



# Tamegonit Lodge Order of the Arrow Ordeal & Brotherhood Inductions

## Changes for 2021

- Candidate numbers will be capped for each induction (in a non-Covid-19 process year) for a better experience for the Ordeal and Brotherhood candidates.
- 100 Brotherhood candidates will be allowed per induction.
- 160 Ordeal candidates will be allowed per induction.
- A COVID19 induction plan has been created should it be required.
- Based on current COVID-19 restrictions prior to each event, this plan may be altered as necessary.
- ArrowPass holders will need to acknowledge their attendance for each event to help facilitate expense control.

## What to Know

- Everyone in attendance must pre-register for this event, including non-Arrowmen and ArrowPass holders.
- All campers will be provided meals through the OA during Inductions. No Unit campsite cooking will be permitted
- A current Scouts BSA Health Form is required for each attendee (Parts A-C)
- Two-Deep Leadership is required for each Troop/Crew/Ship
- No vehicles will be allowed into camping areas
- Only Arrowmen are allowed to attend OA Ceremonies
- Safety is a priority while you are at OA Induction events. Gates will close by 11:00 PM each night. Gates will re-open by 7:00 AM each morning. No un-authorized or non-emergency travel in or out of the camp between these hours will be permitted.
- Some supplemental programming may be available. Units are encouraged to supplement their own unit specific program plans if these programs are available as appropriate.
- All units will be expected to Check-In and Check-Out. Upon Check-Out, all collected Scout BSA Health Forms will be returned. If not taken, they will be destroyed the following week.

## Event Dates

- Brotherhood Celebration Day March 6, 2021: Registration Deadline February 19, 2021
- Spring Induction #1 – April 23-25, 2021; Registration Deadline – April 9, 2021
- Spring Induction #2 – May 14-16, 2021; Registration Deadline – April 30, 2021
- Summer Induction #1 – TBD
- Fall Induction #1 – August 13-15, 2021; Registration Deadline – July 30, 2021
- Fall Induction #2 – August 27-29, 2021; Registration Deadline – August 13, 2021
- Bartle Induction September 10-12, 2021; Registration Deadline – August 27, 2021
- Brotherhood Celebration Day #2 December 4, 2021; Registration Deadline November 19, 2021

## **ORDEAL MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS (YOUTH):**

To become eligible for election, a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout must be registered with the Boy Scouts of America and have the approval of his unit leader **prior** to the election. The unit leader must certify his Scout spirit (i.e., his adherence to the Scout Oath and Law and active participation in unit activities). The unit leader must also certify that the nominee meets all specified requirements at the time of this annual election. All members of, or candidates for membership in, the Order of the Arrow who are under 21 years of age shall be considered youth members or candidates for youth membership, subject to meeting the following requirements:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Hold the First Class rank, Discovery Award, or Ordinary Rank of the Boy Scouts of America, as a minimum.
- After registration with a troop or team, have experienced 15 nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The 15 nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of five consecutive nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps

Candidates for youth membership shall be elected by other youth members in accordance with policies set forth by the national Order of the Arrow committee. Completion of the Ordeal is the youth's final task to entering the Order of the Arrow.

## **ORDEAL MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS (ADULT):**

Each year, upon holding a troop or team election for youth candidates that results in at least one youth candidate being elected, the unit committee may nominate adults to the lodge adult selection committee, composed of the lodge adviser, the chairman of the council committee on which the lodge adviser serves, and the lodge staff adviser. **Adult nomination forms are provided by the lodge and must be completed to consider the adult unit leader for induction to the Order of the Arrow.** The number of adults nominated can be no more than one-third of the number of youth candidates elected, rounded up where the number of youth candidates is not a multiple of three. In addition to the one-third limit, the unit committee may nominate the currently serving unit leader (but not assistant leaders), as long as he or she has served as unit leader for at least the previous 12 months. Recommendations of the adult selection committee, with the approval of the Scout executive, serving as Supreme Chief of the Fire, will be candidates for induction, provided the following conditions are fulfilled:

- Selection of the adult is based on the ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order fulfill its purpose, and not for recognition of service, including current or prior achievement and positions.
- The individual will be an asset to the Order because of demonstrated abilities that fulfill the purpose of the Order.
- The camping requirements set forth for youth members are fulfilled.
- The adult leader's membership will provide a positive example for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge.

Nomination into the Order of the Arrow of an adult Scouter should take place only when the adult's job in Boy Scouting will make Order of the Arrow membership more meaningful in the lives of the youth membership. **Conditions listed on the Unit Adult Candidate Recommendation form MUST be fulfilled.**

## **BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS (ALL ORDEAL MEMBERS):**

An Ordeal member, **who has served at least six months**, may become a Brotherhood member when he has completed the Challenges of Brotherhood Membership listed in the Lodge handbook:

1. Memorize the signs of OA membership
2. Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal
3. Serve your unit
4. Plan for service in your lodge
5. Review your progress
6. Write letter of intent/rededication

When the challenges have been completed, the Ordeal member should present himself at the appropriate time as a candidate for Brotherhood membership. This may be done at the scheduled Tamegonit Lodge Inductions.

## **ELECTION PROCESS**

Please contact your Chapter Leadership to schedule an election with the Chapter Election Team, a list of the Chapter Chiefs and their Adviser at listed below.

1. The requirements for membership in the Tamegonit Lodge will follow those stated in the current printing of the Order of the Arrow Handbook.
2. The procedure for unit elections will follow those stated in the current printing of the Guide for Officers and Advisers.
3. All election results must be approved by the Lodge Unit Elections Committee.
4. All call-outs are to be done at a Chapter level.
5. Procedures for the Ordeal process will follow those stated in the current printings of the Order of the Arrow Handbook and the Guide for Officers and Advisers.

## **WHO TO CONTACT TO SCHEDULE AN ELECTION?**

### **[Schedule a Unit Election](#)**

## **HOW TO REGISTER?**

Now that you have had a troop election and have Ordeal Candidates and/or Ordeal members that are choosing to seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow, what's next? [Online registration](#) or send registration form to **Camping Services** at the Heart of America Council along with payment, payable to the Heart of America Council, by the appropriate deadline for the Induction weekend of choice. The first \$20 of each individual's fees is **non-refundable**; the remaining balance of each individual's fees is transferable only within the calendar year. Be sure to fill out a [special needs request](#) if there are any special needs that require attention **including special meal requests**. ArrowPass registrants should be listed on your roster, but they do not need to pay through your unit registration. ArrowPass event registrants will be verified before you check-in at Inductions.

## **ORDER OF THE ARROW INDUCTION WEEKEND INFORMATION FOR ORDEAL AND BROTHERHOOD CANDIDATES**

- **Everyone in attendance must pre-register for this event, including non-Arrowmen and ArrowPass holders.**
- **A current Scout BSA Health Form is required for each attendee (Parts A-C).**
- **Pre-Camp Screening**
- **Naish Waiver**
- **Two-Deep Leadership is required for each Troop/Crew/Ship.**
- **Only Arrowmen are allowed to attend OA Ceremonies. Non-Arrowmen are welcome to discuss the OA Ceremonies with the Lodge Chief, Lodge Advisor or OA Lodge Staff Advisor**
- **Persons with special needs (medical and/or dietary) must complete a [Special Needs Request Form online](#).**

**HEALTH & SAFETY:** All candidates and campers are advised that safety is of the utmost importance throughout the weekend. Youth and adult OA staff will be prepared all weekend to ensure health and safety. Please make sure you are drinking water throughout the day; if you are feeling sick, tired, nauseous, achy, or feel otherwise unwell, inform your leader and take steps to take care of yourself! If you are tired, take a break and drink some water! Make sure to drink water throughout the day. You will be doing physical labor; regardless

of how cold or hot it is, you will need to drink plenty of water! Much will be asked of you as an Ordeal Candidate, but your health and safety must come first! As a candidate or camper, you should be prepared to take basic steps to take care of yourself; drink lots of water!

## **Check-In time for all Induction events starts at 4:00 p.m.**

Your OAU and one (1) adult leader should check-in as soon as you arrive to confirm your camping location, submit your health forms, and get any updated information for the event. The openings will be held in the Campfire Arena at staggered times based on the schedule provided in advance of your arrival. All Ordeal and Brotherhood candidates, Runners, Nimats and Elangomats, should be present and prepared to begin the weekend at this time. Along with them, we will require one adult and one youth representative from each unit to attend the opening. Immediately following each opening, we will discuss emergency procedures, K.P. responsibilities and other information for the weekend with these unit representatives.

## **What Should Candidates do upon arrival to Camp:**

**Ordeal Candidates should report in their field uniform with gear to the Campfire Arena based on your designated District arrival time as noted in the schedule. PLEASE BE ON TIME!!!**

**In addition to your normal camping gear, Ordeal Candidates are urged to bring the following properly packed in a backpack (Scoutmasters and/or OA Assistant Scoutmasters, please guide your candidates appropriately:**

- 1. Plastic ground cloth
- 2. Sleeping bag
- 3. Pillow
- 4. Full Scout Uniform
- 5. Work clothes and gloves
- 6. Backpack
- 7. Flashlight (optional)
- 8. Medication (if needed)
- 9. Poncho
- 10. Canteen
- 11. Shampoo/soap
- 12. Towel
- 13. Personal Hygiene items

**Brotherhood Candidates should report in their field uniform to campsite Shawnee based on your designated district time as noted in the schedule. PLEASE BE ON TIME!!!**

Brotherhood Candidates should study the Brotherhood Membership Questions and Answers found in the National OA Handbook and **write their letter of rededication prior to their arrival at camp.** Brotherhood candidates are expected to wear their Field Uniforms. Those Brotherhood members will be expected to serve the Lodge on Saturday. The Brotherhood hike and Ceremony will take place Saturday afternoon. Brotherhood candidates must have also paid their Tamegonit Lodge Dues prior to arriving at the Induction event. New Brotherhood members can gather membership-related information on Sunday morning at Arrowmen 202.

## What to expect:

In addition to becoming a new member in the Order of the Arrow, Scouts BSA honor camping program,

### Ordeal Candidates will receive the following:

1. Current year's OA dues
2. National OA Handbook
3. OA Ordeal Sash
4. OA Pocket Flap
5. Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Cracker barrel
6. Sunday Breakfast

### Brotherhood Candidates will receive the following:

1. OA Brotherhood Sash
2. Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Cracker barrel
3. Sunday Breakfast
4. *Please note that **dues** for Brotherhood Candidates **are not** included in the activity fee and the Brotherhood candidate must be current on their dues payments.*

### Arrowmen and non-OA Troop members will receive the following:

1. Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Cracker barrel
2. Sunday Breakfast
3. Additional Program Highlights at Inductions Weekends: the Lodge has made arrangements for some limited programs to be offered during the Induction weekend events during the day Saturday for your youth that are not participating in the Ordeal or Brotherhood processes. **These programs are offered as supplements to your own unit programming you are encouraged to plan for those scouts in your troop.** It is discouraged to depend solely on these programs as your plans for unit members not participating in any of the OA events during the day Saturday. We also ask for your flexibility as the availability and/or timing of these programs may change due to circumstances beyond our control (i.e. weather).

