



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
ORDER OF THE ARROW



Dear Order of the Arrow Candidate:

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is Scouting's National Honor Society chartered by the Boy Scouts of America. Founded in 1915, the OA recognizes campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives, promotes camping, and crystallizes the habit of cheerful service as a life purpose. It is an organization composed of Scouts from different units, and is led by those Scouts under the guidance of selected adult members, called advisers.

As a result of an OA election conducted at your unit within the past year, you have been chosen as a candidate for induction into the Order of the Arrow. In order to become a new member, you must complete in Induction Weekend within one year from the date of your election. The Induction lasts from Friday night until Sunday morning, and you MUST complete the entire Induction Weekend to become a member. If you fail to complete your Induction within one year from your election, you will cease to be a candidate unless reelected.

Yerba Buena Lodge is pleased to invite you to our Order of the Arrow Fall 2021 Induction Weekend.

- This weekend will be held at Camp Herms beginning the evening of Friday, September 24th through Sunday September 26th. Candidates need to arrive by 7:00pm Friday evening.

Please note that dinner is not provided Friday night, so you should have dinner before arriving at camp. Attached is a list of what to bring. Your parent/guardian should arrive by 9:30 AM so please plan on leaving camp around 10am.

Enclosed with this letter you should find all the information needed. We cannot reiterate the importance of you bringing a copy of the BSA Medical Forms (A and B) and having your parent/guardian sign it. Failure to have the medical form filled out and signed means you will be unable to participate in the scheduled Induction.

Please note, in order to best protect all scouts, **proof of vaccination or a negative covid test at least 72 hours prior to arrival will be required.** If you fail to provide proof or vaccination or test results, you will NOT be allowed to participate in the induction weekend. If you have any questions about this, please refer to the email below.

The cost for the Induction Weekend is \$75.00. The fee, combined with a subsidy from our Lodge, will cover:

- Cost of the weekend including food
- OA membership dues for the remainder of 2021
- OA membership card
- OA sash
- OA handbook
- 1 Lodge pocket flap

This amount can be paid Online, at <https://scoutingevent.com/023-2021SeptInduction>. Registration is open now. We need your registration by 11:59 PM on Friday, September 17 before the Induction Weekend so we can purchase food. Questions? Contact us at the e-mail addresses below.

We look forward to your participation in what will truly be a memorable experience in your life.

Yours in Scouting,

Abhiram Mokkalapati, Yerba Buena Vice Chief of Inductions – inductions@yerbabuena.ggacbsa.org

Things to Bring to the Induction Weekend

1. BSA Medical form (Parts A&B)
2. Uniform and Class B Shirt
3. Warm sleeping bag
4. Ground cloth AND a small/personal tent
5. Warm jacket or sweater
6. Sturdy pair of work shoes or boots (closed toe only)
7. Set of work clothes including long pants
(Recommend a long sleeve shirt as well)
8. Work gloves
9. Long handled shovel or similar tool you can use
(Please mark clearly with your name or other identification)
10. Hat (Recommended)
11. Sun protection (Sunglasses and sunscreen)
12. Water bottle (Reusable)
13. Personal first aid kit
14. Rain gear
15. Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, etc)
16. Flash light
17. Extra set of clothing
18. Face masks (Please bring SEVERAL masks)

Please NO matches, food and snacks. You can also leave your Merit Badge Sash and any medals at home.