



ORDER OF THE ARROW, BLUE OX LODGE #26
GAMEHAVEN COUNCIL

Dear Scout or Scouter,

Congratulations on being elected or nominated by your unit as a candidate to the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America, otherwise known as the Order of the Arrow. You have proven to your fellow scouts/scouters that you are unselfish in service to your troop and live up to the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life.

Your election is only part of the membership process in the Order of the Arrow. You must complete the ordeal within one year of your election to complete the membership process. After one year, you will need to be re-elected or re-nominated.

You must remain in camp for the entire Ordeal. In order to properly plan for the Ordeal, we need to know your intention to attend.

Ordeal/Induction Weekends are held at Gamehaven Scout Reservation in Rochester. You may attend either weekend. They are:

- May 17th - 19th, 2013 - Register with the Scout Office by May 16, 2013
October 18th - 20th, 2013 - Register with the Scout Office by October 10, 2013

Check-in for the weekend begins on Friday evening at 6:30 PM with the call-out ceremony starting at 7:30 PM. Please eat dinner before coming. The program will finish about 11 AM on Sunday.

Parents, family, and friends are invited to attend the call-out ceremony on Friday evening at 7:30 PM and are also invited to the dinner feast on Saturday evening at 6 PM. The cost of dinner is \$7.00 per person attending the feast. Registration and payment for the feast for parents, family, and friends can be done using the registration form at the bottom of this letter.

Required Equipment List

*Bring two camping bags- one overnight bag and one day pack

- 1. Your completed and signed BSA Health History Form (parent/guardian must sign for youth candidates).
2. Any medications in a Ziploc bag - please write your name, the dosage and ailment on bag.
3. Work clothes - report to camp in them. (These need to be clothes you do not mind being permanently stained, i.e. paint or dirt.)

The day pack should include:

- 1. Rain Gear
2. Ground Cloth
3. Insect Repellent (non-aerosol)
4. Sun Protection Lotion
5. Water Bottle
6. Work Gloves

The day pack will be kept with you on Friday Night and Saturday

The overnight pack should include:

- 1. Sleeping bag
2. Clothes appropriate for the weather
3. Tent with Ground cloth (bring a second ground cloth-in addition to the one for your tent.) [Weather permitting, you will be sleeping under the stars on Friday night.]
4. Complete Class A Uniform
5. Personal grooming items

DO NOT BRING ELECTRONIC GAMES, RADIOS, TV, ETC...

This weekend of cheerful service will cost \$45.00. Please fill out the form below and send it to the scout office by the date indicated. This \$45.00 covers your Ordeal sash; dues through December 31, 2013; OA handbook; Blue Ox Lodge pocket flap; and all your meals for the conclave. If you would like to purchase OA memorabilia, we will have a small trading post open periodically during the Conclave. Feel free to bring some money for the trading post.

If you have any question about either Conclave, please call Kevin VanDeWalker, Lodge Adviser at (507) 213-4623 or Chris Huston, Staff Adviser at the Scout Office, (507) 287-1410.

Yours in Cheerful Service,
The Blue Ox Lodge

PLEASE FILL OUT REGISTRATION FORM COMPLETELY AND MAIL TO SCOUT OFFICE WITH \$45.00 BY THE DATES INDICATED FOR THE INDUCTION WEEKEND YOU WILL BE ATTENDING.

CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO GAMEHAVEN COUNCIL, #299.

***** PLEASE CUT *****
Blue Ox Lodge #26, Gamehaven Council, 1124 – 11 ½ St. SE, Rochester, MN 55904

PRE-ORDEAL REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____
 E-MAIL ADDRESS _____
 TROOP _____ PLEASE CIRCLE ONE HI SL WK Birthday _____
 PLEASE CIRCLE ONE: YOUTH ADULT BSA ID Number _____

Please indicate which weekend you will be completing your ordeal.			
	May 17 th – 19 th , 2013	Register by May 16, 2013	45.00
	October 18 th – 20 th , 2013	Register by October 10, 2013	45.00

There is a \$5 fee for late registrations.

Please indicate any additional meals for the Saturday evening feast.			
\$7	May 18, 2013	# of meals / guests	
Each	October 19, 2013	# of meals / guests	
Total			

***If you have any medical restrictions or are currently on medication, please notify one of the Advisers at check in.