

ORDEAL CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Congratulations on your election to the Order of the Arrow!

So what is next?

You have one thing to do to become a full member in the Order of the Arrow: go through the Ordeal weekend. You have two chances to do this: once in the spring and once in the late summer (you only go through the Ordeal once). That is it. Once completed, you are a full member of the Order, entitled in full to all rights and privileges. However, if you miss both weekends, you will have to be elected again the next year.

How do I register for the weekend?

Register for your Ordeal Weekend on the council website where you will then select the Ordeal Candidate option. You will then be required to pay online via credit card to complete your registration and you will receive a confirmation email message of your successful registration.

DO NOT ORDER A STEAK WHEN YOU REGISTER. You need to eat dinner before you arrive on Friday! Your adventure begins too early for you to be able to cook and eat after you arrive at camp.

What is the schedule for the weekend?

You need to arrive on Friday evening at Camp between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm and go to the registration location. Earlier arrival is better than later. EAT DINNER BEFORE YOU ARRIVE. All meals on Saturday and Sunday breakfast will be provided. You can leave after the camp is clean on Sunday morning following worship service, which is typically around 10:00 am.

What do I need to bring?

You will need to arrive on Friday evening in your Class-A/Field uniform, with your Medical Form (Parts A and B only), and with two bags packed. One will be used for Friday night and most of Saturday. The other will be for you to use late Saturday afternoon through the rest of the weekend.

What needs to be in the Friday bag?

You need to pack a ground cloth or tarp, sleeping bag, poncho, flashlight, work clothes, work gloves, water bottle, hat, and any basic toiletries that you might need. Make sure you can easily carry this bag around Camp.

What needs to be in the Saturday bag?

Additional toiletries (items you will not need until Saturday evening such as shampoo and shaving stuff), towel, washcloth, money (for the trading post Saturday evening and Sunday), plus your individual tent, and anything else you might want for tent camping on Saturday night.

What if I have special medical or dietary needs?

Please make sure to note any medical conditions or dietary restrictions in the appropriate fields during registration.

What do I do when I arrive Friday evening?

You will go through registration (wearing your Class-A/Field uniform and with your Medical Form in hand), stow your non-Friday bag in the designated location, and then wait with your Friday bag until the activities begin (which should be around 7:30 pm). Make sure that you can easily carry your Friday bag around Camp!

What if I have questions?

If you have questions, please contact the Palmetto Council Service Center.

Again, Congratulations, and we look forward to seeing you up at Camp for your Ordeal weekend!