



Order of the Arrow

Arrow of Light/Bridging Ceremony

Pack Information Packet

The Lakota Lodge, Signal Hill Chapter, Ceremonies Team would like to be part of your Pack Arrow of Light and/or Bridging Ceremony. The following is a brief description of what the Ceremonies Team offers your Pack.

Upon arrival a team representative will meet your Pack Cubmaster and gather needed information. If invited, the team will mingle and partake in your Pack's dinner. They will be designated by wearing the Order of the Arrow Sash. This stimulates conversation and gives the boys a chance to show and discuss the opportunities Boy Scouts offers. Approximately one half hour before the ceremony time, the team will depart and vest (dress). From here on your Order of the Arrow contact will be the Chapter Advisor (CA) or Associate Chapter Advisor (ACA), which, at least one will attend with the team.

ARROW OF LIGHT CEREMONY

When the time is right, the Pack Cubmaster will give a nod to the CA or ACA and the team will begin. During the ceremony, the Webelos will be called up to stand in front of the team, facing the Pack, with their parents. They will be presented with their Arrow of Light Patch and Arrow by one of the team. Once completed, they will be directed to be seated.

BRIDGING CEREMONY

A bridge may be brought out at this time and placed in front of the team for boys crossing over to a Boy Scout Troop. During the ceremony, the Webelos that are crossing over will be called up, and will stand to the side where the team directs. As each name is announced, the Webelo will cross the bridge to the Troop and receive his neckerchief, epaulets and numbers. After giving time for the last Webelo to be welcomed by his Troop, the team will close the Bridging Ceremony.

The team will retire to their room and divest. The team could be available for photos before divesting but this must be approved before the ceremony begins.

Some customization may be needed as not all Webelos achieve the Arrow of Light or Cross into Boy Scouts. These updates may be discussed during the initial meeting of the Pack Cubmaster and the team representative.

The Order of the Arrow Signal Hill Chapter Ceremonies Team hope you accept the offer of participation in your Arrow of Light and Bridging Ceremonies to make it a special event for your Scouts and families.

Below is an outline of the facilities and arrangements needed for the OA participation.

Please contact arrowoflight@lakatoalodge.org to reserve the OA Ceremonies Team for your Pack three weeks or more before your ceremony date.

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Facilities and Arrangements

- A Room to Vest and Divest (change in/out of regalia) with easy access to the ceremony room.
- Names of all Webelos being awarded the Arrow of Light, those Bridging into Boy Scouts, and into which Troop they are bridging.
- Arrows and the Arrow of Light Patches marked with the Scouts name.
- Arrow of Light Patches are to be given to the O.A. Ceremonies Team.
- Arrows are to be on display in the front of your ceremony room.
- The Pack (or a Troop) is to provide the Bridge.
- At least 8 feet of space is needed between the table containing the arrows and the audience