

The Order of the Arrow

What is the Order of the Arrow?

The Order of the Arrow, OA for short, is the honor society of Boy Scouting, with members having been elected by their fellow scouts, as those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law. It is a youth run organization, under the supervision of capable adults, under the influence of the Delaware Indian traditions of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service.

What does the ordeal charge pay for?

The price of the ordeal may seem very expensive to some. However, this price pays for:

- Food for the weekend
- 1 year of dues
- Sash
- Lodge patch
- OA Handbook

Is the Ordeal as bad as some say it is?

- He won't be fed- This is false, your child will be fed
- He'll be participating in work all day- while this is true, one of the principles of the OA is service. However, there will be plenty of opportunities to have fun
- The OA is like a cult- This is false, the OA is not a secret society, in accordance to BSA policy

When can he take his ordeal and become a member?

After being voted in by his fellow scouts, he will be called out at either Scout Camp or the Spring Camporee. After which, he can complete his ordeal at anyone of the three Ordeals held yearly:

- Spring Ordeal-
- Fall Ordeal-
- Woodchuck Ordeal-

If he does not complete his Ordeal this year, he will have to be reelected next year by his troop

What will my son need for his Ordeal?

Your child will need the following items:

- Sleeping Bag
- Ground Cloth
- Pocket Knife
- Work Clothes
- Class A Uniform
- Extra Change of Clothes
- Wash Items

What opportunities does the OA offer?

The OA has a lot offer youth and adults:

- Teach new and strengthen old leadership skills
- Attend high adventure bases at a lower price
- Give service back to the camp and the local community
- Make many new friends and have plenty of fun

