



NISQUALLY LODGE #155

ORDER OF THE ARROW

CONGRATULATIONS CANDIDATE

Honored Candidate,

Congratulations on your election to become a member of the Order of the Arrow! The recognition of your peers is well deserved.

In order to become a member of the Order you must first take upon yourself the Ordeal experience. The Ordeal is a journey of spirit and service. You will be tested in many ways, all of which your fellow scouts believed you would pass. Nisqually Lodge offers two opportunities to go through the Ordeal.

Spring Ordeal (June 1-3, Camp Thunderbird) Registration Deadline is Friday, May 18.

Summer Ordeal (August 17-19, Camp Thunderbird) Registration Deadline is Friday, August 3.

Ordeal weekends start between 6pm and 8pm on Friday night, with official activities beginning at 8pm. Don't be late, you won't want to miss this. Ordeals conclude at 10am on Sunday morning.

For your Ordeal you will need:

- Complete Boy Scout uniform
- Sleeping bag
- Ground cloth
- Rain gear
- Toilet and shower articles
- Change of clean clothes
- Heavy footwear (boots)
- Work pants
- Work shirt
- Old jacket
- Work gloves

The cost for the Ordeal weekend is \$60 and includes an Order of the Arrow sash, Handbook, a Nisqually Lodge flap, lodge dues for 2018, and food. Attached to this letter is a registration form that should be filled out and returned to the Tacoma Scout Office with payment no later than the deadline indicated for the Ordeal of your choice. The address of the Scout Office in Tacoma is below:

ATTN: Nisqually Lodge
RE: Ordeal Registration
4802 South 19th Street
Tacoma, WA 98405

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me for further information.

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CONGRATULATIONS GUARDIANS

To the Candidate's Guardians,

Congratulations! Your son has been elected by his fellow scouts to be a part of Scouting's National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow. The Order was founded in 1915 as a brotherhood of honored campers devoted to service and the high ideals of the Scouting program. The purposes of our Order are:

- To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.
- To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.
- To promote Scout camping.
- To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Our organization has a unique feature that allows members and non-members alike to elect candidates to the Order. Your son was chosen not only for what he has done, but also for what he will be expected to give back in the future. In order to become a member of the Order of the Arrow, your son will need to successfully complete an Ordeal weekend in 2018. The Ordeal is a journey of spirit and service. He will be asked to reflect upon his service to his unit and the high ideals of Scouting. He will also be giving service to Camp Thunderbird as part of this weekend. Your son will find this weekend to be a rich and rewarding experience that should be one of the highlights of his Scouting career. Nisqually Lodge, which serves the Pacific Harbors Council, will hold two Ordeals in 2018.

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Your son's membership in the Order will open many new doors to him. He will get a chance to intermingle with Scouts of similar age and rank, attend some of the best leadership courses, and even attend regional and national events. The opportunities will further enhance your son's Scouting experience, not replace the one he already has. This is a great honor for your son and I look forward to his membership in our lodge. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will be happy to answer whatever questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Gene Victor,
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