

Hello Candidate,

As the Lodge Chief of Tschitani Lodge, **I would like to start by congratulating you for being selected by your fellow scouts to become a candidate of Scouting's National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow.** You are now eligible to complete your induction and start your journey in the Order of the Arrow. Your induction must be completed within 18 months from the date of your election. Our 2023 Induction Weekends are:

**April 19-21 @ June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation**  
**June 14-16 @ Camp Mattatuck**  
**September 13-15 @ Camp Workcoeman**

*The induction weekend begins with registration between 7:00-8:00 pm on Friday night, and concludes at 9:30am on Sunday morning. Candidates must stay to conclusion on Sunday morning to complete their Induction. Parents are invited to attend our Jump Start session with their Scout's on Sunday at 9:00 am. Saturday afternoon we will have a feast and Fellowship, themed as noted above. You are encouraged to wear attire on Saturday related to the theme for the weekend at times directed.*

The cost for the induction weekend will be \$60 which includes an Order of the Arrow Sash, Lodge Flap, Order of the Arrow Handbook, 2024 Lodge Dues, and meals for the weekend. This cost also includes the Brotherhood Sash which can be earned at a future Induction Weekend that is at least 6 months after your induction into the Order (more details will be provided at the Induction Weekend).

Registration for this event can be completed here: The 3 weekends are ready for sign-up on the Connecticut Rivers Council website. Visit <https://ctscouting.org/tschitani-lodge/> (you can also go to [www.ctscouting.org](http://www.ctscouting.org), click on Resources and then Order of the Arrow). On the calendar, click on the date which will take you to the event page. Click on the Registration button and sign-up as an Ordeal Candidate.

**We will also be hosting the “OA Welcome Session”, which we strongly recommend you and your parents attend if you have questions about the Induction Weekend or the OA. They take place on April 14th and June 9th at 700p. Links to register will be emailed to all candidates.**

Once again, I congratulate you on your election in the Order of the Arrow. I can't wait to see you complete the first steps of your journey by attending an induction weekend! If you have any questions, please contact our Lodge Adviser John Riley at [John.Riley@Rileyautomationllc.com](mailto:John.Riley@Rileyautomationllc.com)

Yours in Friendship,

John Platt  
Lodge Chief

## Candidate Packing List

### Friday night (in one package):

- Sleeping bag
- Ground cloth/tarp
- Water bottle with water
- Flashlight
- Come dressed in clothes you will sleep in
- Rain Gear

### Saturday (in a second package):

- Personal hygiene items
- A change of clothes
- Scout uniform (Class A)— wear only to Ceremony on Sat and Sun morning
- Work gloves
- Work clothes
- Sturdy comfortable footwear (boots)
- Tent

### Also bring:

- Current BSA medical form Parts A&B only (bring a copy with you to Ordeal to be turned in at check-in) [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_AB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf)
- BSA membership ID number – we are recording these at check-in, if we don't already have it
- Any required medications
- Extra money—OA items will be on sale for purchasing

Friday night, you should bring something for dinner or eat before you arrive. Be prepared to spend a night in the woods alone. You will be limited to your sleeping bag, flashlight and rain gear (in case of inclement weather).

Saturday you will need your work clothes and work gloves for during the day. Class A uniforms are for your ceremony on Saturday night and the Sunday morning meeting.