



As the Lodge Chief of Kon Wapos 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 of your election. If you are unable to attend an induction weekend in 2024, you can attend one of the induction weekends in June or August of 2025. The 2024 induction weekends are:

May 31-June 2 at Camp Rokilio or Bear Paw Scout Camp June 7-9 at Gardner Dam Adventure Base June 14-16 at Camp Hiawatha August 16-18 at Camp Rokilio

The induction weekend begins with registration/check-in between 5:30-7:30pm on Friday night and concludes by 10am on Sunday morning.

For the induction weekend you will need:

Highlighted items will be needed for Friday night sleeping under the stars. Flashlight only used on Friday night in an emergency.

- Field Uniform (Scout shirt, shorts/pants, belt, socks)
- Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping Pad
- Ground Cloth/Tarp
- Rain Gear/Poncho
- Flashlight
- Insect repellent
- Toiletries
- Tent (set up Friday for gear, use Sat. night)

- Work Clothes (will get dirty, may be painting)
- Work Gloves
- Change of clothes
- Water Bottle
- Medical form (parts A&B)
- Medications (if needed)
- Permission slip for youth under 18 (available on registration page)

The cost for the induction weekend is \$55.00, which includes an Order of the Arrow Sash, Lodge Flap patch, OA Handbook, Lodge Dues for the balance of 2024, program materials and food throughout the weekend. We want everyone selected to become a member and cost should not be a barrier. If you are not able to pay the fee, contact the lodge adviser.

Registration for the May/June conferences is at https://scoutingevent.com/635-SpringConference. The August event will be open for registration in Spring of 2024. The events can also be found at the council website, www.baylakesbsa.org and finding the registration links in the upcoming events or calendar. You can also go to the lodge website www.konwapos.org for links to the registration and more information about the Order of the Arrow.

We will be hosting OA Welcome Meetings in May and August before the induction weekends to share more about the Order of the Arrow and the induction weekend. We recommend that you and your parents attend. Adult candidates are also invited to join the OA Welcome Meeting. A Zoom link will be sent, and you can choose the day that works best for you and your parents.

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 the "OA Welcome Meeting" and the induction weekend! If youth have any questions, please contact me at chief@konwapos.org, or your parents and adult candidates can contact the lodge adviser, mike.mailand@konwapos.org.

Yours in Friendship, Samantha Z. | Kon Wapos Lodge Chief

