



YERBA BUENA LODGE  
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 (called arrowman) from different Troops, Ships and Crews, and is led by those Scouts under the guidance of selected adult advisers.

As a result of an OA election conducted at your unit within the past year, you were chosen as a candidate for induction into the Order of the Arrow. In order to become a new member, you must complete the 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 and a half years (1.5 years) from your election, you must be re-elected by your unit.

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

- ***The weekend will be held at Camp Herms in El Cerrito beginning on Friday evening, June 2nd through Sunday, June 4th. Candidates need to arrive at camp between 8:00 PM and 9:00 PM Friday evening.***
- ***If you are over 18, you must meet YPT & AB506 requirements, see bottom of next page.***

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 10:30 AM so please plan on leaving camp around 11:00 am on Sunday morning.

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.

The cost for the Induction Weekend is \$85.00. The fee, combined with a subsidy from our Lodge, will cover:

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

Registration for the Induction weekend is online and can be found on the "**New Candidate**" page of the lodge website. Go to: <https://yerbabuena.ggacbsa.org/new-candidates/> and select the registration link at the bottom of the page. You need to register no later than 11:59 PM on the Friday before the Induction Weekend so we can purchase food. If you have any questions, please contact us at the email address below.

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

Yours in Scouting,

Yerba Buena Vice Chief of Inductions  
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## 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. Personal Camp Chair
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 (For COVID Protection)
19. Money for our Trading Post of Lodge items (Neckerchief, patches, and various other items).

Please NO matches, food and snacks.  
Leave your Merit Badge Sash and any medals at home.

### If you are over 18, you must meet these additional requirements:

1. **Have current Youth Protection Training (YPT) through Sunday, June 4th, 2023.**
2. Be fully compliant with **AB 506** which includes mandated state training and a Livescan background check. More information can be found at:  
<https://californiascouting.org>