

Order of the Arrow

Virtual Induction Parent Meeting Agenda

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Introduction to the Order of the Arrow

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The Order of the Arrow, founded in 1915, is Scouting's national honor society. It seeks to recognize those youth who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law.

We operate on our core values of brotherhood, cheerfulness, service
Everything we do amplifies those values in our members.

A Scout's troop takes priority. We limit the number of OA events and a Scout can attend as many or as few as they like.



Inductions Process

The Challenges

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1. A night alone (Preferably camping outside in your back yard)
2. Maintain a vow of silence (no talking)
3. Scant food (but not scant water)
4. Service to community

The OA does not in any way condone hazing. Make sure siblings in particular respect this.



Parent Responsibilities

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Parent Responsibilities for the Induction Process:

1. Ensure safety.
2. Ensure Scout logs into LodgeMaster to create an "ArrowID" for their Scout record. The youth will receive an email invitation to create an ArrowID.
3. Keep candidate on schedule.
4. Ensure scout attends Friday night ceremony in Class A uniform
5. Provide candidate with their breakfast and lunch.
6. Supervise service.
7. Distribute Spirit of the Arrow booklets at appropriate times.
8. Put OA sash on candidate at the conclusion of the event. Class A Uniform required.
9. *For candidates 18 and over, YPT must be current.*



Schedule of Induction

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Friday November 6	Responsible	Task
5:00 - 5:30 PM	Parent	Induction Preparation
5:30 PM	Parent	Hand out SOA Booklet #1
6:00 - 7:00 PM (NATIONAL EVENT)	Candidate	Pre-Induction Ceremony and then SOA Booklet #2.
10:00 PM	Candidate	Lights out and Night Alone
Saturday November 7		
7:30 AM	Candidate	Wake up and get SOA Booklet #3
8:00 AM	Parent	Breakfast
9:00 AM - 12 noon	Candidate	Candidate Service with breaks
12:00 - 12:30 PM	Parent	Lunch
12:30 - 2:30 PM	Candidate	Candidate Service with breaks
2:30 PM	Parent	Candidate Snack and get SOA Booklet #4
3:00 PM (NATIONAL EVENT)	Candidate + Parent	Final Induction Ceremony and SOA Booklet #5
4:00 - 4:15 PM	Lodge Chief	Lodge Welcome
4:30 PM (NATIONAL EVENT)		Live National Program
Schedule for National Event:		https://momentum.oa-bsa.org/spark/schedule/
Help Line		(925) 989-1263



Contents of Candidate Packet

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- OA Sash
- Achewon Nimat Lodge Flap
- OA Membership Handbook
- Spirit of the Arrow Booklets (1-5)
- Red bead (to signify Ordeal membership)
- Dark blue bead (to signify attendance at Lodge event)

This will be hand-delivered to your address before Friday afternoon.



Suggested Service Projects

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Service must be for the community. *Safety is the top priority no matter what service project is chosen.* Service time should be at least 4 hours. Make sure candidate stays hydrated at all times. Maintain county health rules regarding mask-wearing and social distancing.

Suggested Projects

- Adopt a park or neighborhood – Pick up trash, clear trails, clean graffiti, remove fire hazards - (Lake Chabot, Lake Elizabeth, Lake Merced, Iron Horse Trail)
- Run errands for seniors (can be family members).
- A service project for your Church or local school.
- Service From Home – Gather and donate used items to a shelter. Make an emergency preparedness kit. Clear out fire hazards.

Suggested Materials:

- Mask, work gloves, yard tools, eye protection, trash bags, sanitizer, cleaning supplies



Suggested Menu for Breakfast and Lunch

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Breakfast:

(1) Hard-boiled egg

(1) Slice bread

Drink

Lunch:

(2) slices bread

(1) slice cheese

Water

* If there are any dietary issues, parents please use your judgement, maintaining safety.



Spirit of the Arrow Booklets

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These small booklets are given throughout the induction process and help guide the candidate through the weekend.

Schedule:

- Booklet #1 - 5:30PM, Friday, November 6, 2020
- Booklet #2 - 7:00PM, Friday, November 6, 2020
- Booklet #3 - 7:30AM, Saturday, November 7, 2020
- Booklet #4 - 2:30PM, Saturday, November 7, 2020
- Booklet #5 - 3:00PM, Saturday, November 7, 2020



Elangomats

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Elangomat means “friend”. Each candidate will be assigned an Elangomat not only for the weekend but for their first 6 months of OA membership.

Your Scout should expect a contact from his/her Elangomat within 48 hours after the end of the event.



Respecting Ceremonies

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“ The Order of the Arrow, recognizing the attractiveness of the unknown, utilizes the form of mystery. This shall not be interpreted, however, as justifying the withholding of any information regarding the Order from any person legitimately interested in investigating its nature, purpose, or method. Nothing in the Order shall be interpreted as interfering with any member’s religious obligation.”

- Siblings, especially those in Scouting, should be not allowed to view ceremonies.
- Parents in Scouting may want to defer viewing ceremonies until they join the Order.
- All electronic communication devices should be powered down during the ceremony.
- Recording of video conferencing sessions is not permitted.



Council Registration

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- Due to Covid, the council office does not receive mail on a daily basis.
- Payment must be done via credit card
- Complete the fillable PDF RSVP Form with your contact information and email to the address on the form.
 - ❖ Once your RSVP is received, the candidate will receive an email invitation to set up an ArrowID in LodgeMaster.
 - ❖ **Deadline for RSVP is 5 PM on 10/30/2020.**
- For payment, the parent needs to contact the Council office at (510) 600-9522. **This needs to be completed by noon on 11/3/2020.**
 - Cost for Induction is \$58.00
 - Fee Includes: OA Sash, OA Membership book, Lodge patch & Lodge dues.
 - Items will be delivered by no later than noon on 11/6/2020.



Accessing National Program

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Momentum:Spark - this National Event will be the Order's first-ever national induction weekend.

More information on accessibility will be shared as it becomes available:

<https://momentum.oa-bsa.org/>



Induction Weekend Contacts

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Lodge Advisers:

- Eric Parnell (925) 989-1263 adviser@achewonnimat.org
- Steve Kline (510) 584-6081
- Rob Wong (510) 305-7558

Credit Card Payments:

- (510) 600-9522 between 9 AM and 5 PM Monday through Friday.

Lodge Discord Server:

- <https://discord.gg/2KFUHRq>



Questions & Answers

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