



As the Lodge Chief of Kon Wapos Lodge, I would like to start by congratulating you for being elected 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 2025, you can attend one of the induction weekends in May, June or August of 2026. The 2026 induction weekends are:

May 29-31 at Camp Rokilio (Spring Conference)

June 5-7 at Gardner Dam (Spring Conference)

August 14-16 at Bear Paw (Lodge Gathering)

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

Items needed for the induction weekend. (**Bolded** items will be needed for Friday night sleeping under the stars.)

- **Sleeping Bag**
- **Ground Cloth/Tarp**
- **Water Bottle**
- **Insect repellent**
- **Flashlight (only used Friday night in an emergency)**
- **Medications (if needed)**
- Sleeping Pad
- Medical form (parts A&B) (on registration page)
- Permission slip for youth under 18 (on registration page)
- Rain Gear/Poncho
- Toiletries
- Work Clothes (may get dirty – painting, etc.)
- Work Gloves
- Change of clothes
- Tent (set up Friday for gear, use tent Sat. night)
- Scout Uniform (Scout shirt, shorts/pants, belt, socks worn for Sat. dinner & evening ceremony)

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 2025, 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 unable to pay the fee, contact the lodge adviser.

REGISTRATION FOR THE INDUCTION WEEKENDS CAN BE FOUND AT THESE LINKS.

Spring Conferences, May 29-31 at Camp Rokilio, June 5-7 at Gardner Dam Adventure Base:

<https://scoutingevent.com/635-SpringConference>

Lodge Gathering, August 14-16 at Bear Paw: <https://scoutingevent.com/635-LodgeGathering>

The events can also be found on the council website, www.baylakesbsa.org 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 before the induction weekends to share more about the Order of the Arrow and the induction weekend for youth candidates and their parents. Adult candidates are also invited to join one. The Welcome Meeting Zoom link will be sent to you.

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,
Emma J. | Kon Wapos Lodge Chief



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