



BLACK EAGLE LODGE
ORDER OF THE ARROW



BLACK EAGLE LODGE/DESERT EAGLE CHAPTER
2024 SPRING VIRTUAL ORDEAL CEREMONY

Dear Parents/Leaders,

Welcome to the Desert Eagle Chapter, Black Eagle Lodge 2024 Spring Virtual Ordeal Induction. It is because of your continued support that this weekend is possible. This sheet has some information that you might find useful. If you have any questions before the Ordeal begins on 3-4 May, 2024, please feel free to contact:

Sign up at

<https://scoutingevent.com/802-2024BELspring>

Registration for this option is Passworded, please use "DesertEagle"

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About the Order of the Arrow

Congratulations, you and/or your Scout is about to be inducted into the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society! Founded in 1915 by Dr. E. Uner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson, the Order of the Arrow emphasizes servant-leadership. Candidates are elected by their fellow scouts in their units and must complete an Ordeal induction to become a member. The Ordeal is not an "initiation" or a period of "hazing"; rather, it is a time when candidates are given the opportunity to reflect on their journey in Scouting and the values of the Scout Oath and Law.





Ordeal Instructions:

Because of unique challenges with conducting a virtual inductions ceremony, parents or leaders must understand what is required for the Candidate to complete their Ordeal. First are the four tests.

Application of the Four Tests of the Ordeal

Application of the four tests of the Ordeal can be performed on either an individual or small group basis depending on restrictions in your local area. If being done in small groups, the lodge will need to be notified and assist in the proper administration of this component. If being done individually, parents/candidates must follow the guidelines to ensure a successful completion. This will include:

- *Scant Food*
- *Silence* (unless communication is necessary to successfully complete the service project or in an emergency).
- *Night Alone*
- *Service project/s*

During the Opening Ceremony, the Candidate will be given these challenges to complete their Ordeal.

Scant Food: The purpose of the challenge of scant food is to show the Candidate that they can successfully suppress desires (of which hunger is a representative example) in service of higher purposes or goals.

Sample Menu items from Lodge Ordeals:

Breakfast:

1. Boiled Egg and half a Banana

Lunch:

1. Half a Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich and half a banana

Water is the only drink allowed. No coffee/tea/ or soda. Just water. However, a candidate can drink as much water as they like.

Silence: The Candidate and the Elangomat (if applicable) are not to speak from the moment Meteu presents the challenge until they take the Obligation. Unless communication is necessary to successfully complete the service project or in an emergency. This may present challenges in communication; however, that is part of the journey.

Night Alone: “*So tonight, beneath the heavens, sleep alone upon your groundsheet.*”

— Kichkinet



This should be outdoors if possible. **No electronics allowed.** If unable to conduct outdoors because of weather conditions or other restrictions, then on the floor of a basement or living room is permissible. Again, any distraction should be removed as reasonably as possible. This allows for the start of inner reflection for the Candidate.

Service project/s: *“As the chieftain, I exhort you: spend the day in arduous labor, working gladly, not begrudging.”* — Allowat Sakima

Service projects will need to be arranged in advance by the Candidate and approved by Black Eagle Lodge. Service projects should be community-based projects wherever possible (e.g., cleanup of a public park, support to their local church, litter sweeps, etc.). However, we understand that in some conditions such as lockdown, service projects at a church or park could be forbidden. Housework is allowed in a case-by-case basis. The project should be labor that takes about 4 hours to complete.

Please submit project proposals to lodgeadvisorbel482@tac-bsa.org and deserteagleadvisor@gmail.com

Projects photos will be required before and after. This allows the Lodge and Chapters to show what work has been accomplished for the community and also allows Arrowmen the opportunity to show their hard-earned work.

Please send before and after photo's here: deserteagleadvisor@gmail.com





The current Schedule of events is:

Friday, May 3, 2024		
Time (AST) Arabia Standard Time		
8:00 PM	Booklet #2 Given to Candidates	
9:00 PM	Opening Show (Zoom Link to be sent closer to event)	
9:30 PM	Pre-Ordeal Ceremony (Zoom Link to be sent closer to event)	
10:30 PM	Candidates Leave for Evening Under the Stars	
Saturday, May 4, 2022		
Time (AST) Arabia Standard Time		
7:30 AM	Wake-Up / Booklet #3	
7:45 AM	Breakfast	
8:00 AM	Start Project	
11:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM	Project Complete/ Shower Relax and stay Silent/Given Booklet #4	
1:45 PM	Zoom Meeting Opens for Ceremony (Zoom Link to be sent closer to event)	
TBD	Ordeal Ceremony (Presentation of Sash/Patch) Online	



For Units/Chapters Conducting the Ordeal in small groups where available.

Presenting sashes:

Black Eagle Lodge will attempt to send Sashes/Patches/Books to all those registered to allow for sashing during the Ceremony. Please keep in mind that with shipping, mail may arrive after the Ceremony is complete.



In the Ceremony, after the chief gives the Admonition, the Arrowmen are given their sash at this time.

NOTE: Mom and/or Dad can also place the sash on the Ordeal member. It's placed on the right shoulder, under the epilate—the red arrow in front and pointing to the right shoulder, and the button is on the left side of the body. As shown in the video.

After Ceremony

After the Ceremony is complete, the new Arrowman can talk and even have as much as they desire to eat. Typically, when we gather for an entire Ordeal weekend, our lodge has a large banquet to welcome our most recent and hungriest Arrowmen. After the virtual weekend, is complete, please feed the candidates generously. They will be hungry after a day of scant food. Arrowmen should receive the Black Eagle Lodge Welcome Guide as this will explain much about the Black Eagle Lodge and the Order of the Arrow.

We look forward to welcoming our newest Arrowmen into our sacred Order and want to thank all parents and leaders for making this virtual Ceremony a success.

Black Eagle Lodge



After the Weekend

Lodge Opportunities

Exciting opportunities for service and leadership await Arrowmen in whatever manner they choose to become involved. Arrowmen now have the opportunity to take part in all Order of the Arrow activities, Order of the Arrow High Adventure, leadership roles, and opportunities for community service. More information about the following items is available in the lodge's New Member Guide.

- After 6 months of service to their unit as an Ordeal member and fulfilling specific requirements, a member may participate in the Brotherhood ceremony, which places further emphasis on Scouting and the Order's ideals. Completion of this Ceremony signifies full membership in the Order.
- Our lodge conducts several annual events: Ordeal Induction Weekends, a Fellowship event, a Powwow, and a Leadership Development Conference. All of these events are open to all members. Each of them is a unique experience that is different from a traditional troop campout. Fellowship, service, and fun are trademarks of all of our events.
- There are many active committees that members can participate in. Some examples are the Ceremony Team, Dance Team, Shows Committee, Events Committee, and Cub Scout Committee.