



PENNACOOK LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW

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Dear Candidates for Order of the Arrow Membership,

Awake my friends. Greetings from Pennacook Lodge. As Chief and Vice Chief of Pennacook Lodge, we are writing to congratulate on your election to the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society.

Earlier this year, your unit chose you for OA membership because of what they saw in you: a model scout who seeks to help and cheerfully serve others. This honor of being elected by your fellow scouts is your first step toward OA membership. The next step is your full participation in an induction weekend called an Ordeal. Your Lodge looks forward to your membership and future contributions to Scouting!

This letter is to remind you of your OA election and to invite your participation in one of our upcoming 2023 Ordeal Inductions. Before each Ordeal, there will be an important information session that you and a parent are strongly encouraged to attend to help prepare you for the Ordeal weekend.

Ordeal Induction Opportunities in 2023

Friday, May 19 (arrive at 7:30pm) - Sunday, May 21 (depart at 11am)
Wah-Tut-Ca Scout Reservation, Northwood, NH

OR

Friday, June 23 (arrive at 7:30pm) - Sunday, June 25 (depart at 11am)
T.L. Storer Scout Reservation, Barnstead, NH

OR

Friday, September 29 (arrive at 7:00pm) - Sunday, October 1 (depart at 11am)
T.L. Storer Scout Reservation, Barnstead, NH

Register on-line at: <http://oapennacook.org/candidate/>

Candidates and Parents Information Night for the Spring Ordeals

Wednesday, May 17 from 7:30pm - 8:30pm, A Zoom Meeting

Register on-line at: <http://oapennacook.org/candidate/>

Wednesday, June 14 from 7:30pm - 8:30pm, A Zoom Meeting

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We strongly encourage you to attend an upcoming Ordeal and to seal your membership this year. If, however, you are unable to attend this May's Ordeal, you will be able to complete your Ordeal Induction later in 2023 at either the June or October Ordeal induction. You will also remain eligible for OA membership for 18 months from the date of your election. So, for example, if your OA election was held during a troop, crew or ship meeting on March 30, 2023 you will remain eligible through September 30, 2024; after which you would need to be elected again by your fellow scouts.

SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Due to the coronavirus and the continued health and safety measures of the Spirit of Adventure Council, BSA and the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, Pennacook Lodge will be following all health and safety guidelines and protocols, including small workgroups, social distancing, and supporting the optional wearing of face masks. **Online event registration is encouraged.**

Attached to this email is a letter/checklist containing details of the Ordeal weekend. Please be mindful of the checklist focusing on bringing what is noted on the checklist. All participants will be required to submit the **BSA Medical Form, Parts A & B only**. This medical form is also attached hereto.

Upon arrival at camp on the first night of your Ordeal all candidates, youth and adult, and OA members, will sign-in with the health & safety officer, affirm he/she does not have symptoms of the coronavirus and is fit to perform a day of physical work. BSA activity permission slips will be required for all participants with those under 18 requiring a parent signature and those over 18 being able to sign themselves into camp. An Ordeal weekend permission slip is included as an attachment in this email and will also be available upon arrival at camp.

Please make every effort to attend an upcoming Ordeal and to become a new, VIP member of Pennacook Lodge. Remember that your fellow scouts have elected you for this honor and they expect something in return. You owe it to yourself and to you unit to take your Ordeal seriously; to learn, and to bring back a renewed spirit of purpose. During your Ordeal, listen and observe all things that go on with more than just your ears and eyes; listen with your heart and mind to seek and to understand.

Questions and concerns may be addressed by contacting us or the Inductions Sachem via email at inductions@oapennacook.org or the Lodge Adviser, Mr. Tom Markham, at adviser@oapennacook.org or by calling/texting him at 617-957-9969.

On behalf of all Pennacook Lodge members, we look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Candidates Night and at the Ordeal itself and to welcoming you to the OA Class of 2023!

Thank you.

Yours in Cheerful Service,

/s/ Delia Hanna

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Lodge Chief

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