

TALAPUS CHAPTER

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Greetings Scout!

Congratulations on being elected to become a member of the Order of the Arrow. Election to the Order is a distinct honor, only a few individuals from all of Benton county are chosen to join the Order each year.

The Order of the Arrow is known as *Scouting's National Honor Society*. We are a service organization that develops, maintains, and promotes Boy Scout camping and traditions. Most of our events are held at local Scout Camps like Camp Baker or Camp Melakwa.

Now that you have been called to the Order, you are considered a *candidate*. To become an actual member, you must go through a ceremonial weekend called *The Ordeal* where you will be inducted into our organization with symbolic tests and inspirational ceremonies. **You must attend an Ordeal within one year of being called out.** If not, you will need to be elected again next year.

There are 3 opportunities this year to attend an Ordeal—spring, summer, and fall. To insure membership to our Order, please make plans to attend an early one. That way, there is a fallback date. In addition, once inducted, you can attend following Ordeals as a full member.

Enclosed is a registration form with dates to attend one of our Ordeal weekends this year.

When you attend your Ordeal, please bring your normal camping pack with waterproof groundcloth and uniform. In addition bring a set of working clothes with gloves, swimsuit and towel. Plan on showing up by 7:00pm Friday night of the Ordeal Weekend you select.

We look forward to your membership into our worthy Order. We offer more leadership opportunities and we represent a higher level of cheerful service and brotherhood in Scouting.

We invite you to attend an Ice Cream Social at Willamette Park in Corvallis. We will be playing Frisbee Golf and other fun games. This is so you can get to know the people in our local chapter. The date for this event is June 12th at 7:00PM until 8:30PM.

Most questions or concerns can be answered through our youth officers. If you have any, please contact our Chapter Chief. If an adult adviser is necessary, please contact the Chapter Adviser.

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