

Dear Candidate:

Congratulations on being elected as a candidate for membership in the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America's National Honor Society. Its purpose is to:

- Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrant similar recognition.
- Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.
- Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.
- Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Candidates have one year from January 1, 2017, to complete their Ordeal. There are 7 weekend opportunities to complete their Ordeal, some weekends having multiple locations. Candidates are usually notified of their election through a recognition ceremony or call-out; however, Candidates do not have to participate in a call-out ceremony to attend an Ordeal. The cost of the Ordeal covers 2017 dues, Lodge flap (patch), OA sash, OA handbook, and meals. It is important that each candidate complete the Ordeal within this year, otherwise the candidate must be re-elected.

**Medical Form:**

All candidates must bring a copy of their completed (signed) Medical Form A&B to their Ordeal ([www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx))

**Registration:**

For a complete list of Ordeals and to register visit [oa.shac.org/ordeals](http://oa.shac.org/ordeals). Registration is online through Doubleknot and closes the Monday at 11:59 pm before each Ordeal. The registration fee is \$80; however, a \$15 early bird discount is offered to all candidates who register by the Friday prior to registration deadline. Please register by the deadline to ensure that we have an accurate head count for service projects and food. Onsite registration is not available. Refunds are not given; however, rescheduling to another 2017 Ordeal is allowed if requested by the Monday before the Ordeal.

Please print a copy of your receipt and bring it with you attached to your medical form. It will serve as confirmation and contains Ordeal specific information.

**Check-in:**

Candidates may be dropped off on Friday between 7:00pm and 8:30pm. Candidates must stay through the new member orientation to complete their Ordeal. If the candidate has obligations on Sunday, then he or she should attend one of the one night events.

If you have any questions, please contact your Chapter Adviser ([oa.shac.org/chapters](http://oa.shac.org/chapters)). For additional information, equipment lists and FAQ's please visit [oa.shac.org/ordeals](http://oa.shac.org/ordeals)

2017 Ordeal Dates	Location	Check-in	Dismissal	Registration Deadline
Feb 10-12 (2 nights)	Baytown Nature Center	Friday 7:00-8:30pm	Sunday 10:00am	Feb 6
March 31-April 2 (2 nights)	Bovay Scout Ranch	Friday 7:00-8:30pm	Sunday 10:00am	March 27
April 28-30 (2 nights)	Baytown Nature Center	Friday 7:00-8:30pm	Sunday 10:00am	April 24
May 12-13 (1 night)	Camp Brosig	Friday 7:00-8:30pm	Saturday 7:30pm	May 8
May 12-13 (1 night)	Double Lakes Recreation Area	Friday 7:00-8:30pm	Saturday 7:30pm	May 8
June 2-4 (2 nights)	El Rancho Cima	Friday 7:00-8:30pm	Sunday 10:00am	May 29
September 29-30 (1night)	National Day of Service	Friday 7:00-8:30pm	Saturday 7:30pm	Sept 25
December 8-9 (1 night)	Bovay Scout Ranch	Friday 7:00-8:30pm	Saturday 7:30pm	Dec 4

\* Ordeal dates are subject to change, visit [oa.shac.org/ordeals](http://oa.shac.org/ordeals) for a complete and current listing