



*Ini-To Lodge #324  
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Congratulations! You have been elected by your unit to become a member of **Scouting's National Honor Society**, the Order of the Arrow. This letter is designed to answer many of the questions you may have, and to assist you in completing process to join the OA!

At the Call Out, you received a "Candidate's Arrow". It signifies that you are now a Candidate for the Order, and that you will complete your induction into the Order of the Arrow in order to become an Arrowman. ***Please wear this Arrow with pride until and throughout your Ordeal.***

***If you did not receive an Arrow yet, don't worry: You'll receive one at your induction weekend!***

The Ordeal induction weekend is an experience designed to help you gain a deeper understanding of the Scout Oath and Law, and to learn the value of unselfish service to others.

- ***The Ordeal induction will begin promptly at 8 p.m., Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.***
- ***Our event ends promptly at 10:00 a.m., on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025.***

## **Instructions:**

1. **Arrival:** Please arrive at **CAMP THUNDER** at the **HOWARD LODGE** no later **7:00 p.m. on Friday evening for check-in.**
2. **Medical:** **You must bring a current BSA medical form** (returned at end of event).
3. **Meals:** No meals will be served Friday, so please eat dinner before you arrive.
4. DO NOT wear your Scout uniform to camp. You should be wearing "**work clothes**" and your **Candidate's Arrow** when you arrive at camp. Boots are strongly encouraged.
5. **In a backpack or duffle bag,** you will need the following for Friday night:
  - a. sleeping bag and ground cloth
  - b. Nalgene filled with water
  - c. Work Gloves
  - d. Pocketknife and lip balm or ChapStick
  - e. bug repellent
  - f. raingear and appropriate clothing for the weather and temperature.

6. **Packed separately in a different bag**, you will need the following for Saturday:
  - a. complete Class “A” Scout Uniform (including Scout scouts or pants)
  - b. your toilet articles, a towel, etc.
  - c. any other necessary items.
7. **Pre-Registration is required. Please register online at [www.flintrivercouncil.org](http://www.flintrivercouncil.org).**
8. **Costs:** The cost of the Ordeal induction weekend is **\$70.00** which includes all meals on Saturday (breakfast, lunch and dinner) plus breakfast on Sunday, the official white OA sash, the current Lodge flap for everyday uniform wear, the weekend event patch for uniform wear, the OA Handbook, and your OA membership dues for the 2025 **and** 2026.
9. **Trading Post:** We have many items for sale in our trading post, including lodge hats, lodge t-shirts, patches, concessions, etc., so please plan to bring a little extra money.

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.

For those unable to attend our induction at this year’s Spring Ordeal, your next opportunity to become a member of Scouting’s National Honor Society will be March 6-8, 2026.

We look forward to seeing you at our Ordeal induction weekend. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [lodgeadviser324@gmail.com](mailto:lodgeadviser324@gmail.com).

***We look forward to you becoming an active member of our Lodge!***

### **Schedule of Events:**

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|--------------------------------|---|----------------|
| Friday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>   | Arrival and Check-In at<br>HOWARD LODGE at CAMP THUNDER | 5:30pm-7:00pm  |
| Saturday, May 17 <sup>th</sup> | Ordeal Induction  | All Day        |
| Sunday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>   | Departure (Camp Thunder Dining Hall)                    | 10:00 am SHARP |

| <b><u>WEAR TO CAMP</u></b>       | <b><u>Bag #1</u></b>          | <b><u>Bag #2</u></b>    |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Work boots or shoes              | Sleeping bag & pillow         | BSA uniform (Class “A”) |
| Work shirt and work pants        | Ground cloth or tarp          | Toiletries & towel      |
| Wide-Brim hat                    | flashlight                    | Extra shoes             |
| Jacket                           | Water bottle & hand sanitizer | Phone & charger         |
| Candidate Arrow (if you have it) | 10 essentials                 | Non-perishable snacks   |
| Current BSA Medical Form         | Work gloves                   |                         |
| Personal Mask                    |                               |                         |