

**'TOP  
SECRET'**



# **ARROW OF LIGHT SAS-WALK PROGRAM GUIDE**

**BURIED DEEP IN THE BACK COUNTRY OF THE NORTHWEST GEORGIA MOUNTAINS  
LIES A BASE CAMP. THRU-HIKERS AND ADVENTUROUS BACKPACKERS WHO USE  
THE CAMP DURING THEIR TREKS COME BACK SPOOKED AND TALK OF MYSTERIOUS  
SIGHTINGS OF A LARGE FIGURE HIDING IN THE WOODS, FOOD GOING MISSING FROM  
THEIR BASE CAMP, AND OTHER STRANGE OCCURRENCES.**

**LOCALS NERVOUSLY JOKE AND SAY IT'S JUST THE FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD  
SASQUATCH BUT WON'T TRAVEL THROUGH THOSE SAME WOODS AT NIGHT ALONE.**

**DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO SURVIVE DEEP IN THE WOODS AT THE BASE  
CAMP? OR WILL YOU BECOME JUST ANOTHER STORY THE LOCALS TELL TO WARN  
PEOPLE AWAY?**



## Welcome to the SAS-WALK Program Guide!

In this guide you'll find more detailed information about the Camp Sidney Dew Arrow of Light SAS-WALK program. This program is designed to introduce and strengthen skills that Arrow of Light scouts will need when they cross over to Scouts BSA troops in the following Spring.

At their first Summer Camp with their Scouts BSA troop, first-year campers at Camp Sidney Dew participate in the Spike Buck program, which teaches participants the basic skills that all Scouts must master to become proficient in camping and outdoor activities. Camping, first aid, rope work, map and compass work, nature, hiking, and basic knowledge of how Troops and Patrols work are all covered in the Spike Buck program.

While we hope to see all Arrow of Lights in the Spike Buck program at next year's Summer Camp, they still have a way to go before they get there. The SAS-WALK program is designed to be a quick and brief prequel to Spike Buck. Although the SAS-WALK program won't cover everything due to time restraints, we hope that all participants leave feeling more confident in their outdoor skills and excited to join a troop after Crossover.

**Our goal is to keep parents and leaders informed of program activities; however, a major component of the SAS-WALK is the mystery and surprises surrounding the program. We ask that you not share the details of this guide with Scouts and reserve the information in this guide for only parents and leaders.**

### PARTICIPANT PROGRAM

Our SAS-WALK participants begin their trek in the Dining hall after breakfast where participants will grab their gear and wave good-bye to everyone.

From there, they will be led on a hike through some of the lesser used trails on camp property before arriving at their base camp for the next. On the hike, their guides will stop often for teaching moments on nature, hiking, and map work.

Once at base camp, participants will learn about a variety of different topics through hands-on experiences. Campsite selection and tent set-up, knots and lashings, first aid, cooking, and team building are all on the schedule. Participants will work on skills throughout the day and return to the main camp to rejoin the rest of the participants in time for the evening program. They'll return a little dirtier, a little more tired, but hopefully with "old-man memories" and eagerness to cross over to Scouts BSA.

**A QUICK NOTE:** Throughout the program, radios may crackle with talk of “weird things” happening around base camp and if they are paying attention, participants may even return from the SAS-WALK with their own Sasquatch sighting to share! Rest assured, our adult leaders on the SAS-WALK will carefully monitor each participant’s comfort level and adjust odd occurrences accordingly.

## **PARENT PROGRAM**

While the SAS-WALK program is designed to prepare Arrow of Light Scouts to cross-over to Scouts BSA troops, the parent program is meant to help you do the same. Things work a little differently (or a lot differently, depending on the topic) in Scouts BSA troops than they do in Cub Scouts. We’ve put together this program to help you learn what is expected of you as a Scout BSA parent and introduce you to some of the fun things you’ll get to do in Scouting once you’re no longer following your Cub Scout around!

Just as the Cub Scouts have their dens and den chiefs, all our parents will be in patrols with troop guides, to help you learn more about troop structure. Your troop guide will be with you throughout the program to answer questions and help you with whatever you may need.

## **WHAT TO BRING – SAS-WALK PARTICIPANTS**

Backpack to fit all personal gear

Tent and everything you need to set it up

Water bottle

Mess kit (plate, cup, utensils)

Rain gear/poncho

Flashlight/headlamp w/extra batteries

First aid kit

Sun Protection

Compass

An open mind

A positive attitude