



**Achewon Nimat Lodge  
Order of the Arrow**

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Dear Candidate:

Congratulations! You have now completed the second step of your induction into the Order of the Arrow. The first step was your election; the second step was your call out. Now for your third step, you need to select a date to undertake the Ordeal.

**From the date of your election, you have one (1) year to complete the Ordeal.**

As you ponder this third step, you should consider the purpose of the Order, keeping in mind that your fellow Scouts in your unit elected you, not the members of the Order. The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold: 1) to recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives; 2) to develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit; 3) to promote Scout camping; and 4) to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

The Ordeal is a time where you will be called upon to reflect on your time as a Scout. Upon your satisfactory completion of the Ordeal, you will be honored at a ceremony, and receive your Order of the Arrow sash. Have no fear, the Ordeal is not an initiation, nor is any hazing involved, or tolerated. The purpose of the Ordeal is to give you time for reflection and introspection.

Plan the date of your attendance at the Ordeal with care, as you will have to be reelected if you are unable to complete the Ordeal within the one-year period from your election. There are typically two Ordeals per year. Please remember, all Ordeals begin Friday evening, and end on Sunday morning before lunch. **Please carefully read and follow the attached instructions.**

We look forward to welcoming you into our Lodge and hope to see you at our next Ordeal.

Yours in the Order,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Will".

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