



ORDER OF THE ARROW

Congratulations! You have been elected by the youth members in your unit to join the Order of the Arrow. Being elected is only the first step but one you should consider an honor. A call-out ceremony is not necessary for you to proceed to your ordeal.

To become an official member of the Order of the Arrow you must complete what we call an Ordeal. This is what you need to know about the Ordeal. The first thing you need to do is register for an Ordeal Weekend (when registration opens) at <https://www.buckskin.org/oa/>. This year the Takhonek Lodge will offer two Ordeal Weekends, also known as Fellowships. They are:

Spring Fellowship at Camp Kootaga on April 5-7, 2024.

Fall Fellowship at Camp Arrowhead on October 4-6, 2024.

If you are unable to attend one of these Fellowships, you will have one year to complete your Ordeal. To register for the fellowship, you can go to [Buckskin.org/oa](https://www.buckskin.org/oa/). The cost for your Ordeal Weekend is \$50. This includes your dues for 2024, OA Handbook, OA Sash, Pocket Dangle, Bead Necklace, and other various items you will receive during and after you complete your Ordeal.

Items you will need to bring with you are as follows, Class A uniform, a change of clothes, sleeping bag, tarp, water bottle, and health form (Parts A&B). This is all you will need for your first night.

On your second night, you will need your regular camping supplies such as a tent, flashlight, etc.

Items prohibited for your first night are flashlights, lighters, phones, cameras, watches, and other items you may think you need.

Please plan to arrive at the Dining Hall at camp between 6:00 – 7:30 pm on Friday evening. If you will be arriving later, please let us know.

I look forward to meeting you at one of our Lodge events!

Lodge Chief,

Blake Blankenship