



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.

ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED – PLEASE READ

The Induction Event fees are \$40. The fee pays for: meals, OA Sash, OA Handbook, Lodge Pocket Patch, and OA Dues (for both this year 2021 & next year 2022). 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 SATURDAY AFTERNOON**), 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/>

Candidate Instructions for September 2021 Induction WEEKEND



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Check-In Information

You should arrive to Quail Hill Scout Reservation between **7:00-9:00 PM** on Friday night. Please EAT before your arrival to camp as there will be no food served on Friday Night.

On your arrival at camp, follow the signs to the “CHECK-IN” table in front of the Lawrence Lodge Training Center.

To comply with current camp & local health guidelines, everyone who wants to go past the parking lot into the camp is **required** to go through 2 stage check-in process. **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.
- Drop off your Scout Shirt (*on a plastic hanger with your name on it*). Please remove all temporary patches or medals on your shirt so they do not get lost while we store the shirt for you.

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

On-Arrival to Camp

After you check-in, you will need to go set up your tent in the indicated locations on the Activity Field. Once your tent has been set up, please put your Saturday gear in the tent. You will only need **the Friday Night gear on the next page** for Friday through Saturday afternoon.

Check-Out Information

The Service Weekend will conclude on Sunday by 11AM.

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

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



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At arrival at Quail Hill Scout Reservation:

- Come to camp dressed in your work clothes with your FRIDAY night gear (items).
- Check-in at the MEMBERSHIP table with your own COPY of 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.
- Set up your tent where indicated after you check-in and **before 9PM.**
- Bring your Friday night gear and report to the Candidate Staging Area (Bishop Pavilion) following the time listed on your event schedule.

Key Things to Remember You Need:

- **Bring your Scout Shirt on a Plastic Hanger with your name on it.**
- **A copy of your Medical Form and Medication** (in the original bottles)
- **A tent.**

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

CANDIDATE PACKING LIST FOR 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 (*keep in mind, you are carrying it*)
- 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)
- 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
- Money – If you would like to shop our Lodge's Store. We do accept cash/credit cards.
*** If there is any chance of rain, put these items in a plastic garbage bag.**

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