



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

## ORDER OF THE ARROW

Spring 2021

Dear Candidate,

It is a great honor that you have been selected by your peers for membership in the National Camping Honor Society of The Boy Scouts of America. However, your journey has not yet started and you are not yet a member of the Order. A greater thrill awaits you when you become a member, are decorated with the Order of the Arrow sash, and learn about the history that goes along with it. This happens when you complete your Ordeal and become a member of the Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge.

You will have two opportunities to complete the Ordeal: March 5-7, 2021, and April 30 - May 2, 2021. If you fail to complete the Ordeal during either of these weekends you will need to be re-elected by your unit if you still wish to become a member of the Order. For those candidates who were elected in 2020, but had your opportunity to participate in the Ordeal delayed due to COVID-19, these two upcoming Ordeal weekends will be your final opportunities to complete the Ordeal.

The fee for the Ordeal weekend is \$67 per candidate, and is broken down as follows:

- 1) Ordeal Weekend Fee – \$24. *Includes camping fee, food, and event patch.*
- 2) OA Sash - \$18. *The white sash you wear with your Class A uniform.*
- 3) 2020 Dues – \$15.
- 4) OA Handbook - \$5. *Official National OA publication.*
- 5) Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge 237 Once-In-A-Lifetime Uniform Flap - \$5.

**If you plan to attend the Spring 2021 induction, the \$67 fee must be paid in full no later than the close of business on Friday, February 26, 2021. There will be no registrations permitted after that date.** To register, go to the “On-Line Payments” section under the “Registration” tab of the Aal-Pa-Tah website ([www.aalpatah.org](http://www.aalpatah.org)) and select “Spring Ordeal – Candidates”. If you have a financial issue that affects your ability to register for this event, please notify the Lodge Adviser, Seth Robert, at [lodge\\_adviser@aalpatah.org](mailto:lodge_adviser@aalpatah.org) so we can discuss appropriate accommodations

We want you to have an exciting and safe experience. **Please bring a COPY of your current BSA health form – Parts A and B.** In your Ordeal, you will leave the comforts of home behind and you will be tested by exerting yourself physically on a restricted diet. If you have a physical or medical concern that could limit your participation, please notify the Lodge Adviser, Mr. Robert, immediately so that we can make advance plans to enable you to have the best experience possible. In addition, please advise of any dietary restrictions.

Please review all of the information in this letter including information about COVID precautions and gear.

**Parents, we prepared a parent letter which provides further details about the Order of the Arrow and your Scout's upcoming Ordeal. To receive that letter electronically, just email our Lodge Adviser at [lodge\\_adviser@aalpatah.org](mailto:lodge_adviser@aalpatah.org).** If after receiving that letter, you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mr. Robert. As always, you can find more information about Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge at our website [www.aalpatah.org](http://www.aalpatah.org). I look forward to opening the circle of our Brothers to you.

If you have any further questions, please contact me: [chief@aalpatah.org](mailto:chief@aalpatah.org).

Yours In Scouting,  
**AAL-PA-TAH LODGE**

**Kyle Webb**  
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## COVID PRECAUTIONS:

This will be a socially distanced event. We have made adjustments to the typical schedule and will be taking precautions to attempt to minimize risk to our participants. All participants and staff must fill out the pre-camp screening form. Everyone will have their temperature taken in the parking lot upon arrival. If you exceed the approved temperature or otherwise do not meet the criteria of the screening, you will not be permitted to participate.

## SCHEDULE:

- 1) Arrive at Tanah Keeta on Friday evening between 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 pm.
- 2) Your scout will want to have a hearty meal before arriving at camp.
- 3) Pick up is at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday.

## DOCUMENTS TO BRING TO YOUR ORDEAL:

- 1) BSA HEALTH FORM – Parts A and B. PLEASE BRING A COPY ONLY AS THIS WILL NOT BE RETURNED
- 2) Pre-Camp COVID Screening form
- 3) PAYMENT must be made in advance

## HOW TO PACK FOR YOUR ORDEAL:

### GEAR FOR FRIDAY NIGHT ONLY (Lightweight Day Pack):

- PLEASE COME DRESSED IN WEATHER APPROPRIATE CLOTHING (jeans, short or long sleeve shirt, closed toe shoes, work gloves, hat)
- Sleeping bag
- Ground cloth or Foam mat
- Lightweight Day Pack
- Sunscreen and Bug Spray
- Poncho or Rain Gear
- Water Bottle
- Personal Hygiene Items (deodorant, toothbrush.)
- 2 Masks
- Personal bottle of hand sanitizer
- Large garbage bag
- All Medications needed for the weekend (in original bottles from the pharmacy). These medications MUST be listed on the BSA Health Form.
- Spending Money for the Gator Grill \$5 (Friday Night)
- NO WATCH, FLASHLIGHT, OR ELECTRONICS

GEAR FOR THE WEEKEND (Separate Backpack or Duffle Bag)

- Backpack or Duffle Bag
- Tent
- Extra pair of closed toe shoes
- Class A & B Complete Uniform (DO NOT WEAR TO CAMP!)
- Socks, Underwear, etc.
- Personal Hygiene Items (towel, soap, shampoo, etc.)
- Swim trunks
- Additional spending money for Saturday evening to purchase items at the Trading Post and additional Aal-Pa-Tah patches and gear \$10-\$15 would be more than enough (optional).

**NOTE: YOUTH – NO ELECTRONICS DURING THE ENTIRE WEEKEND – PLEASE LEAVE THEM AT HOME OR THEY WILL RETURNED TO YOUR PARENTS AT CHECK-IN**