PENNACOOK LODGE
ORDER OF THE ARROW

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To the parents of the Scout who has been elected to the Order of the Arrow,

Congratulations! Your child is a candidate for the Order of the Arrow, “Scouting’s National Honor Society”. It was organized in 1915 to recognize honor campers whose peer consider role model scouts. The purposes of the OA are to recognize those scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives, to develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit, to promote Scout camping, and to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Candidates for the Order of the Arrow are chosen not only for what they have done, but also for what they are expected to do in the future. Pennacook Lodge is our eastern Massachusetts chapter of the national organization serving the 77 communities of Spirit of Adventure Council.

**Induction Weekends available to your scout in 2026**:

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

This weekend will offer a unique opportunity for them to reflect on their personal commitment to the principles and purposes of the Scouting and their journey. The weekend is undertaken by every new candidate and is a meaningful and inspiring experience that will not soon be forgotten.

In order for your child to be fully prepared for the weekend, we will be holding a Candidate and Parent Information Session a week before each ordeal and all candidates and parents are highly encouraged to attend. You can find more information, as well as registration forms and costs on our website at www.oapennacook.org/candidate.

Induction in the Order of the Arrow may open many new doors for your child. We not only conduct many events for the youth of the council, but also participate in many as well. In addition, the OA provides some of the most valuable youth leadership training and opportunities available. These opportunities will build upon the knowledge already has received during their Scouting experience. This is truly an exciting time for you and your child. Your encouragement will be appreciated.

Candidacy for the Order of the Arrow is only good for twelve months from the date in which your child was elected. If your child does not attend one of the induction weekends within that period, they will no longer be a candidate, and must be reelected in order to attend an induction weekend.

Please feel free to contact us at inductions@oapennacook.org if you have any questions concerning the Order of the Arrow. Thank you for your support of your child and of Scouting.

Yours in Scouting,

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