



Ma~Nu Lodge

Last Frontier Council, Boy Scouts of America
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Dear Candidate:

Congratulations! The Scouts of your unit have selected you as a candidate for membership in the Order of the Arrow. As you may know, the Order of the Arrow is the Scouting's National Honor Society. It recognizes those Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and seeks to encourage those members to conduct themselves in a manner that justifies this honor. In addition, the Order focuses on leadership development and programs to support the unit and Scouting, while striving to instill in its members a spirit of cheerful service.

As a candidate, you are invited to take part in the Order of the Arrow induction beginning with the Ordeal experience, which will teach you about the Order of the Arrow and your role as an Arrowman. During your Ordeal, you will participate in camp service projects and sleep under the stars. To assist you in planning for your Ordeal, we are providing two opportunities to complete the Ordeal this year at our council camps. The Spring Ordeal is scheduled for May 14-16 at Slippery Falls Scout Ranch; the Fall Ordeal is scheduled for September 17-19 at Camp George Thomas. Maps to the camps are available on our Council website www.lastfrontiercouncil.org and Ordeal registration forms are available at our Lodge website: www.manu133.org

When selecting an Ordeal, you should choose a date and location that works best for you. For instance, if you are busy with school activities on Friday nights during the school year, the summer may work best for you. Those who have to travel long distances to reach camp may wish to choose the camp closest to their area. You may also wish to check with other candidates from your unit and attend the induction weekend together. **Remember, if you do not complete an Ordeal within one year, you must be re-elected by your unit.**

Regardless of which Ordeal you choose, prior registration is required. To register, please complete the enclosed forms and return it to the council service center. The total candidate fee indicated on the registration form includes the cost of an Order of the Arrow sash, handbook, lodge pocket flap and OA membership dues for 2010. The cost of food for the Ordeal is also included in this fee. Prior registration or RSVP is needed for planning purposes and food, therefore, registration must be received prior to the event or a late fee will be charged. Please RSVP by the dates indicated on the forms.

The Ordeal weekend will begin promptly at 9:30 p.m. We recommend that you **arrive at camp by 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening and have your ride pick you up at 10 a.m. Sunday.** It is important to remain until Sunday for the full fellowship experience. No meals will be served Friday, so please eat at home or bring a sack lunch. You should **wear "work clothes"** to camp; do not wear your Scout uniform. **You will need the following equipment for Friday night: Sleeping bag, ground cloth, canteen, pocketknife, work gloves, insect repellent, and a poncho.** You should also bring, packed separately, your personal grooming articles, a towel, a Class A Scout uniform for the induction ceremony, and other necessary items.

Please also note the following information:

1. All health considerations must be provided in complete detail on your health form. Include a list of all medications, allergies, special diet instructions, activity restrictions and any other health information.
2. Eat dinner before you arrive at camp on Friday evening. All other meals are provided.
3. Registration/Sign-in begins at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 9:30 p.m. The Ordeal ends at 10:00 a.m. Sunday. All candidates may check out and be picked up by 10:00 a.m. Sunday (Candidates may leave after events on Saturday night if necessary; we prefer that you stay and get acquainted).
4. You should expect to sleep under the stars on Friday night. Bring a waterproof ground cloth and warm sleeping bag. Wear work clothes, long pants, boots/shoes and work gloves to camp on Friday. You will need to pack a full Scout uniform for Saturday evening.
5. Bring gear appropriate for the season/weather. Layer clothing so that it is adjustable to the seasonal conditions and be sure to include extra warm/dry clothing. Bring a jacket or coat, rain gear, hat, water bottle, flashlight, sunscreen, insect repellent, and a small daypack for carrying your gear on Saturday.

Schedule:

Friday	Friday	Sunday
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	10 a.m.
Registration	Ordeal Begins	Ordeal concludes

The ceremony is for candidates and members only. Non-members **must** have prior approval (before the start of the Ordeal) from the Lodge Adviser to attend.

We will have a short new member information seminar Saturday after the evening meal. The seminar will help new members learn about Ma-Nu Lodge and what it means to be an Arrowman. Please plan to depart around 10 am on Sunday. The pickup point will be the same as the drop off point.

If you would like to purchase lodge uniform items (optional), we will have a variety available, to include additional lodge flaps, as well as snack items for purchase beginning Saturday after your ceremony.

We hope to see you at the Ordeal at Slippery Falls or George Thomas. Candidates with general questions may contact me at 10chief@manu133.org or our Lodge Adviser with general and medical questions at 10adviser@manu133.org.

Yours in Service,



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