



Hello Candidate,

As your 2025-2026 Tschitani Lodge Chief, I would like to begin this letter by congratulating you for being selected by your fellow scouts to become a candidate in the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society. For over 100 years, our organization has served Scouting by providing enhanced opportunities to those who represent the best Scouting, those like you. Having been elected by your unit, you are now eligible to complete your induction within the next 18 months and begin your journey. Our 2026 Induction Weekends are as follows:

April 17th-19th @ June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation

June 5th-7th @ Camp Mattatuck

September 18th-20th @ Camp Workcoeman

The induction weekend begins with candidate registration between 7:00-8:00pm on Friday night, and concludes with departure at 10:00am on Sunday morning. Candidates must stay to conclusion on Sunday morning to complete their Induction.

The cost for the weekend is \$65 (a lower price than last year) which includes an Order of the Arrow Sash, Handbook, Lodge Flap, 2026 Lodge Dues, and meals. This cost also includes your Brotherhood Sash, which can be earned at a future Induction Weekend at least 6 months after your initial induction into the Order (more details will be provided during the weekend).

You can register now for all 3 of our Induction Weekends for 2026 on the Connecticut Rivers Council Website at <https://ctscouting.org/oa/> or through the Council Calendar. Registration options are as follows:

- **Ordeal Candidate** (this will be the option to select if you were just elected and are now hoping to join the Order of the Arrow)
- **Brotherhood Candidate** (this is for those who have been in the Lodge for 6 months or more and now seek to earn the Brotherhood honor)
- **Current Brother of the Lodge** (this is for those who have paid their 2026 Lodge Dues and would like to attend to help with the weekend but not pursue brotherhood)

- **Tschitani Ticket Holder** (this is for those who have purchased the Tschitani Ticket upon paying their Lodge dues)

All parents are invited to attend our Jump Start presentation alongside their Scout on Sunday morning at 9:00am to learn more about the Order of the Arrow and all the amazing opportunities we offer.

Once again, congratulations on your election to become a member of the Order of the Arrow! I hope to see you at one of our induction weekends soon. If you have any questions, please contact our Lodge Adviser Kevin Rame at oyalodge10adviser@gmail.com or Samantha Olszewski at solszewski@ymail.com.

Yours in Scouting,

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Tschitani Lodge Chief

Eagle Scout Class of 2022
Summit Award Class of 2025

Candidate Packing List

In a Day Pack (for Friday Night)

Sleeping Bag	Flashlight
Ground Cloth/Tarp	Rain/Weather gear
Water bottle with Water	Bug spray

Please note to come to the weekend dressed in the clothes you will be sleeping in on Friday night.

In a Larger Bag (for the rest of the weekend)

Personal Hygiene Items	Comfortable Footwear (boots)
A change of clothes	Work Gloves
Class A Dress Uniform (for Saturday evening and Sunday morning)	Work Clothes
Small Tent (in case cabin space isn't available)	

Although we will have cabin space during the weekend, cabin arrangements need to be made in compliance with Scouting America's SAFE guarding Youth policies. As a result, we cannot guarantee cabin space for all candidates.

Loose items

Printed copy of current BSA Medical Forms (parts A&B only)	Any required medications (these will be given to the Health Desk at Check-in)
Signed copy of the Tschitani Lodge Code of Conduct	Extra cash for the Lodge and Camp Trading Post (we will have plenty of patches and other items available for purchase)

Friday night, you should bring something for dinner or eat before you arrive. Be prepared to spend a night in the woods, you will be limited to the items listed above. We will provide a place to store all other gear.