



KISHA HTEK LODGE 88 SOUTHERN SHORES FSC ORDER OF THE ARROW

Greetings!

By receipt of this mail, you or your son was recently elected for induction into the Boy Scout's National Honor Society (The Order of the Arrow)! **Congratulations for being selected from many others, for this honor.**

Please share this with Scouts and Scouters in your unit that was recently selected). Encourage them to send their email information to me.

If you are reading this and did not get it directly from me via email, please send me at least one email address that we can associate with your membership records. This will ensure you get timely information updates.

The Lodge maintains one single email for each member, but our Chapter allows multiple emails, so send me as many as you want and designate one as "primary".

Remember: You have only been "called out" for membership, you must first meet and work your "Ordeal" to be a member. Also, if you were selected and choose NOT to be in the OA, please let us know and we will remove you from future contact. What is the Order of the Arrow? See this link for details:
<http://www.oa-bsa.org/misc/basics/>

Your Ordeal: You may have heard many things about the OA, but let me provide some basic things you need to Be Prepared, and you will look back on your Ordeal and say, "That was easy!" The Induction ceremony, called the Ordeal, is the first step toward full membership and privileges. During the experience, candidates maintain silence, receive small amounts of food, work on camp improvement projects, and are required to sleep alone (Friday night only) apart from other campers. The entire experience is designed to teach significant values and prepare your thoughts for the purpose and life in the OA. If you have specific food allergies, (like to egg, for example) make sure you notify the person at Registration and also your Elangomat in your group. The "Elangomat" (which means "Friend") will be your guide during your Ordeal and will help you with any concerns.

If you are new to the OA, I will provide some basics on the upcoming Ordeal weekends. Candidates for membership in the Order (of the Arrow) must complete the Ordeal and must be inducted into the Order by the Lodge that serves the Council in which the (Scout's) unit is chartered. If you do not complete your Ordeal one of these three opportunities, you must be re-selected next year in order to maintain your eligibility for membership. I strongly recommend you attend the first opportunity **in May**

The Ordeal must be completed (if you have not already)

Spring Ordeal - Friday, May, 19, 2017 at 6:00pm to Sunday, May 21, 2017 at Noon
Camp Munhackle 20120 Bartell Road Gregory, MI 48137

Summer Ordeal - Friday, June, 9, 2017 at 6:00pm to Sunday, June 11, 2017 at Noon
Rota-Kiwan Scout Reservation 6278 Texas Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49646

Fall Ordeal - Friday, September, 22, 2017 at 6:00pm to Sunday, September, 24, 2017
at Noon
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Registration: You can register now. Late period rates apply.

- Spring: <https://scoutingevent.com/272-KishSpring17>
- Summer: <https://scoutingevent.com/272-KishSummer17>
- Fall: No live link yet, check Kishahtek.org after Summer Ordeal

Check-in: Check-in will be from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Ordeal candidates must arrive and check in no later than 8:30 p.m. in order to participate in the Pre-Ordeal ceremony. *PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE* as it delays the program and ceremonies

- **Please remember to make sure you show up in work clothes. Lease your scout clothes in your pack.**
- **BRING YOUR ARROW – The Template arrow link (http://kishahtek.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/candidate_arrow_pattern-2.pdf)**
- **Money:** OA candidates must register online and pay.
- **Also, you will need to eat a large meal on Friday before arriving at camp.**
- **Transportation: Unlike Troop camping events, OA members must find their own transportation**

Keep your Medical paperwork for check in on Friday night. Do not pack it in your gear, as your gear may be stowed in your vehicle trunk or trailer depending on how you get there. You will need this immediately upon arrival at camp and it's much easier to have it in your pocket or personal day pack.

BSA Health and Medical form required for Fellowship Weekends! Parts A and B of the [BSA Annual Health and Medical Form #680-001](#) are to be completed and brought to all O.A. events not exceeding 72 consecutive hours. Please pass this information on to everyone with your unit or chapter who might be planning to attend any Lodge or Chapter functions.

Part A - Medical information required includes a current health history and list of medications. No physical examination by a physician is required unless the event is more than three days.

Part B - Includes the parental informed consent and hold harmless/release agreement as well as a talent release statement. This form is to be filled out by participants and parents or guardians and kept on file for easy reference.

Please notify the Lodge or Council when you sign up if you have special dietary or health requirements, and inform those in charge of check-in on Friday night if you have prescribed medications.

Order of the Arrow Event Packing List Highlight the items with a highlighter you think you might need, and check off the items as you pack them. **Note:** Not every item on this list will be needed at all events. Please notify the Lodge or Council in advance if you have special dietary or health requirements.

Ordeal Candidates - Items to have packed and ready for the Ordeal Friday night:

Scout medical form (Parts A and B required)	Registration form and registration fee	Medications (if applicable) - Inform those in charge of check-in on Friday night if you have prescribed medications.	
Back pack for carrying your gear	Sleeping bag	Pillow	Ground cloth
Wet weather gear	Basic toiletries/towel (for shower on Saturday night)	Scout Uniform	Pocket knife (A sharp knife is safer than a dull knife.)



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Work clothes including gloves and a hat with a bill or brim (<i>Some work projects will involve painting, so bring old work clothes you don't mind getting paint on</i>)	Drinking cup	Water bottle
Insect repellent Watch	Flashlight	Sunscreen

Other items needed for the remainder of the weekend:

- ___ Spending money for the Trading Post (OA items available to members)
- ___ Tent (to sleep in Saturday night) ___ Other clothing appropriate for the weather

Electronics: Cell phones are prohibited from Friday 7:00pm until after your ceremony Saturday night. You may bring them, but they must be turned off during your Ordeal. Signal coverage in the camp is spotty and it's best to leave them off anyway, to save your battery for important calls.

Property Identification: Remember, most Scouting apparel looks pretty much the same. Label ALL clothing and items with something that will get it back to you. Scouters will go to extreme measures to return lost property, but only if you make it easy. If you do lose something, check the Dining Hall for lost and found.

Your gear that you do not take with you Friday night will be secured in the Allohak camp (You need to set up your tent before the activities). It will be monitored overnight, but do not leave valuables, money or required medicines in your gear. It would be good to bring with you a pair of work gloves with your name ID written on or in each glove.

You may not bring food or candy with you for Friday night. I recommend you pack two bags, one for Friday night and another for Saturday night. Know that if dangerous or heavy storms come through Friday night, you will be moved to a shelter.

You need to have your Friday gear LIGHT and PORTABLE and READY. Roll your gear tightly into your tarp and secure it all with a light rope that you can throw over your shoulder. You need to be able carry your Friday gear several miles in your hands or hanging from your shoulder.



Be prepared to shield yourself from mild rain or heavy dew, over night with a tarp. You will most likely be placed in a camping location along a secured roadway. The ground will not be soft so a Thermo-rest™ pad would be a great solution for getting some sleep.

Again, your Friday pack should be minimal, light and able to be worn over your shoulder. A small bottle of personal sized insect repellent would also be advisable. If you have medicines you must take, make sure you have those with you in a water tight zip lock baggie. Make sure you also keep all your money with you or locked in your vehicle. Cell phones and other electronics should be TURNED OFF and used only in the case of personal emergency situations. No radios or MP3 players during your Ordeal.

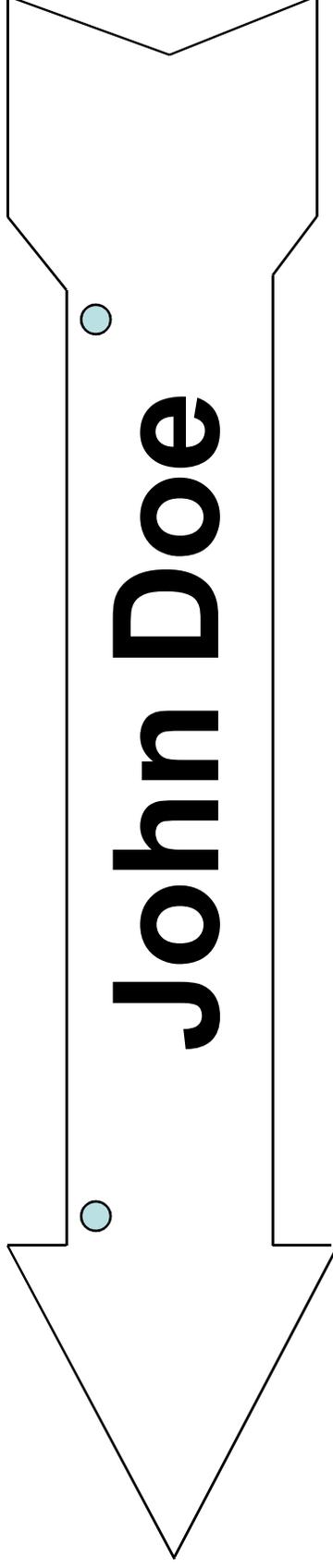


Welcome to the Order of the Arrow!

Caleb Hudson

**Lodge Chief
Kishahtek Lodge**





Each ordeal candidate needs to bring an arrow, (this size is a good pattern) painted red with their name printed in white on one side , and attached to a cord so the arrow can hang around the neck.