



Dear Parent/Guardian of Candidate,

Your son has been selected by his troop to be a member of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society. The Order of the Arrow (OA) was founded in 1915 as a way to recognize those scouts that show the Scout Oath and Scout Law in their everyday lives, to preserve the traditions of camping and the outdoors, and to aid scouting units. This is a great honor and you should be proud of your son's election to such a prestigious organization. Candidates for the OA are chosen for what they have done and what they are expected to do. Membership in the Order is a great honor, but is also a great responsibility.

Your son must now go through an induction weekend called an Ordeal, a weekend event where he will complete his membership in the Order. The weekend will give him an opportunity to show his commitment to the OA and Scouting in addition to enjoying the fellowship of our organization. There are two Ordeal weekends to choose from in 2018: **May 18-20 at Camp Buck Toms or August 10-12 at Camp Pellissippi**. Please review your son's OA Candidate letter with him and register as soon as possible for the Ordeal weekend he will attend by completing the attached registration form. Please include contact information that the Pellissippi Lodge may use to notify your son for upcoming OA events. While the Ordeal affects every member differently, we hope to create a positive experience that he will not soon forget. Please also note the special instructions and packing list in your son's letter.

Our Lodge has many great activities that members participate in throughout the year such as an annual Winter Banquet, Spring, Fall, and Winter Fellowship weekends, Section Conclaves with other lodges in the Southeast, and the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) along with OA Chapter meetings and events on the District level. The OA also provides some of the best leadership training available, which will enable your son to better serve his troop, and in his activities outside scouting.

These opportunities will build upon the knowledge your son has already received during his Scouting experience. This is truly an exciting time for you and your son. Once again, congratulations! If you have any questions, please have your son contact his appropriate Chapter Chief (listed on your son's letter) or you may contact your son's Chapter Adviser, _____, at

_____ or via email at _____.

Yours in Service,

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