



BLACK EAGLE LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW



2026 Ordeal Candidate,

Congratulations on your election as an Order of the Arrow Candidate! Your Scout BSA Troop thinks highly of you to bestow this honor upon you. You have been chosen to enter Scouting's National Honor Society because they feel that you best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in your everyday life and want to help others through your service and devotion.

In order to fully receive the honor your Troop has bestowed upon you, you must undergo an Ordeal, which is a test of your sincere dedication to the highest ideals of Scouting. If you are faithful in fulfilling these tests you will be admitted to our Lodge and immediately granted all the rights and privileges of Scouting's National Honor Society.

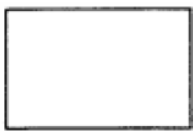
Your Ordeal Weekend will be a broad experience for you. You may have heard many things about the Ordeal, but it is really a ceremonial event, not like any camping experience that you have ever had before. While the Ordeal is not easy, there is nothing to be afraid of as there will be no hazing and no one is asked to do anything that they cannot manage doing. In the end, what you make of the Ordeal experience is mostly up to you.

So, are you up to the challenge? The members of your Troop believe you are, and the members of the Black Eagle Lodge look forward to you joining our brotherhood of cheerful service.

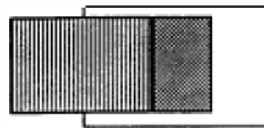
You will need to bring the following items to your ordeal:

1. Tent (for use the night after your ordeal)
2. Ground cloth/Tarp—large enough to sleep on and cover you top to bottom
3. Sleeping bag
4. Water bottle
5. Mosquito repellent
6. Flashlight
7. Rain Gear
8. Personal hygiene items/medications
9. A change of work clothes (gloves) and activity shirt
10. Comfortable footwear
11. Sunscreen and Hat
12. Scout uniform (Class A)
13. BSA Medical Forms A and B (C if applicable)

The easiest way to store these items is in the form of a horseshoe roll, use the visual instructions below.



Spread ground cloth



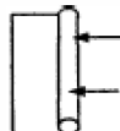
Lay Sleeping Bag over ground cloth



Fold ground cloth in half



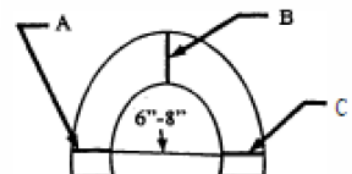
Place gear on folded edge



Roll tight



Tie at points A-B-C with 2' of rope left on C



Tie extra rope from C to A to form a horseshoe



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Please talk to your Troop OA Representative for signing up online. The registration cost covers your sash, pocket flap, OA Handbook, 2026 dues, and meals for the weekend. It is possible to register the day of the event. Once again, congratulations on your election as a candidate to the OA, and I hope to personally see you at one of the Ordeals so that someday you too will wear the sash of our Order.

If you have any more questions, please contact the Lodge Chief Aaron G, and the Lodge Adviser Jesse Rhoades. Their contact information is listed below. You can also get more information on the Order of the Arrow page found at <https://tacscouting.org/activities/oa/>

Yours in Service,

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