

ORDER OF THE ARROW, WAHUNSENAKAH LODGE #333
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Having been elected by your fellow Scouts to the worthy status of Candidate for membership in the Order of the Arrow (OA), you are hereby directed to present yourself for a trial by Ordeal, that you may prove your dedication to cheerful service.

There are two steps required to complete the induction into the Order of the Arrow. Step one (1) is to undergo an Ordeal (including the Ordeal Ceremony) and become an Ordeal member. Step two is to seal your membership by undergoing the Brotherhood ceremony. You must be an Ordeal member for **6 months** prior to going through the Brotherhood ceremony. Except for extenuating circumstances, failure to attend an Ordeal within **one year** following election will void your candidacy.

Wahunsenakah Lodge will convene in solemn conclave on **May 12, 2023 at 7:30 PM** at the Tidewater Council's Pipsico Scout Camp, 57 Pipsico Rd, Spring Grove, VA 23881. The candidate fee of **\$58.00** for this Ordeal includes **dues until November 30, 2023**, OA Handbook, Ribbon Arrow, Lodge Flap, Event Patch, Ordeal Sash, and food. **The deadline for registering & paying for this Ordeal is 2:00 pm on Sat., May 6, 2023.**

Other than for medical reasons, no food, snacks, or sodas will be allowed. Strict adherence to the packing list for the weekend is **MANDATORY**. You may hike a considerable distance Friday night. Wear sturdy shoes and **dress for the weather**. All personal gear not required for Friday night will be stored until you need it on Saturday.

Candidate check-in will be at the Pipsico K Building, Camp Kiwanis.

Orientation on Sunday morning will start with a breakfast with the Lodge and Chapter officers. You will receive your patches, books, and information about the Order of the Arrow at that time. Chapel services, chapter meetings, and a lodge business meeting will follow. These Sunday sessions **are a vital part** of becoming an effective member of the Wahunsenakah Lodge.

The Trading Post will be open either on Saturday night after the New Member Ceremonies are completed or on Sunday morning. A wide variety of OA merchandise will be available for purchase. The Wahunsenakah Trading post will be located in the dining hall.

This notice is the only one you will receive for this Ordeal. **Register now and mark the dates on your calendar. The next Ordeal is scheduled for September 15, 2023.** Keep this letter. Do not return it to the Scout Service Center.

Complete the enclosed "Candidate New Member Form" and Parts "A" and "B" of the "Boy Scout Medical form #680-001" (2019 printing). The medical form is located on the website www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf. You may also use a copy of the medical form the troop has on file, providing it is the new form. The "Candidate New Member Form", "Boy Scout Medical form" and fee may be hand delivered or mailed to the Newport News Scout Service Center. If mailed, please send the forms and fee to the Scout Service Center at the above address. **Make checks payable to the Colonial Virginia Council, BSA. Mark check "2023 OA Service Weekend"**. A separate form shall be used for each candidate. If you misplace your copy, e-mail Laura Nelson-Rogers (wahunsenakahregistrar@gmail.com) for another copy.

Candidates should be picked up from camp at **11:00 a.m.** on Sunday. Candidates should meet their parents at the drop off location. Please remember to check-out in the K Building before you go. Parents should park in the parking area and not drive into the main camp looking for their scout. If you have any questions, consult with a member of the Order of the Arrow, your Scoutmaster, or the Arrowmen listed below.

Any questions please contact Laura Nelson-Rogers at wahunsenakahregistrar@gmail.com or call 757-435-8989