

Dear Ordeal Candidate,

Congratulations on your election into the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society. It is a great honor to be chosen, as you have been, by your fellow Scouts. In doing so, they have set you apart as one of whom they expect a great deal.

The next step to membership in our Order is completion of the ceremony known as the Ordeal. The purpose of the Ordeal is to gain a greater understanding of the Scout Oath and Law, and the principles of the Order of the Arrow. The ceremony will be explained to you in full during your Ordeal weekend. You have two opportunities to demonstrate that you are unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others, either in March or May.

The Ordeal weekends for 2017 will be March 17-19, at Camp Rainey Mountain near Clayton, Ga. The second choice is May 19-21. If your election occurred between the above dates, your second choice will be in March of 2018. As an Ordeal candidate, your cost for the weekend will be \$32.00. This pays for your sash, flap patch, handbook, OA membership dues and food.

**You must Pre-Register for your Ordeal Weekend. No Walk-ins will be allowed!**

You may register online at any time by going to [www.mowogo.org](http://www.mowogo.org) and following the Ordeal Registration links. You will be presented the opportunity to pay online through a secure website, or you may print the form and mail a check to the address below. Mail-in registration for the March Ordeal must be postmarked before March 04, 2017 and for the May Ordeal before May 06, 2017.

The address for mailed registration is: Mowogo Lodge, P.O. Box 7190 Gainesville, Georgia 30504

Check-in will be from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday the weekend of your Ordeal, at the Camp Rainey Mountain Administration Building.

**It is very important that candidates check-in within this time on Friday night and remain in camp until the completion of the Ordeal Weekend on Sunday at 10:00 am.**

**Arrival after 9 p.m. is not permitted**

Candidates must arrive in complete scout uniform with the following gear:

- Copy of current, valid BSA Medical Form (make sure it is a copy -it will not be returned)  
(Failure to bring a completed copy of the medical form will result in the candidate not being able to participate in the Ordeal Weekend)
- Warm sleeping bag or blankets
- Ground cloth
- Work clothes
- Work gloves
- Regular camping gear
- No cooking or eating equipment will be necessary
- You might bring a tent for Saturday night after the Ordeal (your option)

Again, I congratulate you, and hope you gain from this experience.

Yours in Brotherhood,

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