO BRING

### Camping Gear

- The 6 Essentials (see *Scout Handbook*)
- WARM Sleeping Bag
- Pillow/Sleeping Pad
- Blanket for layering
- Day Pack
- Flashlight/Headlamp (6 essentials)
- Water Bottle (6 essentials)
- Camping Chair (optional)

### Clothing

- Scout Uniform
- Scout T-Shirts
- Pants/Shorts
- Underwear
- Socks
- Sweatshirt
- Coat & Rain Gear
- Hat (6 essentials)
- Shoes/Extra Shoes
- Sleepwear/Pajamas

### Toiletries

- Soap / Shampoo
- Toothbrush / Toothpaste / Floss / Comb
- Towel / Washcloth
- Comb / Hairbrush
- Sunscreen / Chapstick / Insect Repellent
- Other sanitary items
- Personal Items

### Misc. Items

- Whittlin' Chip
- Watch / Alarm clock
- Eyewear / Sunglasses
- Camera
- Hiking essentials
- First Aid Kit (6 essentials)
- Trading Post Cash/Card
- Webelos Survival Kit
- Whistle (6 essentials)
- Work gloves for service project
- Trading Post Money

Due to the nature of the terrain, flip flops, sandals, and other **open-toed footwear is restricted** to the shower house.

# CAMP NICOL

- Archery Range
- BB Gun Range
- Handicraft
- Campfire
- Campsites
- Wrist Rocket Range
- Showers
- Latrines

