

Order of the Arrow

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UPCOMING ORDEALS

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. You were formally "called out" by Allowat Sakima, the Mighty Chief. You have now completed 2 of the 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 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.

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

- **August 19-21, 2011**
- **September 16-18, 2011**
- **June 1-3, 2012**

Pre-registration with the Council Office is **mandatory**. Check-in is at 8:00 pm Friday at the Lions' Center by the Bates Rd parking lot. The Ordeal Ceremony takes place Saturday evening and the weekend concludes around 9:30 am Sunday. In order to enjoy the weekend to the fullest, you should plan on staying Saturday night for fellowship and for Sunday breakfast. 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.

A reservation form is below, please fill it out and send it to the Council Service Center, along with the Candidates fee of **\$35.00 (thirty-five dollars)**. You will likely not receive a confirmation back from the office, just show up after sending in your registration. This fee covers the cost of the OA yearly dues, OA Sash, Portage Lodge Flap, OA Handbook, bead necklace and food for the weekend.

ITEMS TO BRING WITH YOU

*** *Copy of your current Medical Form* ***

Full Scout Uniform, Sleeping Bag, Ground Cloth, Work Clothes, Work Gloves, Soap, Towel, etc..

Items NOT to bring

Cots, Food, Electronic Devices, Flashlight

----- Detach and Mail to the Council Service Center -----

ORDEAL CANDIDATE REGISTRATION

Name: _____ Unit # _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone # _____ E-mail: _____

Please check one of the following dates and enclose the \$35.00 fee; make checks payable to PORTAGE LODGE #619

_____ August 19-21, 2011 at Firelands Scout Reservation, reservations due by 8/12/2011

_____ September 16-18, 2011 at Firelands Scout Reservation, reservations due by 9/9/2011

_____ June 1-3, 2012 at Firelands Scout Reservation, reservations due by 5/25/2012

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