



OCCONEECHEE LODGE

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OA Rep Spring Inductions Information

Spring Inductions is coming up - May 19-21

Conclave

Conclave sign-ups will end on April 8st.

Unlike Lodge events you have to sign up for Conclave you can't just show up. Conclave will be April 20-22 at Camp Raven Knob. Occoneechee Lodge's theme is bananas. Please try to organize travel and carpool for your scouts through your units or chapter.



Spring Inductions

At Spring Inductions, candidates will have a chance to complete their Ordeal. There will also be service projects going on around camp that the members can help with. And of course, we'll be continuing our beloved THUNDERFEST!!!! There will also be a Scouts Own Service at the Chapel on Sunday at 9:00 am.

Sign up for events

Current members can sign-up on the lodge website:
<https://www.lodge104.net/registration/>

The cost for events is \$20.00. This includes all meals, an event patch, and whole lot of fun!

Ordeal Candidates

Please let your scouts who were recently taped out know that they only have two chances to complete their Ordeal this year (May 19-21) or September 15-17).

If candidates want to complete their Ordeal, they can sign up on the lodge website:

<https://www.lodge104.net/ordeal/>

The cost for Ordeal members is \$50.00.

That price includes:

- Ordeal sash
- OA flap
- Event patch
- All their meals for the weekend
- First year dues
- Memberable experience



Remember that the cost goes up \$10 if you wait until the last week to sign-up. Encourage the scouts in your troop to sign up as soon as they can.

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Suggested Packing List

What should scouts bring to Spring Inductions?

- Class A Uniform
- OA sash (if already a member)
- Scout shorts and Class B t-shirts
- Scout socks, underwear, and belt
- Tent or Hammock (no hammocking in the shelters)
- Sleeping bag and Sleeping pad
- Toiletries and Medications
- Sunscreen and Bug Spray
- Rain gear
- Water bottle
- Flashlight or headlamp

Optional

- Money for snacks or Lodge Merchandise
- Hat and Jacket
- Patches for trading
- Work gloves to help with service projects



Note: Ordeal Candidates get first priority use of the Summer Camp platform tents on Saturday Night.

Allergies

During the ordeal, scouts with allergies or dietary concerns need to make sure their Elangomats are aware of their dietary concerns. The menu for the candidates during their ordeal will include egg, lactose, gluten, and peanuts. If there are dietary concerns or allergies please tell the people at registration and they will handle the dietary needs.



Elangomats

As you probably remember from when you did your Ordeal there was an Elangomats who helped guide you through your Ordeal. With so many people doing their Ordeal, the Lodge needs Elangomats. Being an Elangomat is a great way to give back to the Lodge. The Lodge is looking for both Youth and Adult Elangomats. For those who decide to be an Elangomat at this event they will receive a milkshake, \$10 to the Lodge Trading Post, or a t-shirt.

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Check-in

Check-in for ordeal candidates opens at 5:00pm and ends at 7:00pm on Friday, May 19. The ordeal starts at 7:00pm. Late arrivals are unfortunately not permitted. Check-in for current members starts at 5:00pm and ends at 7:15pm. It will reopen 9:00am on Saturday.

Rides

Try to organize a carpool for your members and Ordeal candidates who are attending ahead of time. Provide directions and a map of camp to those attending. Directions to Camp Durant and a map of the camp can be found on the bottom of the following page: <http://campdurant.com/resources/>



Parents and rides should be at camp on Sunday, May 21 between 9-9:30am to pick up their scouts.

Lodge Trading Post

At Spring Inductions the *Lodge Trading Post* and *The Thunderbird Grill* will be open. Scouts may want to bring \$10-\$20. The Thunderbird Grill has many tasty food items. There are hot dogs, nachos, snow cones, soda, candy, and many other great snacks. Also there are many cool items at the Trading Post, cool patches, T-Shirts, jackets, hats, belts and buckles, and much more.



The OA Jamboree flaps will also be available. Another item for scouts is the Occoneechee Lodge Eagle Scout Flap. If you have any Eagle Scouts who earned their Eagle after May 16, 2014 they are eligible for one free flap. The form to fill out is: <http://to.lodge104.net/eRm2qq>



Changes at Spring Inductions

At spring inductions the Lodge will not be doing the Brotherhood Trail. The reason for this is that we are trying to have are main focus be on the Ordeal. The Brotherhood Trail will be offered at Camp Durant during Summer Camp on Wednesdays as well as at Fall Fellowship. Also there will be some changes to the schedule on Saturday and Ordeal Candidates will eat dinner earlier.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me at:

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I hope to see you there!

Yours in Scouting

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