PENNACOOK LODGE
ORDER OF THE ARROW

Spirit of Adventure Council BSA
2 Tower Office Park
Woburn, MA 01801

March 1, 2026

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 Induction. There are three Induction Weekends that will take place in 2026; you are welcome to attend any one of them to complete your membership requirements.

- Induction Weekend 1: Friday-Sunday, May 15 - 17, 2026 at Wah-Tut-Ca Scout Reservation, Northwood NH
- Induction Weekend 2: Thursday-Saturday, June 18 - 20, 2026 at New England Base Camp, Milton MA
- Induction Weekend 3: Friday-Sunday, October 2 - 4, 2026 at New England Base Camp, Milton MA

A Candidate and Parent Information Session will be held about a week before each Induction and all candidates and a parent are encouraged and expected to attend. These orientations will take place on May 3, June 8, and September 27 (Woburn American Legion Hall). The cost of 2026 OA Induction will be $80.00 per candidate, which include:

- Program & Food costs for the full event.
- OA Lodge dues through Dec 31, 2026.
- 1 Pennacook Lodge flap for scout uniform
- OA Uniform Sash
- OA Class of '26 Laptop Sticker
- OA Member Handbook

Please register and make payment online at 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 Scouting America 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, $80 payment, registration form)	Water bottle with water (*refills of fresh water available throughout the weekend*)
Flashlight or headlamp (NOT your phone)	Pocketknife & Totin' Chip
Sleeping bag, and ground cloth/tarp (8x8 or 10x10 is sufficient), with standard poly rope or cord (i.e.⅜ 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 or season (i.e. rain gear). Check the weather reports	Insect repellent and sunscreen (no aerosol allowed)
Full Class A Uniform (Merit Badge sash not necessary). Uniform need not be worn upon arrival at camp	Extra money; in case one wants to buy Lodge sportswear or OA gear. Cash and credit/debit accepted.

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 Block Lead 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.