

Dear Scout or Scouter,

Congratulations on being elected by your unit—or on being nominated by the adults in your unit, district, or council—as a candidate for the Order of the Arrow, the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America!

You have proven to your fellow Scouts or Scouters—through unselfish service to your unit, district, or council and practice of the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life—to be worthy of candidacy for Ordeal membership. The Order of the Arrow (OA) offers the opportunity for youth and adults to develop leadership skills, provide service to Scouting and the community, make new friends, and have fun in fellowship with other Scouts! Youth members will also have the opportunity to learn and conduct ceremonies. As a member, you may take part in not only the chapter and lodge, but also in section, regional, and national OA programs and training opportunities. There are lots of great things to do in OA!

Your election or nomination; however, is only your first step in the induction process into the Order of the Arrow. You are now a candidate for Ordeal Membership and—with the change made by the National OA Committee on January 1, 2023—your candidacy lasts for eighteen (18) months from the date of your election. There are three Ordeals available for you to pick the best date for your schedule. They are:

Spring Ordeal

May 17 - 19

Camp Kikthawenund

Summer Ordeal

August 16 - 18

Camp Krietenstein

Lodge Ordeal

September 13 - 15

Ransburg Scout Reservation

You must pre-register online at jaccostownelodge.org or <https://scoutingevent.com/160-2024OAOordeals>.

The Ordeal fee is \$70, which covers food for the weekend, yearly dues, and your new member packet—a sash, handbook, pocket flap, and more. Your online reservation also allows us to plan for your service project and any potential allergies or dietary restrictions. If you have trouble with the online reservation system, please contact Steve Givens, Associate Lodge Adviser of Events, at eventsadviser@jaccostownelodge.org.

You should arrive at your respective camp and sign in for the Ordeal between 6 and 7:30 PM on Friday. Departure is on Sunday morning after breakfast and as soon as camp cleanup and checkout are completed (approx. 10:30 AM). **You are expected to stay through Sunday morning to experience the entire Ordeal experience unless you have otherwise communicated to event leadership a need to depart early.**

Come to the Ordeal dressed in work clothes. **Please do NOT wear your Field Uniform (Class A) to the Ordeal.** It is imperative that you carefully review the rest of the Ordeal candidate packet enclosed. The items listed are necessary; additional sleeping and personal items are also acceptable. **Any electronics or electronic devices—including cell phones—are NOT allowed during the Ordeal.** If you bring them, they must be turned off and packed in your personal gear; however, the lodge is not responsible if they get lost, stolen, or damaged. All time devices, such as watches and clocks, will also need to be packed in your personal gear during the Ordeal.

In the event of a bonafide emergency requiring contact with the candidate during the Ordeal weekend, please call the appropriate Ranger, dependent on where your Ordeal is located.

Camp Kikthawenund	(765) 552-7400
Camp Krietenstein	(812) 986-2300
Ransburg Scout Reservation	(812) 837-9423

Yours in the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service,

Zack Bishop

Jaccos Towne Lodge Chief
chief@jaccostownelodge.org

Wyatt Ott

Lodge Vice Chief of Administration
vcadmin@jaccostownelodge.org

Brandon Young

Lodge Vice Chief of Operations
vcoperations@jaccostownelodge.org

Clara Baskin

Lodge Vice Chief of Field Service
vcfieldservice@jaccostownelodge.org



Application for OA Scholarship Assistance

Scholarships are open to both youth and adults, with priority given to youth. The application must be submitted at least two (2) weeks before an OA event via forms.gle/CRsLdS43IggNXDn66. Your application will be reviewed by our Lodge Scholarship Committee. Once the application has been reviewed, you and your unit leader (if youth) will be notified via email. The Lodge cannot guarantee that every applicant for our scholarships will receive assistance as there are a limited amount of funds available each year.

All personal and financial information provided is kept confidential and will only be used by the Lodge Scholarship Committee. Please direct any questions to scholarships@jaccostownelodge.org.



Ordeal Details

Registration	You must pre-register online at www.scoutingevent.com/160-2024OAOOrdeals		
Cost	\$70		
Location	Camp Kikthawenund 7651 W. 500 N. Frankton, IN 46044	Camp Krietenstein 6445 E. Co. Rd. 575 N. Center Point, IN 47840	Ransburg Scout Reservation 7599 E. Waldrop Creek Rd. Bloomington, IN 47401
Key Times	Sign-in is between 6 and 7:30 PM on Friday Departure is on Sunday morning after breakfast and as soon as camp cleanup and checkout are completed (approx. 10:30 AM)		

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT LIST

1. Up-to-date, printed copy of **BSA Health Form, Parts A & B** (must be signed by a parent for youth)
2. Any medications in a re-sealable plastic bag marked with your name and dosage on the bag. **Prescribed medications MUST be in the original container with the pharmacy label in your name.**
3. Work clothes
 - Come to the Ordeal dressed in your work clothes. Do NOT wear your uniform to the Ordeal.
 - These should be long pants, long sleeve shirts, boots, work gloves, and appropriate outerwear for the weather. Long pants and shirts are required because many candidates will be working outdoors and exposed to poison ivy and other pests.
 - **Need to be clothes you do not mind being permanently stained by paint, grease, dirt, etc.**
4. Duffle bag or backpack to carry all your personal gear
5. Warm clothes as needed for weather conditions
6. Sleeping bag, sleeping pad (if you use one), and two ground cloths. Some candidates bring one large ground cloth, while some bring two separate ground cloths.
7. Waterproof raingear
8. Hat (wide-brimmed is always recommended)
9. Flashlight or headlamp
10. Insect repellent (non-aerosol)
11. Sunscreen (non-aerosol)
12. Refillable water bottle (quart or 32oz recommended)
13. Tent with ground cloth
14. Complete Field Uniform (Class A)
15. Personal toiletries
16. Showering items (you may be able to shower during the weekend)

WATCHES, CLOCKS, ELECTRONIC GAMES, CELL PHONES, MUSIC PLAYERS, RADIOS, TV, ETC. ARE NOT ALLOWED. IF YOU BRING THEM TO THE ORDEAL, THEY MUST BE TURNED OFF AND PACKED IN YOUR PERSONAL GEAR. THE LODGE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST, STOLEN, OR DAMAGED ITEMS. IGNORING ELECTRONIC AND TIME-DEVICE GUIDELINES MAY RESULT IN YOU NOT COMPLETING YOUR CANDIDACY.