



PENNACOOK LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW

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Dear Scout,

Congratulations, again, on your election to be a candidate for membership in the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society! This letter will help you with registering and preparing for your Ordeal Induction. There are three Ordeal Inductions that will take place in 2023; you are welcome to attend any one of them to complete your membership requirements.

- Ordeal 1: Friday-Sunday, May 19 – 21, 2023 at Wah-Tut-Ca Scout Reservation
- Ordeal 2: Friday-Sunday, June 23 – 25, 2023 at TL Storer Scout Reservation
- Ordeal 3: Friday-Sunday, September 29 – October 1, 2023 at TL Storer Scout Reservation

A Candidate and Parent Information Session will be held a week or two before each Ordeal and all candidates and a parent are expected to attend. Dates are yet to be set but will announced soon. The cost of 2023 Ordeal Induction will be \$70.00 per candidate, which include:

- Program & Food costs for the full event
- OA Lodge Dues through Dec 31, 2023.
- OA Member Handbook
- Pennacook Lodge Flap for wearing on scout uniform
- OA Uniform Sash

Please register and make payment online at www.oapennacook.org - event registration. Arrive and check-in at camp on between 7:30pm and 8:00pm. Please do not arrive before 7:30pm. At this time, you will complete the coronavirus registration, submit the signed event participation permission slip, Parts A&B of the BSA Health Form and inform us of any special medical and/or dietary needs and/or if you are carrying/holding onto any medications so the health officer/nurse may make any necessary arrangements.

Pack **ONLY** the following items in a backpack, and be prepared to walk up to 1 mile with:

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| Any registration materials not already turned in. (ie Medical Form, event permission slip, \$70 payment, registration form) | Personal coronavirus protections including at least two face masks and personal hand sanitizer |
| Flashlight or headlamp | Pocketknife & Totin Chip |
| Sleeping bag and ground cloth (tarp) | Toiletry items, including toilet paper |
| Single change of clothes (including long pants, socks, etc., non-uniform work shirt, appropriate foot wear and work gloves) | Tent (tent should NOT be packed on or in backpack, be suitable for single occupancy, fully contained in proper tent bag, and labeled with your name) |
| Appropriate outerwear for the predicted weather/season (observe weather reports) | Insect repellent and sunscreen (no aerosols allowed) |
| Poncho/Rain Gear | Water bottle with water |
| Full Class A Uniform | Extra money; in case one wants to buy Lodge sportswear or OA gear |

You will not need any additional gear. No food, beverages, or any electronic game devices are allowed. You will be asked to put aside all other non-essential and unnecessary items upon check-in. Under "scout's honor", Scouts will be allowed to bring and possess a cell phone, but for use in emergencies only.

Questions and concerns may be addressed by contacting the Lodge Chief or Inductions Sachem via email at inductions@oapennacook.org or the Lodge Adviser, Mr. Tom Markham, at adviser@oapennacook.org or by calling/texting him at 617-957-9969.

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