

Muscogee Lodge 221

Order of the Arrow  Boy Scouts of America

Dear Fellow Scout:

Congratulations upon your election as a candidate for the Order of the Arrow. You can take great pride in your being selected by your fellow Scouts, but realize that you are now only a candidate for membership. A greater thrill awaits you when you become a member of the Order and are decorated with the Order of the Arrow sash. This happens when you have successfully completed the Ordeal.

Your next opportunity to participate in the Ordeal will be **10-13 August 2017** at Camp Barstow. To prepare for this event you should:

- **Register** to attend the Ordeal by clicking the “**register here**” link on the Muscogee Lodge web site, www.muscogeelodge.org.
- **Pay** the \$60.00 ordeal fee online. You may also pay in person at the Scout office, but be sure to include the ordeal candidates name on the check and *keep a copy of your receipt*.
- **Bring** a copy of your current BSA medical form to camp (parts A & B – no doctor signature required).
- **Determine** how you will get to and from camp. Plan to arrive at camp on Thursday evening between 6:00 and 7:00 pm. Dinner is **NOT** provided **Thursday night**, so eat before you arrive or bring a bag supper.

We want you to have an exciting yet safe experience in your Ordeal. Its tests are physically challenging. You will leave the comforts of home behind you. You will walk a lot and exert yourself physically on a restricted diet. If you have a permanent physical or medical problem or dietary restrictions which could limit your participation, please notify the Ordeal Chairman at ordeal@muscogeelodge.org so we can make plans for your ordeal experience.

If you become ill just before the Ordeal, stay in bed. If you currently have any temporary physical or medical problem which could limit your participation, we strongly encourage you to wait until the problem passes. We will be happy to help you make alternative plans.

If you are unable to attend this Ordeal, there will be another opportunity on 16-18 March 2018 but **only** if it has been **less than one year** since your election. You will find an equipment list enclosed; please review it carefully. We look forward to your joining us in membership in the Order of the Arrow.

Yours in Scouting,

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Ordeal Chairman
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Ordeal Packing List

Muscogee Lodge #221

Annual BSA Health and Medical Record, Parts A & B (a copy that we can keep)

Complete Scout Uniform (*wear to camp*)

Clothes (*Scouting t-shirts & uniforms preferred, but not required*)

Work clothes (*old jeans, t-shirt, etc.*)

Pamphlet: "Upon A Lofty Journey" (*if you have been given one*)

Bag supper for Thursday (*or eat before you come*)

Sleeping bag and/or two blankets

Ground cloth/sheet

Tent (*or make arrangements to share with another Scout*)

Work shoes/boots or hiking boots

Work gloves

Light jacket

Water Bottle or Canteen

Flashlight

Towel

Toiletry items

Insect repellent

Back pack or day pack

Spending money (*OA items in the Lodge store*)

Pocket knife

Rain gear

Other equipment that you would bring to Summer Camp

Food will be provided and prepared, except Thursday supper. Be Prepared to camp out.

Important Reminders

- It is very important that you arrive on time and that you plan to be picked up no earlier than 10:30 am on Sunday morning. The Ordeal is a connected series of events. Failure to participate fully in any part of the Ordeal results in non-completion of the Ordeal. Therefore, if you arrive late, we will be forced to have you return at a later opportunity, and if you leave early, you may need to re-take the entire Ordeal. Unfortunately, there is little room for flexibility in this.
- At 9:00 a.m. on Sunday we will have a chapel service followed by a new member orientation. Parents are invited and **strongly** encouraged to attend.
- Make sure that you advise us well in advance of any medical, physical, or dietary restrictions or limitations. In this way, we can ensure the best possible experience for you.