



ALLOHAK MENEWI LODGE 57

## ORDER OF THE ARROW

**Please make sure you read this information in its entirety and ask any questions you may have.**

Congratulations! You have been elected by your fellow Scouts as a candidate for membership in the Order of the Arrow. Your fellow Scouts must think highly of you. They have chosen you to be inducted into Scouting's National Honor Society. It is truly an honor to be chosen for membership in the Order of the Arrow.

You are about to embark on an incredible journey. The Ordeal is an important part of the Order of the Arrow membership process and the next step on your journey. The purpose of the Order of the Arrow and the symbols of the Ordeal will be explained to you at the Ordeal.

You must arrive at the Ordeal prior to 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening, but please do not arrive before 5:30 p.m. Be sure to bring a copy of your BSA Health and Medical Record (physical) parts A and B. All participants aged 18 and over must have a copy of their current Youth Protection Training certificate and PA-required background clearances attached to their medical form. The Ordeal will conclude no later than 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. You must be present through the entire event (including Friday evening) to complete your Ordeal so please plan accordingly.

The cost for the weekend covers the cost of your Order of the Arrow sash, a current Allohak Menewi Lodge flap, an OA handbook, weekend food, and your membership dues for the remainder of the calendar year. Following your induction, you will have the opportunity to purchase other lodge merchandise like t-shirts, hoodies, and patches at the lodge trading post.

Here is some important information for you and a list of what you will need to bring with you for the weekend:

**SAFETY CHECK:** There will be a safety check for candidates prior to heading out to begin the Ordeal. Any Scout deemed unprepared to begin the Ordeal will be given the opportunity to find the necessary resources (borrow from friends or current OA members) to complete the Ordeal. If resources cannot be acquired the candidate must sit out until the next scheduled Ordeal.

For Friday night (YOU WILL BE SLEEPING OUTSIDE UNDER THE STARS). You will also be doing a lot of walking to get to the different ceremonies and to where you will be sleeping. You will need to wear a good pair of hiking boots or tennis shoes. If you are physically unable to do a lot of walking, please let someone know ahead of time by reaching out to the Lodge Advisor. In addition, it is recommended that you bring a backpack to carry all your gear around in. You will need to bring all your stuff for Friday and Saturday with you on Friday night. You will not have time to go back to your tent and grab stuff on Saturday morning. There will be a place where you can set your sleeping gear during the day on Saturday so that you can grab it once your service project is complete.

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Make sure that you eat dinner before you arrive at camp on Friday night because it will not be provided.

What to bring with you on Friday:

- BSA Health and Medical Form Parts A & B
- Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping mat
- Ground Cloth or Tarp (this is what you will be sleeping on)
- Warm Clothes
- Extra Blankets (cold weather only)
- Flashlight
- Water bottle
- Rain Gear
- Work Clothes
- Boots or appropriate work shoes
- Work Gloves
- Sunscreen
- Portable charger/phone cord
- Backpack

General Weekend Gear:

- Shower Gear
- Tent
- Full Scout Field Uniform (Class A)
- Camp Chair
- Pocket Knife
- Hat/sunglasses

Food will be provided throughout the weekend. If you have any special health concerns or dietary needs, you must contact Lodge Commissary Adviser Joel Erickson ([ericksonjoelk@gmail.com](mailto:ericksonjoelk@gmail.com)) no later than two weeks before the event to discuss needs.

For adults who may be attending the Ordeal, any power tools that you may need, such as drills, saws, etc., will be provided for you if you need to use them.

It is important for you to understand that you have 18 months from the time of your election to complete your Ordeal. After 18 months, you must be reelected by your fellow Scouts to participate in an Ordeal. There are numerous Ordeal opportunities offered in the fall and spring of each year in different parts of the Laurel Highlands Council.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Craig Zender, Allohak Menewi Lodge Advisor, at [zsixty@aol.com](mailto:zsixty@aol.com).

For registration assistance, you may also call the Laurel Highlands Council Camping Department at (412) 325-7921.

We look forward to serving and welcoming you into the Order of the Arrow, Allohak Menewi Lodge 57.

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