



Dear Ordeal Candidate:

Congratulations on your election or on the acceptance of your nomination as an adult candidate for the Order of the Arrow. If you are a Scout, we recommend you review this letter with your parents. The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's "National Honor Society." It recognizes those Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and who provide leadership to others in better understanding and living the Scout Oath and Law. The OA develops and maintains camping traditions and spirit, promotes camping and summer camps, and concentrates on leadership development, Scouting membership retention, and adventure-related programs as well as broader assistance to Scouting and the local community. Above all, it seeks to crystallize the habit of helpfulness into a life's purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

We invite you to become a member of the OA and our Lodge by undergoing the Ordeal. You must attend, participate in, and complete your Ordeal within one year after the date of your election as a youth or nomination as an adult. Please consult the calendar on the lodge website (uhtoyehhuttee.org) for upcoming dates and location.

The Ordeal fee covers your OA sash, handbook, lodge flap (pocket patch), dangle arrow, meals, and current year's dues. Pre-registration for the Ordeal is highly recommended because it helps us plan a memorable experience for you. It is important to let us know of any medical or special dietary considerations as soon as possible to provide a safe Ordeal.

All Ordeals begin Friday evening. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m., and you *must* check in by 8:00 p.m. in order to participate in the Pre-Ordeal ceremony and be eligible to continue with the Ordeal. Ordeals will end Saturday evening after the ceremony or by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. Please check before drop off on Friday evening.

Please download from the lodge's website (uhtoyehhuttee.org) a list of gear you will need for your Ordeal and the health form (the health form must be on paper, digital copies cannot be accepted). You need to fill out all parts (A & B) of the health form. Also please, download Spirit of the Arrow booklet #1. Please read this booklet before you arrive at the Ordeal.

We look forward to welcoming you to our brotherhood in Uh-Tō-Yeh-Hut-Tee Lodge.

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