Great Sentinel Lodge

Order of the Arrow Induction Weekend

Candidate Packing Checklist

November 6–8, 2026
Schiff Scout Reservation

Dear Candidate,

We look forward to welcoming you to Great Sentinel Lodge's upcoming Order of the Arrow Induction Weekend!

To help you prepare for the weekend, please review the following packing checklist carefully.

Candidates will spend their first night **sleeping under the stars**, with the remainder of the weekend spent camping in tents. November weather on Long Island can be cold and wet, so please pack accordingly.

Required Medical Forms and Medications

- **Completed BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A and B)**, including all required signatures
- Prescription medications, following event medication procedures
- Any necessary personal medical supplies

Important: All candidates must bring their completed medical forms to check-in.

Sleeping Equipment

- Sleeping bag rated to 20°F or lower
- Insulated sleeping pad
- Waterproof ground cloth or tarp
- Tent for the remainder of the weekend (unless provided)
- Small pillow (optional)
- Warm, dry clothing specifically for sleeping
- Warm hat for sleeping outdoors

Clothing

- Complete Scout field uniform (Class A)

- Warm jacket or coat
- Sweatshirt, fleece, or thermal layers
- Long pants suitable for outdoor activities
- Extra shirts and underwear
- Several pairs of warm socks
- Sturdy hiking boots or closed-toe shoes
- Rain jacket or poncho
- Warm hat and gloves

Personal Equipment

- Flashlight or headlamp with extra batteries
- Reusable water bottle
- Small backpack or daypack
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, and personal toiletries
- Towel and washcloth
- Personal hygiene supplies

Service Project Equipment

- Work gloves
- Durable clothing suitable for outdoor work
- Sturdy footwear appropriate for service projects

Important Reminders

- **Check-in:** In front of the camp office at Schiff Scout Reservation.
- **Arrival:** Friday, November 6, beginning at 6:00 PM.
- **Departure:** Sunday, November 8, at 11:00 AM.
- Pack your first-night sleeping equipment so it can be carried easily.
- Label all personal belongings with your name.
- Leave unnecessary electronics and valuables at home.
- Be prepared for changing weather conditions, including cold temperatures and rain.
- Follow all instructions provided by the lodge induction team.

We look forward to welcoming you to Great Sentinel Lodge and sharing this important experience with you!

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