



**PA-HIN LODGE**

# **ORDEAL CANDIDATE GUIDE**

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Dear Ordeal Candidate,

Congratulations! You have been approved by your Scoutmaster and elected by the Scouts of your troop to become a member of the Order of the Arrow (OA), Scouting's National Honor Society. Membership in the OA not only marks you as one of the best in Scouting but opens up additional Scouting opportunities for you including National Conferences, Training, High Adventure Opportunities, and new leadership experiences.

Your election was the first step of your induction into the OA. Your next step is to complete the Ordeal. The Ordeal is a 24-hour test of your strength and will. The Ordeal is not done to see if you are worthy for membership in the Order, you've passed that test already by being elected by your fellow Scouts. The Ordeal is a test of your desire to be a part of such a great honor society.

Sometimes candidates are told that they must go through a Call-Out ceremony before they can go through their Ordeal. This is not true. The Call-Out is an optional public recognition of your achievement. You can even go through a Call-Out ceremony after you've completed your Ordeal.

Your first opportunity to undergo the Ordeal is at Spring Conclave. The Chapter Spring Conclave will be taking place May 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, at Camp Wilderness. If you are unable to attend this conclave, your next opportunity will be at Western Spring Conclave May 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> at Heart Butte Scout Reservation or at Fall Conclave, August 7-9 at Camp Wilderness. If you do not complete the Ordeal within 24 months from your election, you will have to be elected by your troop again. For questions regarding your eligibility please contact the Chapter leadership team.

## **Conclave Instructions:**

**Medical Forms** - Per national requirement for Ordeal weekends, you must bring a current Annual Health and Medical form, with the first two parts, completed (Parts A & B), although it is **strongly** recommended that all three parts (Parts A, B, & C) are completed.

**Registration** - To register for any Conclave please visit [www.nlcbsa.org](http://www.nlcbsa.org) under the calendar.

**Cost** - The total cost for the May Spring Conclave is \$65 before May 1 or August 1st, after which the price will be \$70. The cost includes food, OA handbook, lodge flap (patch), conclave patch, Ordeal sash, induction costs, and other materials. You may wish to bring extra money to purchase items at the Lodge trading post. The trading post will offer many OA items including special patches, OA shirts, fleeces, and other goods.

**Friday and Saturday** - Plan to arrive Friday night between 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. If you must arrive later please notify the conclave admin team at [info@pahinlodge.org](mailto:info@pahinlodge.org) or your chapters adviser and let us know your expected arrival time. Immediately upon arrival, you will register at the Black Building or main lodge at Heart Butte. There will be no dinner served

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on Friday evening, so you should eat before checking in. Ask your Scoutmaster if others were elected in your troop so you can arrange to carpool.

Come prepared to spend the first night of your Ordeal under the stars. You will not be allowed to have a fire Friday night, so don't bring matches or lighters with you. You will need a sleeping bag, ground cloth (plastic tarp), and your raincoat or poncho. Please remember that the weather can vary greatly from very cold to very warm. Check the weather forecast and bring enough clothing. --- Wear Layers! The Adviser team will be watching the weather closely during the week leading up to the event and during the event, to keep each scout safe.

During the Ordeal you will be expected to do physical labor, this may involve lifting, walking, reaching and other strenuous activity. If you are physically incapable or concerned about performing these activities, please contact the Health Officer upon your check-in Friday night and we'll make adjustments as needed. Please also let the health officer know at check-in if you brought any medications with you.

You will need a tent for Saturday, we'd like you to bring your own tent but if you want to share with a buddy that is okay. You must have a tent, no exceptions, even if you are planning an early checkout on Saturday. You will set up your tent on Friday evening in case weather conditions prevent sleeping under the stars and to store your excess gear.

You will want to wear old clothes or work clothes on Friday night and Saturday, but you will need your Scout uniform for Saturday evening and Sunday. A pair of work gloves for Saturday is strongly suggested. Showers are available and all eating utensils, plates are provided.

**Check out** – Program for the weekend runs through Sunday morning. Checkout will begin at 8:30 a.m. Sunday. There will be worship services held during the weekend.

While the program does go through Sunday morning, we understand that some people will need to leave on Saturday. We will open an early checkout from 8:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday evening at the Black Building or main lodge at Heart Butte. You must indicate at registration that you are doing an early checkout.

Here is a list of items you must bring, should not bring, and may want to bring with you on your Ordeal. Your equipment will be checked on Friday to ensure you are prepared;





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## Things You Must Bring:

- Tent
- Sleeping bag
- Ground cloth/plastic tarp
- Rain Gear
- Class "A" Scout uniform
- Cold weather gear
- Shower kit
- Work clothes
- Water bottle
- Good boots

## Things You Shouldn't Bring:

- Matches or lighters
- Sheath Knives
- Hatches, axes, tools

## Things You might Want to Bring:

- Air or Foam mattress
- Day pack or regular backpack
  - Easy to carry things on Friday
- Notebook, pencil/pen

## Things You Should Bring:

- Flashlight
- Prescription Medicine (In original container)

**Cell Phones** – We are aware of the functionality and ease technology brings to our lives within the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We do discourage the use of cell phones during the Ordeal process and other OA ceremonies. However, after those activities cell phone use is a regular part of other conclave activities.

**Social Media** – Throughout the year and during conclave weekend the lodge and chapter releases vital information through our social media accounts. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram by searching Pa-Hin Lodge. Or check out our website at [www.pahinlodge.org](http://www.pahinlodge.org)

**Parents and Non-OA Scouting Leaders** – Parents (and non-OA Scout Leaders) are welcome to stay for the weekend if they wish. They should register as a guest during registration. We do discourage them from attending ceremonies if they believe they will be a member of the OA in the future because knowing what happens ruins some of the mystery.

**Chapter Officer Elections** – During spring conclaves, many chapter host their own Chapter Officer elections. To learn more about officer positions and how to be elected reach out to your chapters officer team. General eligibility requirements are:

- You are under 21 years of age for your entire term
- You are a member of the OA (Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil) in good standing (meaning you've paid your dues)
- You are a registered member of the Scouting America

Once again, congratulations on your election to the Order of the Arrow. We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Conclave!

If you have any questions prior to the conclave, please contact our Chief or Adviser.

Yours in Brotherhood,

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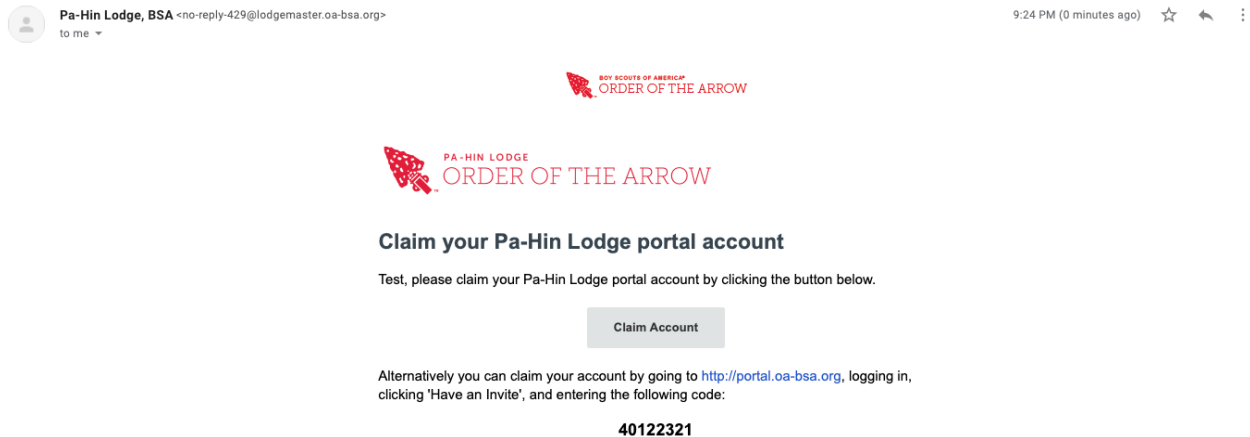
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## Welcome to the Member Portal!

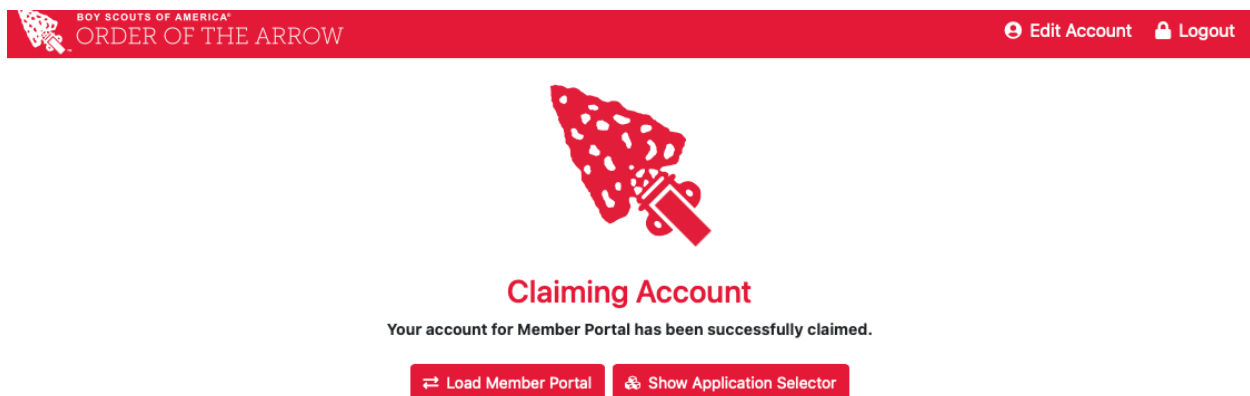
Now that you have been elected it's time to take your first step to becoming a member of the Order of the Arrow by completing your OA Member Portal. Through member portal you will have 24/7 access to update your personal information with the lodge, get access on upcoming events, (eventually) register for all OA events, and many more important updates are coming its way! Currently your Member Portal has VERY IMPORTANT information regarding your candidacy in the OA. Follow the following steps to claim your account and complete your first journey!

### Step 1: Claiming your Portal

Withing 24 – 48 hours of your election you should receive an email from ([429@lodgemaster.oa-bsa.org](mailto:429@lodgemaster.oa-bsa.org), **be sure to check your spam folder**) in the email you provided us with at your election. The email should look something like this:



You can click the “Claim Account” or navigate in your preferred browser to [members.oa-bsa.org](http://members.oa-bsa.org) and claim your account with the code found in the email. Once done correctly you will see the following message on your screen:



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At this point your account has been claimed and you can now select “Load Member Portal”.

## Step 2: Updating Information

After selectin “Load Member Portal” you will be taken to the following page. Welcome!

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Switch Application Edit Account Logout

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Welcome Back, Test Candidate!

Home Update Your Profile Calendar Contact The Lodge Ordeal Journey

**Welcome!**

**Congratulations on your election!**

Congratulations on officially being elected and recognized as a candidate for the Order of the Arrow! We are so excited to see you take your first steps in the Order of The Arrow by completing your Ordeal! The Order of the Arrow provides many great opportunities for Scouts, and we know you will enjoy becoming a member!

The first step in becoming an Arrowmen is to attend an induction weekend. Register for one of the upcoming weekends:

<b>East Spring Conclave</b> May 7 6:00 PM - May 9 12:00 PM Camp Wilderness <a href="#">Register</a>	<b>West Spring Conclave</b> May 14 6:00 PM - May 16 12:00 PM <a href="#">Register</a>
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When every you visit, [members.oa-bsa.org](https://members.oa-bsa.org) you will be taken to your Member Portal. Here you can do tons of wonderful things, but first lets update that information, by selecting “Update Your Profile”



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Name:

Test Candidate

BSA Person ID:

Gender:

Male

Date Of Birth:

10/8/2006

If you need to update your name or any other fields that are locked, please **contact the lodge**.

## Email Addresses

Home Parent Work

Email Address:

Primary Email: ☒ Unsubscribe: ☐

## Phone Numbers

Home Mobile Parent Work

Phone Number:  Extension:

Primary Phone: ☒ Unsubscribe: ☐

## Mailing Addresses

Home

Street 1:

City:

Zip / Postal Code:

Primary Address: ☒

Street 2:

State / Province:

Country:

Unsubscribe: ☐

Some of your information will be automatically imported, please correct any information, and add all necessary information. Don't worry, you can always come back and update it again. Once your information is correct please move to Step 3.



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## Step 3: Ordeal Journey

After selecting 'Save' on your personal information select Ordeal Journey.

[Home](#) [Update Your Profile](#) [Calendar](#) [Contact The Lodge](#) [Ordeal Journey](#)

### Ordeal Candidate Journey - 0% Complete

<b>Welcome to the Order of the Arrow!</b> Congratulations on your election to the Order of the Arrow. Check out this short video to learn a little more about what the Order is, what opportunities you'll have by becoming a member, and the lifelong impact it's had on our members.	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Complete
<b>The Spirit of the Arrow</b> Throughout your ordeal experience you'll receive Spirit of the Arrow booklets, which will help guide you through your ordeal experience and provide things to think about on your journey. Please read the text of the first booklet now.	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Complete
<b>Ordeal Candidate Packet (2021)</b> More information for Ordeal Candidates from the Lodge.	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Complete
<b>Parent Letter</b> Parents of Ordeal Candidates please read.	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Complete

Once in 'Ordeal Journey' here you will find steps you should take prior to arriving at conclave. Once you enter each step and click complete, you will notice the percent change at the top. You can always leave one module at come back and finish later.

Have fun exploring Member Portal! As more function become available, we'll be sure to keep you updated!

If you have any questions regarding your Member Portal or gaining access to it, please contact [info@pahinlodge.org](mailto:info@pahinlodge.org).