



ALLOHAK MENEWI LODGE 57

## ORDER OF THE ARROW

Dear Brotherhood Candidate,

You are about to embark on the next step in your Order of the Arrow journey. Your decision to seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow brings us great joy! By becoming a Brotherhood member, you will learn to better understand the signs and symbols of the Order of the Arrow as well as what you experienced during your Ordeal. Don't worry, though, becoming a Brotherhood member is not at all like completing your Ordeal.

You must arrive Friday evening by 7:00 p.m., but please do not arrive before 5:30 p.m. Be sure to bring a copy of your BSA Health and Medical Record (physical) parts A and B. All participants aged 18 and over must have a copy of their current Youth Protection Training certificate and PA required background clearances attached to their medical form. Your Brotherhood weekend will conclude no later than 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

The cost for the weekend covers the cost of your new Brotherhood member sash and weekend food. Throughout the weekend, you will have the opportunity to purchase other lodge merchandise like t-shirts, hoodies, and patches at the lodge trading post.

Before you arrive at camp, take time to look through your Order of the Arrow handbook which you received upon the completion of your Ordeal. Your handbook will present the challenges of the Brotherhood that you will have to pass to receive the Brotherhood Honor. There are three things you must do:

1. Learn the signs of our Order including the
  - a. Obligation
  - b. Song
  - c. Admonition
  - d. Sign of the Ordeal
  - e. Handclasp.
2. Review what happened during your Ordeal and the challenges that you overcame, which are explained in your handbook.
3. Write a letter to our lodge secretary detailing what the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow means to you, how you have lived the Obligation in service to your unit, and how you plan to give service to our lodge.

We will review these items with you Friday evening during a Brotherhood Counseling session. To help with this process, you can visit <https://oa-bsa.org/jumpstart> which gathers the information you need as well as help you practice.



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For the weekend, make sure to come prepared with the following items:

- OA handbook
- OA sash
- Scout field (Class A) uniform
- Work clothes for Saturday
- Water bottle
- Camping equipment (tent, sleeping bag, pillow)
- Flashlight
- Clothes for the weather
- Rain Gear
- Toiletries
- Other personal items you may want.

Food will be provided throughout the weekend. If you have any special health concerns or dietary needs, you must contact Lodge Commissary Adviser Joel Erickson ([ericksonjoelk@gmail.com](mailto:ericksonjoelk@gmail.com)) no later than one week before the event to discuss needs.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Craig Zender, Allohak Menewi Lodge Advisor, at [zsixty@aol.com](mailto:zsixty@aol.com).

For registration assistance, you may also call the Laurel Highlands Council Camping Department at (412) 325-7921.

We look forward to seeing how you will continue to serve your unit and your lodge!

Yours in Service,

The Members of Allohak Menewi Lodge 57  
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