



PORTAGE LODGE 619

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Dear Order of the Arrow Candidate:

On behalf of Portage Lodge 619, congratulations on having been elected by your unit to candidacy in the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society. You were formally "called out" and have now completed 2 of 3 steps on the road to becoming a member of the Order of the Arrow. The 1st is election, and the 2nd is the call-out. The 3rd and final step will be your successful completion of the Ordeal. The Ordeal is a weekend event that all OA Candidates must complete in order to become a member of the Order of the Arrow. You must complete this within one year.

UPCOMING ORDEALS

The upcoming scheduled Ordeals will be held at **Firelands Scout Reservation** on the following dates:

- **August 12-14, 2016 / Summer Ordeal**
- **September 9-11, 2016 / Fall Ordeal**
- **June 2-4, 2017 / Last Chance / make-up Spring Ordeal**

Online pre-registration with the Council Office is **mandatory**. Check-in is at 7:30 pm Friday; enter Camp Wyandot at Firelands Scout Reservation via the Bates Road entrance. Parents should pick up a welcome packet at registration. The weekend concludes with a parent pick up time of 9:30 am Sunday.

During the Ordeal you will be asked to complete a series of tests proving your dedication to the principals of the Order, which will lead you to learn more about yourself and the Order of the Arrow. The Ordeal is *not* hazardous and it is *not* a degrading experience; hundreds of thousands of Scouts and Scouters have completed it over the years.

In order to enjoy the weekend to the fullest, you should plan on staying Saturday night. This is when the fun begins with your orientation meeting, games, fellowship and of course...Ice Cream! On Saturday night you may be able to find space to sleep in the Staff Cabins, you can bring your own tent or stay in the screened Jarosz Shelter. The weekend concludes after Sunday breakfast.

The fee is \$40.00 (*forty dollars*). This fee covers the cost of the OA yearly dues, OA Sash, Portage Lodge Flap, OA Handbook, bead necklace and food for the entire weekend.

ITEMS TO BRING WITH YOU TO THE ORDEAL

Copy of your current Medical Form, Scout Uniform, Sleeping Bag, Ground Cloth, Work Clothes, Work Gloves, Water Bottle, Soap, Towel, etc.

ITEMS TO BRING WITH YOU FOR SATURDAY NIGHT

Flashlight, Tent, Extra Clothes, Games, Cards, \$ for the Trading Post, etc.

Items NOT to bring

Cots, Food, Electronic Devices.

ORDEAL CANDIDATE REGISTRATION

All registrations must be made online, but payment may be made through PayPal, Credit Card, E-Check, mail-in check, or pay at the door (select mail-in check, then bring your payment to the event).

The link to register is on the Portage Lodge web site: www.Portage619.org Go to **UPCOMING EVENTS** then pick an Ordeal date then choose the CANDIDATE option for \$40.

If you have any trouble with the online registration, please send an email to:

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