



PAPAGO LODGE 494

# ORDER OF THE ARROW

Dear Scouting Parent,

The Order of the Arrow ("OA") is the Honor Society chartered by the Boy Scouts of America. Founded in 1915, it recognizes campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives, promotes camping, and crystallizes the habit of helpfulness as a life purpose. It is an organization composed of Scouts from different Units and is run by those Scouts under the guidance of selected adult members, including our Council Executive.

As a result of an OA Election conducted earlier in the year in your Scout's unit, he has been chosen as an eligible candidate for induction into the Order of the Arrow. Because your Scout was selected for candidacy by the unique method of being elected by his peers, we are sure that he is well worthy of this honor. To become a new member, he must go through an Induction Weekend or "Ordeal" within one year from the date of his election. This Induction is not in any way a hazing. It is, among other things, an opportunity for him to learn more about what we do, to reflect on his personal commitment to the principles of the Scout Oath and Law and meet other candidates and members. A significant portion of Saturday is devoted to service projects suited to his abilities.

Papago Lodge is pleased to invite your son to our Order of the Arrow Spring Induction Weekend, to be held at Camp Lawton. The Induction weekend is scheduled from Friday evening April 28 through Sunday April 30. Your son should arrive at Camp Lawton by 7:00 pm Friday night. Please note that dinner is not provided Friday, so he should eat before coming up. Attached is a list of what to bring. We'll be done at 11:00 am Sunday morning.

Enclosed with this letter you should find all the information needed. The cost for the Induction Weekend is only \$30.00. The fees paid will cover the cost for the weekend and your Scout's OA and Lodge membership dues for this year, as well as items handed out such as his OA membership card, OA sash, an OA Handbook, a Lodge pocket flap.

If your son is unable to attend the Spring Induction Weekend, our Fall Induction Weekend is September 15-17 at Camp Lawton and our Winter Induction Weekend is December 1-2 at Double V

Registration and payment is done online. The links can be found on the Lodge Homepage at: [catalinacouncil.org/outdoors/order-of-the-arrow/](http://catalinacouncil.org/outdoors/order-of-the-arrow/)

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## “The Ordeal”

Now that your son has been elected by his unit he must attend an Ordeal within the next 12 months. He will face several challenges:

- The candidate spends a night alone as a sign of courage and self-reliance. It is also a time of reflection to consider the events taking place.
- The candidate keeps complete silence. This gives him an opportunity to pay stricter attention to unspoken thoughts, searching out past deficiencies and reflecting on a life of fuller service in the future.
- The candidate spends the daylight hours of the Ordeal in meaningful labor. This proves the candidate’s willingness to serve others cheerfully.
- The candidate also eats sparingly, thus proving the ability to subordinate the appetites of the body to the higher purpose of the spirit.
- If your son has any medical issues or any food allergies please inform us prior to your arrival.

Taken together, the four elements of the Ordeal are a meaningful and inspiring experience for the candidate. They provide a total participation of the mind and spirit. The Ordeal is not soon forgotten by the new member.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Will Roads  
Chief, Papago Lodge

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Adviser, Papago Lodge