



Letter to Candidates

Congratulations Candidate!

You have been selected by your peers as one who best exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life. You are now eligible to become a member of our Order. Your next step is to complete an Ordeal, which is a series of tests that will test you mentally and physically. These tasks are challenging, but certainly within your capabilities. Do not be fooled by the words of others; The Ordeal is a memorable experience that you will reflect on the rest of your life. At the completion of this trial, you will take an Obligation of the Order of the Arrow and become an Ordeal member.

You may register online at Tantamous.org, by clicking on the appropriate link on the homepage. Please select the Ordeal date that is most convenient for you. You have TWO YEARS from the DATE OF YOUR ELECTION to attend an Ordeal. The cost covers an Order of the Arrow Handbook, sash, Lodge flap, food and administrative fees.

Please arrive at the Ordeal location no later than 7:00PM on Friday. Present yourself at registration wearing your full Field Uniform (Class A) and bring a copy of your BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (parts A and B). Take with you the following items in a pack suitable for carrying on your back: work clothes, rain gear, bedding appropriate for the weather, ground tarp, pocket knife, water bottle, a tent for use on Saturday night, and toiletries. We also encourage you to bring spending money (\$15-\$20), as the Lodge trading post will be open on Saturday night and/or Sunday morning.

The Ordeal will conclude on Sunday morning at approximately 10:00AM. Once again we congratulate you on your election as a Candidate! Through this unique experience, you will see exactly what it means to serve those around you. We look forward to welcoming you as a fellow member in the Order of the Arrow.

Thanks,

Dan H., Chief – Tantamous Lodge | [Click here to email Tantamous Chief](#)