

JACCOS TOWNE LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW



CROSSROADS OF AMERICA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Dear Arrowman and prospective Brotherhood member,

You have now been an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow for at least 10 months and should consider whether you wish to take up the challenges to become a Brotherhood member. Those five challenges are:

1. **Memorize the signs of Arrow membership.** *Memorize the Obligation of the Order, the Official Song, the Admonition, the sign of Ordeal membership, and the Arrow handclasp.*
2. **Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal.** *Gain a thorough understanding of the Ordeal through which you have passed. Note: see the OA Handbook for this information.*
3. **Serve your unit. Retain your registration in Scouting.** *During a period of at least 10 months, strive to fulfill your Obligation by continuing and expanding your service to your own troop or team.*
4. **Plan for service in your lodge.** *Retain your registration in your Order of the Arrow lodge (and chapter) and keep your dues paid. Be aware that acceptance of Brotherhood membership involves a pledge of service to the lodge (and chapter). Develop a concrete idea of how you plan to fulfill this pledge.*
5. **Review your progress.** *When you earnestly feel that you have met the four challenges above, write a letter to your lodge or chapter secretary. In this letter: explain what you think the Obligation means; describe how you have been fulfilling this Obligation in your troop or team and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to aid in this service; and Describe your specific plans for giving service in the lodge (or chapter) program. Note: this letter should be written in advance and brought with.*

Brotherhood Ceremonies will be conducted at our Lodge Ordeal this year. The Ordeal will be held from **7:00 p.m., Friday, *date*, to 11:30 a.m., Sunday, *date*** at Camp *name*. **Staff registration will begin at 6:00 p.m.** For purposes of planning, please provide your name, phone number, troop number, district name and OA chapter by e-mail ***email address*** or by voice mail to him at **(###) ###-####**. Please e-mail or call no later than 4:00 p.m. ***date***. Of course, you may still attend if you don't reply in advance.

The registration cost for Brotherhood is \$#. This includes the Brotherhood sash, a pocket flap, food for the weekend, and camp insurance. **You must bring a Class I health form, filled out and signed, with you. Youth health forms must be signed by a parent/guardian.** You may bring a copy of a current Scout health form, fill out the one enclosed, or download one from the lodge's website at www.crossroadsbsa.org/oa. A Brotherhood registration form is enclosed. Please fill it out and bring it with you. Your registration/Brotherhood fee is to be paid on Friday night. Checks are payable to "BSA-CAC-OA."

Enclosed is the Spirit of the Arrow booklet No. 6, "Those Who Chose You Need You," which you will find very meaningful. I hope to see you at the Ordeal. If you have questions, please contact me at e-mail: ***email address*** or by voice mail to him at **(###) ###-####**.

In Brotherhood,
name

Inductions Committee Chairman

Enc: Brotherhood Registration Form
Class I Health Form
Directions and Equipment List
Spirit of the Arrow Booklet No. 6

Required Equipment List

1. Your completed registration form with payment of \$#
2. Your completed BSA CLASS 1 Health History Form (signed by parent/guardian if youth)
3. Any medications in a plastic bag that zips closed – please write your name, the dosage and ailment on bag
4. Work clothes. **Report to camp in them.** Include enough warm clothes (jacket, sweatshirt, etc.) as needed for weather conditions. *(These need to be clothes you do not mind being permanently stained, such as by paint or dirt.)*
5. Sleeping bag
6. Poncho/rain gear
7. Flashlight
8. Insect repellent (non-aerosol) (bring repellent containing DEET)
9. Sun protection lotion
10. Canteen/water bottle
11. Tent with ground cloth
12. Complete **Class A** uniform and OA sash
13. Work gloves
14. Hat, such as a baseball cap or bandana to cover head
15. Personal grooming items
16. Towel for showering
17. *Swimming suit and towel (if applicable)*

DO NOT BRING ELECTRONIC GAMES, RADIOS, TV, ETC.

OTHER ADDITIONAL CAMPING EQUIPMENT YOU MAY WISH TO BRING IS OPTIONAL, SUCH AS A COT/AIR MATTRESS/SLEEPING PAD.