



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

## ORDER OF THE ARROW

February 2023

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 three (3) opportunities to complete the Ordeal: **February 10-11, 2023 (Camp Oklawaha)**, **March 3-5, 2023 (Camp Tanah Keeta)**, and **May 5-7, 2023 (Camp Tanah Keeta)**. For those candidates who were elected in 2021 but had your opportunity to participate in the Ordeal delayed due to COVID-19, these three upcoming Ordeal weekends will be your final opportunities to complete the Ordeal.

The February Ordeal at Camp Oklawaha is going to be limited to **30 Candidates**. Candidates in Indian River and Treasure Coast Districts are being given priority to register and pay for their Ordeal until January 27, 2023. After January 27, 2023, the registration will open to Candidates in all Districts until February 3, 2023, when registration will be closed. Therefore, you will want to register and make your payment online as soon as possible. The fee for the **February Ordeal** weekend is \$62.00 per candidate, and is broken down as follows:

- 1) Ordeal Weekend Fee – \$19. *Includes camping fee, food, and event patch.*
- 2) OA Sash - \$18. *The white sash you wear with your Class A uniform.*
- 3) 2023 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 February 2023 induction, the \$62.00 fee must be paid in full no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 2023.** 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 “**2023 Oklawaha 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.

The fee for the two inductions at Camp Tanah Keeta will be \$75.25 since those inductions will be during a full Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge Weekend which concludes on Sunday (the Oklawaha event concludes on Saturday evening).

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 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: [inductions@aalpatah.org](mailto:inductions@aalpatah.org).

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

**Ryan Graham**  
Lodge Vice-Chief of Inductions

## SCHEDULE:

- 1) Arrive at Camp Oklawaha 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 8:30 p.m. on Saturday **for the Oklawaha induction only**. Pick up will be 11:00 a.m. for the Tanah Keeta weekends.

## 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) 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.)
- Personal bottle of hand sanitizer
- Large garbage bag
- All Medications needed for Friday evening and Saturday (in original bottles from the pharmacy). These medications MUST be listed on the BSA Health Form.
- NO WATCH, FLASHLIGHT, PHONES, OR ELECTRONICS**

### GEAR FOR SATURDAY (Separate Backpack or Duffle Bag)

- Backpack or Duffle Bag
- 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, deodorant, etc.)
- Tent (only if you are attending the Tanah Keeta weekends)

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