

# CANDIDATE



# INSTRUCTIONS





## Achewon Nimat Lodge Order of the Arrow

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Dear Candidate:

Congratulations & Welcome! 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 your 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,

*Jason Cruz*

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Lodge Vice Chief of Inductions

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## Contact Information

Since 1965, the Arrowmen of Achewon Nimat lodge has been honored to provide leadership and service to the youth of the San Francisco Bay Area Council.

- We help prepare the council camps for the annual camping season
- We provide resources for camp improvement projects
- We present the annual Winter Camp Awareness Seminar that helps over 300 youth to be better prepared for winter camping

For more information, please one of the Advisers listed below:

<b>Council Location</b>	<b>Achewon Nimat Village</b>	<b>Adult Adviser</b>	<b>Contact Number</b>
SFBAC Council	Lodge Adviser	Eric Parnell	(925) 989-1263
Golden Gate District (San Francisco area)	Royaneh Village	Mike Otani	(415) 572-5641
Mission Peak District (Fremont / Newark area)	Ohlone Village	Michael Young	(510) 438-4457
Peralta District (Oakland area)	Wekemnayon Village	Laura Priest	(510) 517-2860
Tres Rancho District (Castro Valley / San Leandro area)	Wekemnayon Village	Laura Priest	(510) 517-2860
Twin Valley District (Tri-Valley area)	Seunen Village	Melissa Berg	(925) 294-9435

This Information is valid through October 2018



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## Ordeal Candidate Packing List

You will need to bring with you the following minimum gear. Please be sure all equipment you bring is marked with your name.

- Scout uniform (Class A)—wear to Ordeal
- Ground cloth/Tarp—large enough to sleep on and cover you top to bottom
- Sleeping bag
- Water bottle with water
- Flashlight
- Pocket knife
- Rain Gear
- Personal hygiene items
- Towel and wash cloth for showering
- A change of clothes
- Work gloves
- Work clothes
- Sturdy comfortable footwear (boots)
- Anything else you want to pack for a weekend at camp
- Current BSA medical form—a must (bring a copy with you to Ordeal to be turned in at check-in)
- Personal tent
- Extra money—OA items will be on sale for purchasing
- A pack or duffel that can hold all of your clothing and equipment

**Note: No radios, MP3 players, cell phones, or similar electronic devices allowed.**

## A Brief History of Achewon Nimat Lodge



Achewon Nimat was formed in the early 1960's by the merger of Machek N'Gult Lodge 375 and Royaneh Lodge 282. The first meeting & gathering of Achewon Nimat was held on Sunday afternoon, December 13, 1964 at Goodman's Restaurant in Oakland's Jack London Square and was attended by over 300 members (199 from Machek N'Gult lodge and 105 from Royaneh lodge). The banquet and lodge elections marked the official start

of the new "as yet to be named lodge" of the San Francisco Bay Area Council.

Almost 11 months earlier in February of 1964 in a ceremony held atop Yerba Buena Island in the middle of San Francisco bay, the Oakland Area Council and the San Francisco Council would merge forming the San Francisco Bay Area Council thereby uniting 30,000 Scouts from both sides of the bay. With the merging of the two councils, so too would the Order of the Arrow Lodges associated with the former councils, Machek N'Gult Lodge of the Oakland Area Council and Royaneh Lodge of the San Francisco Council.



Although the two lodges technically merged at the banquet, January 1, 1965 is the official date of the merger and the establishment of Achewon Nimat. Larry Teshara (former National Deputy Chief) from Royaneh Lodge acted as the master of ceremonies during the luncheon and was assisted by the past lodge chiefs for Machek N'Gult (Dennis Haw) and Royaneh (Jeff Baechler). The number for the new lodge would be 282 as it was common practice for merged lodges to take the lower of the two lodge numbers. At this same banquet and removed from After the luncheon officers for the new elected as the first Chapter for the West Chapter for the East



the lodge number 375 for Machek N'Gult was retired the National Charter of Order of the Arrow Lodges. was over, a special meeting was held to elect Lodge lodge. Bill Garvine from Machek N'Gult Lodge was chief of the new combined lodge. It had also been banquet to split the Lodge into two chapters, Royaneh Bay (San Francisco region) and Machek N'Gult Bay (Oakland region). The name (**Achewon Nimat**), the totems (**Indian and Bear**), the patch design and the bylaws for the new lodge however would not be selected and adopted until the first business meeting could be held a couple months later on February 28, 1965.

Although the beginning of Achewon Nimat lodge started on that afternoon of December 13, 1964, our history in the Order of the Arrow actually began some twenty years earlier in 1944 when Royaneh Lodge was officially formed in the San Francisco Council and then three years later when Machek N'Gult Lodge was formed in the Oakland Council. So to talk about the history of Achewon Nimat we can't forget about the hundreds of arrowmen and thousands of scouts that actually started the journey almost 75 years ago in the lodges of Machek N'Gult and Royaneh and the councils of Oakland and San Francisco.

Our great lodge is now called Achewon Nimat (meaning **Brothers Together**), but our real beginnings in the Order of the Arrow started at a camp in the hills of Oakland called "Dimond" and at a camp near Cazadero called "CC Moore" (now called Camp Royaneh).