



Dear Order of the Arrow Candidate,

Congratulations on your selection for the Order of the Arrow (OA), Scouting's Brotherhood of Cheerful Service! One step of your journey is now complete, and another is about to begin. It is a great honor to be selected for the Order, and you should be justly proud. The Order of the Arrow may still seem to be a mystery. Rest assured however, that by the time you finish your induction weekend, not only will you understand the OA, but it is our hope that you will be an active member of this elite group of Scouts.

With this letter you will find registration information that you should complete as soon as possible to register for your OA Induction weekend. The Induction is a great weekend experience that all candidates must complete within 18 months of their election to become a member of the OA. 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**

Online registration for the 2026 events is open now and additional instructions are provided on the following page; please register as soon as possible. We encourage you to register for the March '26 event so that you can start to enjoy your membership as soon as possible. If you are not available that weekend, you should plan to take advantage of one of the other opportunities. Links to the registration forms for each of these weekends are posted on the council calendar as soon as they are available. You only attend one Induction as a candidate.

Candidate check-in for each weekend begins at 6:45 pm on Friday. Please do not arrive before 6:30 pm and no later than 7:30 pm on Friday. It is also important to keep in mind that the Induction will end at approximately 11:00 am on Sunday; you should not plan to leave before then.

For the weekend you need to bring the following items:

- A signed **HARD COPY** of your completed BSA Annual Health and Medical Record form (Parts A, B1, and B2) and a copy of your health insurance card. **If you are not yet 18 years old, your form must be signed by your parent/guardian.**
- Copy of current YPT Certificate (for those 18 and older)
- Complete Scout Field (formerly known as Class A) Uniform
- Work Clothes for Saturday
- Sleeping Bag
- Ground cloth/Tarp
- Rain Gear
- Insect Spray and Sunscreen (Non-aerosol)
- Water Bottle (at least 1 refillable 1-liter bottle or a gallon jug)
- Shovel or Lop sheers or rake or similar tool. **Please do not buy one if you don't have one.**
- Work gloves, Toiletries
- Any personal medications required (Please notify staff of any medical needs when you check in)

When you arrive, you need to be wearing your **complete Scout Uniform and sturdy footwear**. Please do not bring anything other than what is on this list. Everything must be packed in a backpack or duffle that you can carry to your campsite (no wheeled luggage or footlockers).

If you have any questions about your Induction weekend, please do not hesitate to contact the Lodge Chief, Lodge Adviser, or the Lodge Staff Adviser at the email addresses below.

Yours in Service,

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General Candidate Registration Information

Registration Fee includes your Order of the Arrow sash, OA Handbook, Lodge pocket flap patch, Lodge dues for 2026 and 2027, and all your food for the weekend.

Registration and payment for the weekend should be accomplished using the QR code or the link provided below.

Be sure to register by the early registration deadline in order to receive the \$10 early bird discount.

After the online registration period for each event closes registration must be completed at camp and will incur an additional \$15 walk-on fee.

Details for each event are listed below.

When completing the registration form:

- Provide any allergies, dietary requirements, and medical conditions or physical limitations.
- Provide contact information for both Scouts and parents.
- Complete the checkout process by
 - selecting the green “Continue” button on the “Participants” tab
 - selecting the green “Checkout” button on the “Checkout” tab
 - agreeing to the council policies
 - completing billing information
 - authorizing payment
- Once the order is complete, you will receive a confirmation email; if you do not receive a confirmation notice, the registration process has not been completed.

Please call 865-588-6514 if you have any problems completing the online registration process.

Event Specific Fee Schedules

- **2026 Spring Induction Weekend:**
 - **March 27-29 at Camp Buck Toms**
 - Early Bird: Through March 16, 2026 \$72.00
 - Regular: March 17 – March 23, 2026 \$82.00
 - Walk On: March 24 – March 27, 2026 \$97.00 (\$15 walk on fee)
- **2026 Fall Induction Weekend:**
 - **September 18-20 at Camp Buck Toms**
 - Early Bird: Through Sept 7, 2026 \$72.00
 - Regular: Sept 8 – Sep 14, 2026 \$82.00
 - Walk On: Sept 15 – Sept 18, 2026 \$97.00 (\$15 walk on fee)



**OA 2026 Spring Induction
Candidate Registration**
[https://scoutingevent.com/557-
OACandidates2026SpringInduction](https://scoutingevent.com/557-OACandidates2026SpringInduction)



**OA 2026 Fall Induction
Candidate Registration**
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OACandidates2026FallInduction](https://scoutingevent.com/557-OACandidates2026FallInduction)

Candidate registration for the March 2027 Induction will be posted on the Council website when it is available.

