

# Worthington Arrow of Light Candidates Weekend

## Calling all Arrow of Light Candidates



You and your parents are invited to attend the Worthington Arrow of Light Candidates Weekend at the **Dragonfly Day Camp** area of **Highbanks Metro Park** Friday through Sunday, October 13 through October 15, 2017 (come for one day, or for all) to meet Worthington Boy Scout Troops.

**What is Arrow of Light Candidates Weekend?** It's an event especially for Worthington-area Cub Scouts crossing over to Boy Scouts. Local Troops invite Arrow of Light Candidates to come out and get to know them. This is a great opportunity for both Arrow of Light Candidates and their Parents to interview a group of Troops in one convenient location!

**Why should YOU attend?** Arrow of Light Candidates learn skills like first aid, cooking, fire building and more with Boy Scouts. Arrow of Light Candidates interact with Troops and find out how they operate. Parents participate in an open group discussion with all of the Troops and find out the similarities and differences between them. Check out the back of this flyer for some sample questions.

**How does it work?** Arrow of Light Candidates participate in round-robin activities with the Troops. Boy Scouts teach the Arrow of Light Candidates an activity or scout skill while they talk about their Troops. Arrow of Light Candidates can ask questions and get to know them. Parents may join the scouts for some of the activities. Scoutmasters gather with parents and leaders for an open forum to discuss their questions about Boy Scouts including camping, meetings, and fundraising. Round-robin activities are on Saturday at 9:00 am through 3:00 pm with registration starting at 8:00 am and the opening flag ceremony at 8:45 am. **Lunch will be provided.** We are book-ending the weekend with an invitation to spend a night camping with the Troops. This gives you a chance for one-on-one time with the Troops as well as a fun evening of fellowship for all who attend. Please be prepared to present a skit.

**What Should I Bring?** Scouts and parents should both bring something to take notes with during the day. Also suggested items are a water bottle, Arrow of Light Candidate handbook and compass. If the scout has their whittling chip, they can bring it and their knife. Scouts can also bring their own fishing gear if they'd like to spend some of their open time fishing. Cups, plates and silverware will be provided with lunch. Wear normal camping clothes that could get dirty. Lawn chairs are nice to have, but optional. Campers need to bring their own camping equipment (tent, sleeping bag, etc.). If you don't have enough or simply want some advice, we encourage you to partner up with a Troop. Most are more than happy to help! Campers also need to provide their own breakfast and/or dinner. Some Troops may invite you to partner up with them for this as well.

**RSVP!** To make sure that enough food for lunch and supplies for activities are purchased so that everyone has the best possible time, **Please RSVP to: Jerry Roderick by email at [jrode10266@aol.com](mailto:jrode10266@aol.com) with your Pack Number, number of Arrow of Light Candidates and number of adults attending.**

**Scoutmasters:** Troop 268 Pete Simcic ([psimcicjr@aol.com](mailto:psimcicjr@aol.com)) Troop 332 Joel Chow ([jchow77@wowway.com](mailto:jchow77@wowway.com)) Troop 365 Jerry Roderick ([jrode10266@aol.com](mailto:jrode10266@aol.com)) Troop 862 Brad Midgley ([bemidgley@gmail.com](mailto:bemidgley@gmail.com))

**Dragonfly Day Camp** (*Highbanks Metro Park*)  
9466 US Rt. 23 N, Lewis Center, OH 43035 (see map)

Overnight camping: **7:00 pm Friday 10/13**

- 7:00 pm Arrow of Light Candidates arrive
- 10:00 pm lights out

Sessions: **Starting at 8:00 am Saturday 10/14**

- 7:00 am breakfast (prepare your own)
- 8:00 am registration
- 8:45 am opening flag ceremony
- 9:00 – 9:25 1<sup>st</sup> program session
- 9:30 – 9:55 2<sup>nd</sup> program session
- 10:00 – 10:25 3<sup>rd</sup> program session
- 10:30 – 10:55 4<sup>th</sup> program session
- 11:00 – 12:30 lunch (provided by Scouts)
- 1:00 – 1:25 5<sup>th</sup> program session
- 1:30 – 1:55 6<sup>th</sup> program session
- 2:00 – 2:25 7<sup>th</sup> program session
- 2:30 – 2:55 8<sup>th</sup> program session
- 3:00 closing flag ceremony
- 3:15 – 6:00 open time/scout games
- 6:00 pm dinner (prepare your own)
- Campfire & Skits
- 10:00 pm lights out

Overnight camping: **Through Sunday 10/15**

- 8:00 am reveille
- 9:00 am Vespers Service



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## Sample Troop Questions

- **General**

- What is your Troop philosophy?
- How long has the scoutmaster been in that position?
- Who is the chartered organization?
- How many boys are in the Troop currently?
- How are boys organized into patrols?
- What schools do members join from?
- How many adults are active in the Troop?
- Are parents encouraged to attend committee meetings?
- What's the average age of their Scouts when they reach Eagle?

- **Meetings**

- What day of the week do you meet? Time?
- Where do you meeting?
- Is the Troop boy led? How so?
- What types of skills do the scouts learn?
- Does your Troop hold meetings over the summer?
- How many Court of Honors do you hold each year?

- **Activities and Outings**

- How many campouts do you have a month/year?
- How many boys generally attend each campout?
- What gear of his own does the scout need?
- How much does the average camping trip cost?
- Who plans the year's campouts?
- Does the camping schedule change yearly? Remain similar with different summer camps? Remain similar from year to year
- Do campouts have a theme, merit badge or rank requirement focus?

- **Summer camp**

- Where do you usually attend summer camp?
- How much does summer camp cost?
- Are there other fees for camp?

- **Fundraising**

- How does your Troop handle fundraising?
- Does each scout have a scout account?



**Dragonfly Day Camp** is located off of State Route 750 and is part of Highbanks Metro Park. **It is the only entrance to the park on State Route 750.**

There is parking available in Highbanks Metro Park as well if you would like to use the trail system. You can hike to Dragonfly Day Camp if you park at the Nature Center and take the Multi-Use Trail—that trail is 1.25 miles long.