

Greetings, OA Candidates!

Congratulations on being elected into the Order of the Arrow! We are excited to welcome you into the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America. Since 1915, the Order of the Arrow has provided fellowship and service to councils across the Scouting program, especially to Scout units and camps nationwide. You have been recognized by your unit as a leader and an example of Scouting's values, this is a great accomplishment.

To begin your journey in the Order of the Arrow, an OA candidate must attend the Ordeal Fellowship weekend to officially receive their membership within our Brotherhood. The Fall Ordeal Fellowship will be September 13-15 at the Robert E. Knox Scout Reservation in Lincolnton, Georgia. This is your first step! Registration for this event can be found on the lodge's website under the **Registration** tab. If a candidate is unable to attend the Ordeal Fellowship weekend, they may attend the next immediate induction weekend. If they are not able to attend either weekend within the year following their election, they lose their candidate status and must be reelected in order to earn membership within the Order.

Ordeal candidate fees for the upcoming fellowship are \$70 per candidate. This covers all camping fees, food costs, and the cost for each candidate to receive an OA dangle, handbook, lodge flap, and sash following the induction. As the induction weekend for new members of the OA, programs will include camp service projects, fellowship events, and various other lodge activities. To prepare for the weekend, all candidates are encouraged to bring their regular camping equipment (tent, sleeping gear, rain gear) as well as gloves, work shoes, work clothes, water bottles, tarp, and jacket. All candidates are to bring their Class A uniform and BSA medical forms to turn in upon check-in at camp.

Check-in will begin on Friday evening at 5:45 at the KSR Administration Building. Once arriving at camp, candidates will be sent to begin setting up their personal camping gear after they check in. Candidates are to report back at the amphitheater at 8:30, so make sure to arrive to camp in time to set up personal gear before the Gathering of the Clans at 8:30. Dinner will not be served Friday evening, so eat before you come!

If you have any questions or want to find more information, visit the Bob White Lodge website at www.bobwhitelodge.org to find out more regarding our Ordeal Fellowship! We look forward to welcoming you into the lodge and can't wait to see you at our upcoming Ordeal!

Yours in the Spirit of Cheerful Service,

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