



Dear Parent/Guardian of Candidate,

Your child has been selected by the Scouts in his/her troop, crew, or ship as a candidate for membership in the Order of the Arrow. The Order of the Arrow (OA), Scouting's Brotherhood of Cheerful Service, was founded in 1915 to recognize those Scouts that best demonstrate the Scout Oath and Scout Law in their everyday lives, to preserve the traditions of camping and the outdoors, and to aid scouting units. This is a great honor, and you should be proud of your child's election as a candidate in this prestigious organization. Candidates for the OA are chosen for what they have done in the past and what they are expected to do in the future. Membership in the Order is a great honor and is also a great responsibility.

Candidates begin their membership in the Order by participating in an Induction weekend. The weekend gives candidates an opportunity to learn more about themselves and their service to others. Candidates pick one Induction but must complete their Induction weekend within 18 months of their election. The next three Induction opportunities are:

March 27-29, 2026, at Camp Buck Toms or
September 18-20, 2026, at Camp Buck Toms or
March 26-28, 2027 (Tentative Date) at Camp Buck Toms

Please review your son or daughter's OA Candidate letter with him/her and register as soon as possible for the Induction weekend and note the special instructions and packing list provided.

While the Induction is unique for every member, we hope to create a positive experience that he/she will not soon forget.

Our Lodge has many great activities that members participate in throughout the year such as an annual Winter Banquet, Spring, Summer and Fall Fellowship weekends, a Section Conclave with other lodges in the Southeast, and the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) along with OA Chapter meetings and events on the district level. The OA also provides some of the best leadership training available, which will enable your son/daughter to better serve his/her troop, crew, or ship and in their activities outside scouting.

These opportunities will build upon the knowledge your child has already received during his/her Scouting experience. This is truly an exciting time for you and your child. Once again, congratulations! If you have any questions, please have your Scout contact the Lodge Chief, Lodge Adviser or the Lodge Staff Adviser at the emails listed below:

Yours in Service,

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