



ILLINEK LODGE #132

ORDER OF THE ARROW

My Friend,



I wish to extend to you my heartfelt congratulations upon your selection! You have been granted a great honor by your fellow Scouts. They selected you for membership into an organization dedicated to serving others – The Order of the Arrow. This is not an honor that is simply handed to Scouts, it is something that you have earned. Having been elected by your Scouting peers shows that you have a great dedication to your fellow Scouts and to the Ideals of Scouting.

Your selection identifies that you were selected as a qualified Scout or Scouter, who is worthy of membership into the Order of the Arrow. At your call-out ceremony, your unit leadership publicly announced your candidacy for membership. To formally become a member of the Order, you must complete the next step in the induction process – the **Ordeal**. The Ordeal occurs over a weekend at our Council camp. During your Ordeal, you will be grouped with other candidates and undergo a series of tests. These tests will help you reaffirm your dedication to the Ideals of Scouting. At the conclusion of the Ordeal weekend, if you are faithful in performing the tests, you will be inducted into the Order of the Arrow.

Enclosed is information regarding the Ordeal weekend as well as opportunities that you will have as a member of Illinek Lodge.

What's next?

Your Ordeal weekend is the next step in a journey of membership in the Order of the Arrow. This journey began with your election. Your membership in the Order becomes sealed when you become a Brotherhood Member. Six months after completing your Ordeal, you will be eligible to seal this membership. During the six months, you are expected to continue active membership in Scouting with your fellow Scouts, those who chose you need you. You are also encouraged to be active within Illinek Lodge by attending lodge events and participating in one or more lodge committees or operations.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the persons listed below. Again, congratulations on your election to the Order of the Arrow. We wish you well on your next step of the journey.

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SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



2023 ORDEAL WEEKEND INFORMATION

Ordeal Weekend Dates:

Friday through Sunday, August 18-20, 2023
Friday through Sunday, October 13-15, 2023

Camp Illinek (Springfield, IL)
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You have 24 months from the date of your selection to take your Ordeal. If you cannot arrive at camp by 7:30 pm, you should select a different weekend. If you have pre-registered for a weekend and need to change to a later weekend, you will need to cancel and pre-register online for a different date. Please notify us promptly if changing dates.

Ordeal Weekend Cost:

The cost of your Ordeal weekend is \$65.00. Payment must be made at Camp Friday night, submitted with your Ordeal registration form. The cost for the weekend will pay for your Order of the Arrow sash, an Illinek #132 Lodge pocket flap, an *Order of the Arrow Handbook*, a Lodge Totem, your first full year's dues and all your meals for the weekend.

Ordeal Weekend Arrival/Dismissal:

Friday	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Candidate registration, tent set-up
	8:00 – 9:00 pm	Parent/Guardian Orientation Session
Sunday	11:00 am	Dismissal from camp

Ordeal Weekend Description

On the weekend of your Ordeal, please arrive at camp in full uniform between 6:30 and 7:30 pm Friday evening. You will be expected to check in at the registration table, set up your tent, change into your work clothes, and be ready for the weekend events promptly at 8:00 pm. Make sure you arrive in plenty of time. At 8:00 pm Friday, there will be a Family Orientation session to acquaint your parents or guardian with the Ordeal process and the Order of the Arrow in general. After the meeting, they will leave and your Ordeal will begin. You will be dismissed from camp by 11:00 am Sunday. Lunch will **not** be served on Sunday.

The weekend will include a non-denominational religious observance. Our Lodge trading post will be open Sunday morning to offer the opportunity to purchase T shirts, memorabilia, and materials of the Lodge or the Order. During your Ordeal, you will be asked to consider joining, supporting, or attending the Lodge's operating committees and future activities (page 4). After your Ordeal, you will be receiving the Lodge newsletter, *The Red Flame*, via email when it is published for as long as you continue paying our annual dues.



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You will need to bring the following items with you to your Ordeal weekend. All of these items are important and will **NOT** be provided for you at your Ordeal, so it is of the utmost importance that you do not forget any item.

- Complete Scout Uniform (to be worn on arrival Friday evening)
- Tent for Saturday night (consult with your Troop if you do not own one. Scouts must provide individual tent arrangements.
- Sleeping bag
- Ground cloth
- Poncho or rain gear
- Work clothes, including long sleeve shirt, tee shirt, long pants, sock and shoes/boots
- Work gloves
- Warm clothing, in case of inclement weather
- Grooming kit, shower soap, shampoo and towel
- Spirit of the Arrow Booklet 1 (included in this packet)
- Optional money for the trading post on Sunday

For Scout candidates under the age of 18, you will not be allowed to carry (1) cell phones, (2) car keys, or (3) watches, during the Ordeal. These items will be collected on Friday evening by the Medical Officer, along with any medications that you may require during the weekend. This is to ensure that they are not lost during the Ordeal and to avoid disrupting the activities.

***Rescue inhalers should be kept by each person for use as needed. Just let us know you have them.

***If you have special dietary restrictions, please indicate these restrictions clearly at registration and medical form please also email secretary@illineklodge.org



Officer and Committee Opportunities

American Indian Affairs – conducting ceremonies, Native American dance and song
 Unit Relations – Unit elections, OA Unit Representatives, ASK program, Unit involvement.
 Communications – *Red Flame* newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
 Finance – trading post, fund raising, budgeting
 History & Design – lodge patches, garments and memorabilia, promotion of lodge history
 Inductions – carrying out Ordeal events, bringing in new members, Elangomats
 Membership – becoming Brotherhood, staying active in the lodge, recruiting former members
 Programs – events to promote fellowship and fun
 Promotions – Camp Bunn video, Cub Camp video, handouts and booklets, displays
 Service – Camp workdays, Trail’s End Café, Klondike Derby, First Aid Meet, service hours
 Training – various events in preparation for leadership, fellowship, and service.

TRADING POST

OA Sash*
 OA Handbook*
 Lodge Flap*
 Insignia
 Pins

Patches
 Belt Buckles
 Stave Medallions
 Key Chains
 Decals

T Shirts
 Sweatshirts
 Ball Caps
 ¼ Zip Jackets
 Bracelets

*First Sash and Handbook is included in Ordeal Registration



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