



NA TSI HI LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Congratulations on your election as a candidate for the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society! The Order recognizes campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.

The below instructions apply to both Induction Weekends for this year.

ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED – PLEASE READ

The Induction Weekend fees are \$40. The fee pays for: meals, OA Sash, OA Handbook, Lodge Pocket Patch, and OA Dues (for both the current year & for next year). To register for this year's Induction events, please visit our Council's website at <http://monmouthbsa.org/oa-inductions>

What to Expect

A vital part of the Induction Process of the Order of the Arrow is called the "Ordeal" and is also the first Recognition Level within the OA. The Induction provides a time for a Scout to reflect upon their experiences within Scouting. These reflections will hopefully broaden their experiences and reaffirm their own love for Scouting.

As our founder E. Urner Goodman said, "The Order of the Arrow is a thing of the spirit". To help new members during their Induction process, (**FRIDAY NIGHT TO SUNDAY MORNING**), as all members have done before them, they will go through a few challenges to help them encourage self-reflection.

- Maintain silence
- Work on Camp improvement projects (to get the camp ready for Summer Camp)
- Night alone from the other campers (but in groups within earshot of Adult leaders)

The entire experience is designed to teach significant values. Induction Weekends are filled with many activities, all of which are safe and fully supervised in accordance with B.S.A. Policies. It is not an initiation nor is it a religious ritual. Hazing is not permitted, and you will not be harassed during your Induction Weekend. There are hundreds of thousands of OA members, all of whom have participated in their own induction. The experience is one that no Scout will ever forget because of the honor that has been given by being inducted into the OA.

Facts and History on the Order of the Arrow can be found on the OA National Website at: <https://oa-bsa.org/>

If you or your parents/guardians have any additional questions about the Induction process, please reach out to our Lodge Adviser at lodgeadviser@natsihi.org



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Check-In Information

You should arrive to camp between **7:00-9:00 PM** on Friday night. There will be a light dinner served at each camp from 6pm – 8pm that is open to everyone in case you arrive earlier.

On your arrival at camp, follow signs to the “CHECK-IN” area.

- Forestburg (FSR) – Tech Center
- Quail Hill (QHSR) –Lawrence Lodge

To comply with current camp & local health guidelines, everyone who wants to stay at the camp is **required** to check-in. **No exceptions.**

- Our Lodge Membership Team will mark you as present in our database.
- You will be given instructions and a brief schedule of the activities.
- Everyone will need to stop and visit with the Medical Officer. If you are a participant (candidate or member), please make sure you have your own **copy** of your Annual Health and Medical Record (BSA Medical) (Parts A/B) with you.

Parents: If you would want to help volunteer your time at the camp for the weekend as our guests instead of driving home, please reach out to the [Lodge Adviser](#) to discuss. You will need current YPT training and a copy of your own Medical Record to remain on camp.

Please try to arrive by **9:00 pm** as tardiness will delay your progress of the weekend.

Check-Out Information

The Service Weekend will conclude on Sunday by 10AM.

Everyone must **Check OUT** on their way out of camp.

Late arrivals and early departures are not permitted for Candidates without formal Lodge approval.

At arrival at Camp:

- Come to camp dressed in your work clothes with your FRIDAY night gear (items).
- Check-in at the MEMBERSHIP table with your Annual Medical Form (Parts A&B)
- Turn OFF your Cell Phone or Smart Device (if you brought one) and leave it in your backpack/day-bag/tent (QH only).
- Bring your Friday night gear and report to the Candidate Staging Area following the time listed on your event schedule.
- Set up your personal tent were indicated before 9pm (**Quail Hill only**)

**Key Things to Remember You Need:**

- **Scout Shirt - Bring your Class A Scout Shirt on a hanger with your name on it.** Remove all temporary patches from the uniform. Pack your scout shorts/pants in your Saturday bag
- **A copy of your Medical Form and Medication** (in the original bottles)
- **Face Mask/Face Covering** – Masks will only be required as directed by Event Leadership. You should bring one with you in case you are told to put it on.
- Bring your own tent to sleep in **for Quail Hill** only.

CANDIDATE PACKING LIST

It is important for the OA Candidate (to both read and follow all packing instructions carefully in preparation for their induction weekend.

Friday Night Gear (in a small backpack /day-bag*) *Please label everything.*

- Work Clothes, Work Gloves, and Work Boots – *Wear to camp on Friday night*
- Sleeping Bag and small pillow
- Ground Cloth (plastic sheet or similar) – *Should be large enough to go under and on top of sleeping bag in case of rain*
- Rain gear – Rain suit or poncho
- Layered Clothing (it gets cold at night)
- Insect Repellant (if desired)
- Pocket Knife
- Prescription Medication (if needed) - In original containers – Do not repackage medications. These medications should be on your MEDICAL FORM and turned into the Medical Officer at Check-In

**** If there is any chance of rain, put these items in a plastic garbage bag.***

Items to be stored for Saturday night (in your backpack/personal gear/tent)

- The Rest of your Class A Uniform. *Remember, you have already given us your Scout Shirt.*
- Toiletries/Shower Gear
- Extra Clothing – Work clothes, socks, underwear, towel, outerwear, etc
- Backpack or duffel bag
- Flashlight
- Medication (if needed) – In original containers – Do not repackage medications
- Money for Trading Post - There will be OA items for sale if you wish to purchase anything. Our trading post takes cash, checks, and credit cards.