

ORDEAL CANDIDATE INFORMATION – Fall Conclave 2015



Wenasa Quenhotan Lodge #23 invites all Scouts who were elected as Order of the Arrow candidates to become full members by completing the Ordeal at the 2015 Fall Conclave on September 25-27 at Ingersoll Scout Reservation.

- The fee for the Ordeal is \$35.00. This price covers meals, an event patch, a Lodge flap, a sash, a handbook, and dues for the 2015 dues year.
- Check-in is open from 5:30-7:30 PM Friday for Ordeal candidates in the Dining Hall. All candidates must be at the Pool Pavilion at Ingersoll Scout Reservation (located between the parking lot and Dining Hall) by 8:00 PM for the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony.
- Departure time from the Conclave will be approximately 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. Ordeal candidates must be in attendance the entire weekend to become a member of the Order of the Arrow.
- Following the Ordeal, there will be a New Member Orientation session, which will be an opportunity to meet Lodge Officers, learn more about the purpose of the Order of the Arrow within Scouting, become familiar with Wenasa Quenhotan Lodge, and find out ways that you can quickly become involved in the Order.
- For any questions prior to Conclave, please use the Contact Us form, available at WQ23.org
- Candidates are urged to pre-register and pay in advance to be sure there will be enough items for all new members to get through check-in. Please send the registration form to the Peoria Scout Service Center (form available online at WQ23.org)
- **Packing List for Ordeal Candidates:**
 - BSA Medical Form (Parts A & B) - http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf
 - Old work clothes (**wear upon arrival**)
 - Sleeping bag
 - Ground cloth (large)
 - Poncho or Rain Suit
 - Work gloves
 - Flashlight
 - Spending money for OA Trading Post
 - Insect Repellent
 - Sunscreen
 - **Class "A" uniform** and extra clothes for later in the weekend
 - Toiletries (towel, soap, etc.)
 - Tent for Saturday night (unless you already have sleeping arrangements coordinated with another Conclave participant)

BROTHERHOOD INFORMATION – Fall Conclave 2015

The Ordeal is not the end of the journey, but the beginning of a quest for Arrowmen to gain a deeper understanding of the purpose of the Order of the Arrow within Scouting. All members who have been an Ordeal member for at least 10 months (Ordeal at Fall Conclave 2014, or prior) are encouraged to seal their membership by becoming a Brotherhood member. Please remember to indicate your Brotherhood candidacy on the Conclave registration form (available at WQ23.org).

To become a Brotherhood member, you must fulfill the following requirements:

- Ten months of service to your unit as an Ordeal member.
- Registered active membership in Scouting.
- Registered active membership within Wenasa Quenhotan Lodge

Next, use a computer to visit <http://jumpstart.oa-bsa.org>. This interactive website will walk you through the preparation steps for becoming a Brotherhood member (Note, you will need to reference an OA Handbook to locate the access password) These steps include the following:

- Memorize the Obligation, the Song of our Order, Sign of the Ordeal, the Handclasp, and the Admonition.
- Write a short reflection letter to the Lodge Chief. In this letter, explain what you think the Obligation means, describe how cheerful service and Scouting principles have been a part of your daily life, and create a personal plan for your continued service to the lodge.

The Brotherhood Hike and Ceremony will take place during Saturday evening. **You may either submit your reflection letter with your registration, or bring it with you to Conclave.** At the completion of the Brotherhood ceremony, you will receive your Brotherhood sash, and later that evening, you will receive your red-bordered flap (awarded only to Brotherhood and Vigil members) and a Brotherhood certificate.