

Equipment for the Ordeal

A Candidate will need to arrive at the Ordeal in his Field Uniform (Class A) with the following equipment, prepared to spend the first night under the stars:

Field and Activity Uniform

Work clothes (jeans, long sleeve shirt, boots, work gloves, hat)

Sleeping Bag, Ground Cloth & Foam Pad: The candidate will sleep under the stars Friday night

Backpack: The candidate will need to carry all of his gear in a backpacking type bag except for his tent for Saturday Night if attending a 3 Day Ordeal.

Tent: A tent is not required for 2 day Ordeals since departing Saturday Night, The candidate may want one for Saturday Night if this is a 3 day Ordeal and he may share with other Candidates from same unit.

Insect repellent: Mosquitoes like scouts

Sunscreen:

Flashlight:

Rain Gear: Scouts won't melt and we will work in the rain.

Water Bottle: It will be hot and a Candidate needs to drink plenty of water to stay hydrated, we will be supplying water at all work locations.

Personal Hygiene Items (soap, towel, shampoo, toothbrush/paste, IvyBlock)

Candidates will change into work clothes on Saturday morning and will be given an opportunity to clean up and change back into their field uniform for the Ordeal Ceremony.

Cell Phones: We understand the desire to stay in contact with your Candidate, but one of the challenges of the Ordeal is to participate in contemplative silence. Cell phones, if carried, need to be turned off for the event. No other personal electronics are permitted.

For Health and Safety purposes, work clothes, consisting of long sleeve shirts, long pants, boots, gloves and a hat, are required for participation in the service projects. Service projects will include brush clearing and camp clean-up (and may include painting).

Poison Ivy: Several locations have poison ivy or thorns. This is another reason we require long pants and long shirts. Apply IvyBlock lotion on Saturday morning, Wash hands frequently..

Candidates should eat a hearty meal BEFORE arriving at the Ordeal, we don't feed them Friday night.

Candidates should not bring food unless it is part of a medically prescribed diet detailed on the medical form. Special foods and medications will be turned over to the Ordeal Adviser for distribution. Please notify the Ordeal Staff about required medication, medical conditions and dietary restrictions before the Ordeal.

Directions to the camps can be found at <http://oa.samhoustonbsa.org/where-to-go-camping>