

January 1, 2025

Dear Scout or Scout Leader,

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 2025; you are welcome to attend any one of them to complete your membership requirements.

- Ordeal 1: Friday-Sunday, May 16 - 18, 2025 at Wah-Tut-Ca Scout Reservation, Northwood NH
- Ordeal 2: Friday-Sunday, June 6 - 8, 2025 at New England Base Camp, Milton MA
- Ordeal 3: Friday-Sunday, September 12 - 14, 2025 at New England Base Camp, Milton MA

A Candidate and Parent Information Session will be held about a week before each Ordeal and all candidates and a parent are encouraged and expected to attend. These orientations will take place on May 5, June 2, and September 7 (location will be announced soon). The cost of 2025 Ordeal Induction will be \$70.00 per candidate, which include:

- Program & Food costs for the full event.
- OA Lodge Dues through Dec 31, 2025.
- OA Member Handbook
- 1 Pennacook Lodge flap for wearing on a scout uniform.
- OA Uniform Sash

Please register and make payment online at [oapennacook.org/registration](https://oapennacook.org/registration). Arrive and check-in at camp between 7:30pm and 8:00pm. Please do not arrive before 7:30pm. At this time, you will submit 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 may make any necessary arrangements.

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

Any registration materials not already turned in. (ie Medical Form, \$70 payment, registration form)	Water bottle with water ( <i>refills of fresh water available throughout the weekend</i> )
Flashlight or headlamp (NOT your phone)	Pocketknife & Totin' Chip
Sleeping bag and ground cloth/tarp with standard poly rope or cord (i.e. $\frac{3}{8}$ inch, 100 ft is sufficient).	Toiletry items, including toilet paper, wash cloth, towel, toothbrush, etc.
Single change of clothes (including long pants, socks, etc., non-uniform work shirt, appropriate footwear, work gloves)	We will be staying in cabins, but if you wish to be in a tent, please bring your own, but not attached to your backpack, and with a name tag on it.
Appropriate outerwear for the predicted weather/season (i.e. rain gear). Check the weather reports	Insect repellent and sunscreen (no aerosol allowed)
Full Class A Uniform (No Merit Badge Sash required)	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 Chief or Inductions Sachem via email at [inductions@oapennacook.org](mailto:inductions@oapennacook.org) or the Lodge Adviser, Mr. Tom Markham, at [adviser@oapennacook.org](mailto:adviser@oapennacook.org) or by calling/texting him at 617-957-9969.