



TECUMSEH LODGE ORDER OF THE ARROW

To: All Ordeal Candidates & Parents
From: Reid Miller, Lodge Chief

Congratulations on being chosen as a Candidate to join the Order of the Arrow by your fellow Scouts. The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society and we are pleased that you have been elected. But election is just part of the process. To become a member, you must complete the Ordeal which consists of four parts which you will complete during the Ordeal weekend: 1) A night of camping alone under the stars to prove self-reliance. 2) A day of arduous toil to show willingness to serve others. 3) A day of scant food to show power of self-denial. 4) A day of silence, to turn your thoughts inward. After completing these tasks, you will be able to complete your ceremony and become a member of the Order of the Arrow.

You are only eligible to take your Ordeal for 18 months from the date you were elected. If you are unable to take your Ordeal during that time period you must be re-elected again to be eligible to take your Ordeal another year. We often see Candidates who put off their Ordeal until the last chance and then find themselves unable to attend due to another commitment (band, sports, etc.). If you are unable to attend for these reasons you must be re-elected to be eligible to take your Ordeal another year. Keep this in mind when planning which weekend, you wish to attend. If you are unable to attend your chosen Ordeal due to a special hardship or for medical reasons, contact the Lodge Chief or Lodge Adviser to apply for consideration for an extension of your eligibility.

There are 3 opportunities for you to take your Ordeal in 2024 which are listed below. You should pre-register by Friday, one week before the event. The necessary forms are enclosed. These forms must be filled out completely and they need to be sent with the payment of the weekend fee to: Simon Kenton Council, BSA, 807 Kinnear Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43212. **The cost is \$50.00**, which includes your food, an Ordeal Sash, OA Handbook, Lodge Information Book, Ordeal Certificate, Tecumseh Lodge Dues for the remainder of 2024, a Lodge Pocket Flap and program expenses for the weekend. Make your check out to Simon Kenton Council and mark "OA Ordeal Registration" on the memo line of your check. You can also register and pay securely online using the Council's payment system. Just go to the Tecumseh Lodge web page at www.tecumseh65.org and choose the Ordeal you want to attend. **If you register online, you still need to fill out the enclosed forms and either send them to us or bring them to the event.** If we do not have your completed forms when you arrive at camp, you cannot attend the event.

The Ordeal Weekend Opportunities for 2024 are as follows

May 31 - Jun 2 at Camp Lazarus

August 16-18 at Camp Oyo

September 20-22 at Camp Falling Rock

You should plan to arrive at the camp between 6:30 and 8:00 Friday evening - absolutely no later than 8:15 PM unless you make prior arrangements with the Lodge Chief or the Lodge Adviser. Saturday morning arrival is not acceptable because the program starts on Friday evening and must be completed in its entirety. The Ordeal weekend will end at 9:00 AM on Sunday so please plan on staying through Sunday morning. You should make arrangements to be picked up between 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM Sunday. Youth will not be permitted to leave camp before Sunday morning unless prior arrangements have been made in writing by their parent or guardian (see the parent's authorization area of this form).

You will need to bring the following items with you to the Camp:

- A tent, ground cloth and sleeping bag for sleeping Saturday night and to keep your gear in. You can share your tent with another Scout, however Youth Protection Guidelines must be followed at all times.
- A second, separate waterproof ground cloth for Friday night (you will not be sleeping in your tent that night).
- Work clothing (grubbies) – you will want to change into these on Friday night for sleeping out under the stars and you need to wear them while working Saturday (this clothing could get torn, very dirty or even get paint on it). Please do not wear anything derogatory or offensive, wear only clothing that is scouting appropriate.
- Work gloves
- A complete "Class A" Scout uniform to wear during the Saturday Ceremony
- A jacket and raingear if needed (check the weather forecast before you go)
- Water bottle

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- ❖ If you are taking medications, have them labeled and in their original prescription containers if applicable; place them in a “Zip Lock” type baggy, along with your name and instructions and an explanation note from your parent or guardian.
- ❖ If you have special dietary needs for medical or religious reasons, we need to know by Friday Night at registration.
- ❖ If you are an adult with special skills (plumbing, electrical, carpentry, etc.) please let us know. We provide service for the camps, and if you can help in these ways, we can save the camp money and time.
- ❖ There is no need to bring electronics as there will be no time allotted for their use. You will not be able to carry them with you and they could get damaged, misplaced or stolen.

Yours in Brotherhood
Reid Miller
 Lodge Chief



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
 SIMON KENTON COUNCIL

About The Order Of The Arrow

Mission

The mission of the Order of the Arrow is to fulfill its purpose as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults.

Purpose

As Scouting's National Honor Society, our purpose is to:

- Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.
- Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.
- Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit, and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.
- Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

History

The OA was founded in 1915 by Dr. E Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson at Treasure Island Scout Reservation in New Jersey to recognize honor campers. It quickly spread to other camps, and was adopted nationally in 1948. Today it emphasizes not only camping, but service, leadership, and character on a daily basis both within and outside of Scouting.

Members

Members are called Arrowmen and are elected to the organization by their fellow Scouts. The OA is unique in that nonmembers are often the ones that elect Scouts in their troop for membership.

Honors (Levels)

There are three honor levels in the OA: Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil. The Vigil Honor is the highest honor level in the organization.

Leadership

The OA is led by youth Arrowmen (all under 21 years old) who have been elected by their peers to lead the organization on the various levels. These elected officers lead the organization under the guidance of selected adult advisers.

Identification

Arrowmen wear white sashes with a red arrow to signify their membership in the Order of the Arrow. Arrowmen also wear a patch on the top of their right front pocket on the official Boy Scout uniform that both signifies their membership in the Order of the Arrow and distinguishes which lodge they are a member of.

Locally

The Tecumseh Lodge includes all Arrowmen registered in the Simon Kenton Council. Each district in the council also has a corresponding chapter to support the program locally.

To learn more about the Order of the Arrow, visit the official National OA website at www.oa-bsa.org or our Tecumseh Lodge website at www.tecumseh65.org

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Registration Information - Please print clearly

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Male Female

Address _____ Home Phone _____

City / State / Zip _____ Emergency Phone _____

Scout ID # (from your unit ID card) _____ Unit type _____ Unit # _____ BT GT District _____

- I wish to attend the following Ordeal:
- May 31 – Jun 2 at Camp Lazarus
 - August 16 - 18 at Camp Oyo
 - September 20 - 22 at Camp Falling Rock

e-mail Address _____
(this will be used to send newsletters and lodge notices to your scout)

Special Dietary Needs (for medical reasons) _____

Ordeal Candidate's Agreement
(Required for everyone)

I have read the enclosed candidate letter and understand that the Ordeal is of a serious nature and it shall not be taken lightly. At the Ordeal, I will do my best in accordance with the Scout Oath and Law and the Outdoor Code. I will obey and respect those who may be in authority over me during the weekend. I will adhere to the principles of the Ordeal as they are explained to me. If I do not follow the above, and I am not faithful in performing the tests of the Ordeal, I may, after a talk with the leaders of the Ordeal, decide to remove myself from the Ordeal as soon as it is possible. I understand this means that I do not become a member of the Order of the Arrow at that time. I also agree that I will not leave the Camp property before Sunday Morning at 9:00AM without informing the Leaders of the Ordeal, and if I am under 18 years old, without my Parents written permission.

Candidate's signature _____ Printed name _____ Date _____

Parent's or Guardian's Agreement
(Required for everyone under 18 years of age)

I, _____, the parent / guardian of the above Candidate, have read the enclosed Candidate letter and forms. I understand that the purpose of these forms, are to provide a safe and pleasant environment for all the members and Candidates involved. I also realize that if my child decides to remove himself or herself from the Ordeal "as soon as possible", it may mean that I would have to come to camp to remove them.

The health history on the medical Form is correct so far as I know, and the person herein described has permission to engage in all prescribed activities except as noted by me. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the adult leader in charge to hospitalize, secure proper anesthesia, or to order injection or surgery for my son.

_____ My child has permission to leave camp prior to Sunday Morning with the following person: _____
(Initial) Use this if it is necessary for them to leave Saturday evening and they will be riding with another authorized adult. (If he or she does not have permission, write NOBODY on the line above.)
Without this permission we will NOT permit your child to leave the camp before Sunday morning unless we are able to contact you.

_____ My child has my permission to keep his medications with them and they are capable of administering them themselves.
(Initial) Any medications of a restricted nature (narcotics, etc.) should be turned in at registration so they can be kept in a secure place. Your child will need to come to us for administration of these medications.

Parent's or Guardian's signature _____ Printed name _____ Date _____

ALL the included forms must be completed and received in the Council Office no later than one week prior to the Ordeal you will be attending. If you are unable to send them in, bring them with you to camp.

Complete **all 4 pages** of these forms and send them along with your payment of \$50.00 to:
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You can also register and pay online using the Council payment system. Just go to the Tecumseh Lodge Website at www.tecumseh65.org, choose the Ordeal you want to attend and follow the instructions.

If you register and pay online, you MUST still either mail in these forms or bring them with you to the event. If we do not have your completed, signed forms and medicals, you cannot attend and you will be sent home.