



Ma~Nu Lodge 133

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 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 receiving this honor. In addition, the Order focuses on leadership development and programs to support Scouting, while striving to instill in all 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, there will be two opportunities to complete the Ordeal this year at our council camps. The Spring Ordeal is scheduled for May 18th – 20th, 2012 at Slippery Falls Scout Ranch and the Fall Ordeal which is scheduled for August 24th – 26th, 2012 at John Nichols Scout Ranch. Maps to both camps are available on the Council website at www.lastfrontiercouncil.org.

Ordeal registration is online at: www.manu133.org

When selecting an Ordeal, you should choose a date and location that works best for you. Those who have long travel 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. The total candidate fee includes the cost of an Order of the Arrow sash, handbook, lodge pocket flap, and paid OA membership dues for 2012. The cost of food for the Ordeal is also included in this fee. Prior registration is needed for planning purposes and food preparations. Therefore, registration must be received prior to the event or a late fee will be charged.

The Ordeal weekend will begin promptly at 9:30PM. We recommend that you arrive at camp by 7:30PM on Friday evening and have your ride pick you up at 10:00AM on Sunday. It is recommended that you remain until Sunday for the full fellowship experience. No meals will be served Friday, 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 and packed separately:

Personal grooming articles, a towel, a Class a Scout uniform for the induction ceremony, and other necessary items.

Please also note the following information:

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Eat dinner before you arrive at camp on Friday evening. All other meals are provided.
- ✓ Registration/Sign-in begins at 6:30PM and ends at 9:30PM. The Ordeal ends at 10:00AM on Sunday. All candidates must check-out and be picked up by 10:00AM on Sunday (Candidates may leave after events on Saturday night if necessary; we prefer that you stay and get acquainted).
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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
6:30PM – 9:30PM	9:30PM	10:00AM
Registration	Ordeal Begins	Ordeal concludes

The ceremony is for candidates and members only. Non-members can get 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 at 10:00AM on Sunday. The pickup point will be the same as the drop off point.

If you would like to purchase optional lodge uniform items, we will have a variety available including additional lodge flaps. Snack items will be available for purchase beginning Saturday after the induction ceremony.

Candidates with general questions may contact me at 12chief@manu133.org, or the Lodge Adviser with general and medical questions at 11adviser@manu133.org, or the Lodge Website at www.manu133.org. Regardless of which Ordeal you choose, prior registration is required.

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Yours in service,

Wesley Seaman - Lodge Chief