Dear Scout or Scouter,

Congratulations on being elected by your unit, or on being nominated by the adults in your unit, 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 your unselfish service to your unit and practice in your daily life of the Scout Oath and Law, to be worthy of candidacy for Ordeal membership. Order of the Arrow (OA) offers the opportunity for youth and adults to develop leadership skills, provide service to Scouting and your communities, 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 our chapter and lodge activities, but also in regional and national OA programs and training opportunities. There are lots of great things to do in OA!

However, your election is only your first step in the induction process into the Order of the Arrow. You are a candidate for Ordeal membership and your candidacy lasts for two years from the date of your election due to COVID-19. If you do not attend an Ordeal by the end of 2021, you must be re-elected, or nominated if an adult, into candidacy. This year, there will be an Area Ordeals and a Lodge Ordeal.

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You must pre-register online at www.jaccostownelodge.org. Your online reservation allows us to plan for your food, service project and membership packet. If you experience difficulty with the online reservation, please contact Matthew Walker, the Jaccos Towne Lodge Staff Adviser, at matthew.walker@scouting.org or (317) 813-7112. You are expected to stay through Sunday morning in order to experience the whole Ordeal experience unless you have religious obligations on Sunday morning. You must arrive at your respective camp and sign in for Ordeal between 6:30PM and 8:00PM on Friday. Departure is on Sunday morning after breakfast and as soon as camp cleanup and checkout are completed. You will pay for your Ordeal through the online sign up when you register for the Ordeal. The fee for Ordeal is $55, which covers food for the weekend, yearly dues for 2020, and membership packet—sash, handbook, pocket flap and more.

The Area Ordeal will be different in we will break camp late on Saturday Evening around 11PM. You are welcome to stay at camp and leave on Sunday morning no later than 11AM. Breakfast is NOT provided that morning. This is to allow for those that wish to be a part of the Indy 500 Scout Band, and/or attend the Indy 500.
Come to the Ordeal dressed in work clothes. Do NOT wear your Field Uniform (Class A) to 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 fine. Any electronics or electronic devices, including cell phones, are NOT allowed during Ordeal. If you bring them, they must be turned off and packed in your personal gear. All time devices, such as watches and clocks, will also need to be packed in your personal gear during Ordeal.

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

Camp Belzer Ranger (317) 546-6031
Ransburg Scout Reservation Ranger (812) 837-9423

Yours in the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service,

Kyle R. Sumner

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Ordeal Weekend Details

Registration: You must pre-register online at www.jaccostownelodge.org

Cost: $55

Location:
- Camp Belzer
  6102 Boy Scout Road
  Indianapolis, IN 46226
- Camp Ransburg
  7599 E Waldrip Creek Rd
  Bloomington, IN47401

Time:
- Sign in is between 6:30PM and 8:00PM on Friday
- Departure is on Sunday morning after breakfast and as soon as camp cleanup and checkout are completed (approximately 11:00AM)

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT LIST

1. Your completed Ordeal candidate form with payment of $55
2. A copy of your Annual BSA Health and Medical Record (must be signed by parent for youth)
3. 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.
4. Work clothes
   - Come to the Ordeal dressed in your work clothes. Do NOT wear your uniform to Ordeal.
   - These should be long pants, long sleeve shirt, 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.*
5. Duffle bag or backpack to carry all your personal gear
6. Warm clothes as needed for weather conditions
7. Sleeping bag, sleeping pad (if you use one) and **two** ground cloths. Some candidates bring one large ground cloth, and some bring two ground cloths.
8. Waterproof rain gear
9. Hat (wide brimmed is always recommended)
10. Flashlight or headlamp
11. Insect repellent (non-aerosol)
12. Sunscreen (non-aerosol)
13. Refillable water bottle (quart or 32oz recommended)
14. Tent with ground cloth
15. Complete Field Uniform (Class A)
16. Personal toiletries
17. 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 ORDEAL, THEY MUST BE TURNED OFF AND PACKED IN YOUR PERSONAL GEAR. THE LODGE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST/STOLEN ITEMS. IGNORING ELECTRONIC & TIME DEVICE GUIDELINES MAY RESULT IN YOU NOT COMPLETING YOUR CANDIDACY.
Ordeal Candidate Form

Bring this form with you to the Ordeal on Friday night. You must pre-register online at www.jaccostownelodge.org. The fee for Ordeal is $55. Make checks payable to CAC-BSA-OA.

Name: ______________________________________  ___ Male  ___ Female

Birthdate: ___________________  ____ Under 21  ____ Over 21

Address: __________________________________________________

City: _________________________ Sate: _____ Zip: __________

Email: _______________________________________________

Home Phone: (____) _____-________  Cell Phone: (____) _____-________

Unit Type & No. _______________  District: ____________________

BSA Membership No: ___________________

List any medical problem(s) and/or food allergies:

______________________________________________________________

Do you have any special skills or certifications? We are always looking for contactors, roofers, electricians, and the like to help with service projects. Please briefly describe any skills you can share.

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SCOUTING’S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
Upon a Lofty Journey

Ponder my words.

Save this booklet for future reference and bring it with you to your Ordeal.

Who am I?

For now, it is enough to say that I am a close friend of yours, and have been for a long time.

I am looking forward to getting to know you even better.

As part of your induction into the Order of the Arrow, you will be given the opportunity to undergo an Ordeal.

It will test your physical strength and your inner strength.

If you complete it, you will find yourself better able to serve those who elected you.

You will also begin to understand who I am.

My friend, I congratulate you on your election to the Order of the Arrow.

You may not realize it now, but you will look back on today as a new beginning.

The honor you have received is great, for you have been elected to your Ordeal.

Those who chose you are watching. They have faith in you. Their vote of confidence in you is a challenge: will you live up to it?

By accepting their challenge, you embark upon a journey that many before you have taken. It leads to true brotherhood, and greater service.

Is your heart prepared to accept the challenge?

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2020 Ordeal Dates

**AUGUST**

**16-18**

**AREA ORDEAL**

Camp Belzer  
Chapters  
All Chapters  
Contact  
Garrett Harding, East Area Chief, vceast@jaccostownelodge.org

**SEPTEMBER**

**18-20**

**LODGE ORDEAL**

Ransburg Scout Reservation  
Chapters  
All Chapters  
Contact  
Max Kitchell, Central Area Chief, vccentral@jaccostownelodge.org