



## Ordeal Opportunities

Occoneechee Council  
3231 Atlantic Ave  
Raleigh, NC 27604

Dear Candidate,

Congratulations on your election to the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society. Your selection by the fellow Scouts in your troop is indeed a great honor, and we look forward to welcoming you into a unique organization in Scouting - a brotherhood of cheerful service.

In order to become a member of the Order of the Arrow (the OA), you must complete the Ordeal weekend on one of three weekends during the coming year:

**May 17-19, 2024 (Spring Inductions)**

**September 20-22, 2024 (Fall Fellowship)**

**Register here: <http://lodge104.net/ordeal>**

These weekends will be held at Occoneechee Council's own Camp Durant. If you do not participate on one of these dates, you must be elected again in order to be eligible for membership. (If strongly extenuating circumstances prevent attending both weekends, an extension may be possible - contact your District's OA Chapter Advisor).

You should plan to arrive at Camp Durant no earlier than 5 p.m. and no later than about 6 p.m. on the Friday evening of your Ordeal weekend. No Friday evening meal will be served, so plan to eat well before you arrive. The weekend activities will last until around 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning (when a brief nondenominational chapel service will be held).

Pack for this weekend as you would for any troop outing: bring sleeping gear, a tent, flashlight, water bottle or canteen, toiletries, and any other necessities. One exception from the standard camping equipment is that of cooking or eating gear - these will not be needed, as all meals (Saturday breakfast through Sunday breakfast) will be provided. As with all Scouting functions, you should bring your complete ("Class A") Scout uniform. However, as you will spend much of Saturday performing service for the council camp, you should bring a change of work clothes (older clothes that can get dirty), including work gloves.

**The Ordeal registration and event fee is \$50.00** (a late fee will be assessed if you register in the last 7 days prior to the event – total \$60.00) – register and pay online, or register online and pay at check-in by cash or check made out to Occoneechee Lodge 104. The fee includes insurance, an event patch, four meals plus a cracker-barrel, the current lodge OA dues, an Order of the Arrow handbook, an Ordeal sash, and an Ordeal lodge flap.

We look forward to seeing you at either the spring or fall Ordeal weekend! If you have any questions, or simply need more information, please do not hesitate to contact one of the officers listed below. Again, we extend our congratulations on your achievement and selection for membership in the Order of the Arrow and anticipate your active participation in Occoneechee Lodge.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Chapter Chief