



Dear Order of the Arrow Candidate,

I want to congratulate you on your selection for the Order of the Arrow (OA), Scouting's National Honor Society! One step of your journey is now complete, and another is about to begin. It is a great honor to be selected for the Order, and you should be justly proud. Like many scouts before you, the Order of the Arrow may still seem to be a mystery. I assure you by the time you finish your induction weekend, not only will you understand the OA, but it is my hope that you will be an active member of this elite group of scouts.

With this letter you will find a registration form that you will need to complete and send to the Council Office as soon as possible to register to for your OA Ordeal weekend. The Ordeal is a great weekend experience that all candidates must complete to become a member of the OA. For 2018 you have the choice of two Ordeal weekend dates: **May 18-20th at Camp Buck Toms** or **August 10-12th at Camp Pellissippi**. Please register as soon as possible for the Ordeal that you plan to attend. For either Ordeal, you will need to arrive at Camp by 7:00 PM that Friday evening. It is also important to keep in mind that the Ordeal will not end until Sunday morning, so please plan to stay until 11:00 AM on Sunday.

For the weekend you need to bring the following items:

- **Complete Scout Class A Uniform**
- **Work Clothes for Saturday**
- **Sleeping Bag**
- **Ground cloth/Tarp**
- **Rain Gear**
- **Hat**
- **Insect Spray and Sunscreen (Non-aerosol)**
- **Water Bottle (at least 1 refillable 1-liter bottle or a gallon jug)**
- **Shovel, Lop sheers**
- **Work gloves**
- **Toiletries**
- **Any personal medications required (Please notify staff of any medical needs)**

When you arrive, you need to be wearing your **complete Boy Scout Uniform and sturdy footwear**. Please do not bring anything other than what is on this list. Everything must be packed in a backpack or duffle that you can carry to your campsite (no wheeled luggage or footlockers).

The cost for the weekend is \$60.00 (\$65.00 for walk-ons). This cost includes your Order of the Arrow sash, OA Handbook, Lodge pocket flap patch, Lodge dues for 2018, and all your food for the weekend. The "Candidate Registration Form" (attached) along with your payment must be mailed or delivered to the Council Service Center by **May 15, 2018** or **August 7, 2018** based on which Ordeal weekend you attend. After those dates you will be required to pay the walk-on fee. **Do not mail your medical form to the Council Service Center please bring a COPY to the Ordeal that you attend.** If you have any questions about your Ordeal weekend, please do not hesitate to contact your Chapter Chief _____

at _____ or via email at _____.

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