



NISQUALLY LODGE #155

# ORDER OF THE ARROW

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## CONGRATULATIONS CANDIDATE

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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 6-8 Camp Thunderbird) Registration Deadline is Friday, May 23.**

**Summer Ordeal (August 15-17 Camp Thunderbird) Registration Deadline is Friday, August 8.**

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 any of this event. Ordeals conclude at 10am on Sunday morning.

For your Ordeal you will need:

- Complete Scout/Crew 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 2025, 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 Tacoma is below

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

You may register online at the links below. Please use the candidate registration link.

2025 Candidate Registration Link for the Spring and Summer Ordeal: <https://scoutingevent.com/612-2025CandidateOrdeal>

2025 Member Registration Link for Spring Ordeal: <https://scoutingevent.com/612-2025MemberOrdeal>

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

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## CONGRATULATIONS GUARDIANS

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To the Candidate's Guardians,

Congratulations! Your scout has been elected by 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 scout was chosen not only for what your scout has done, but also for what your scout will be expected to give back in the future. In order to become a member of the Order of the Arrow, your scout will need to successfully complete an Ordeal weekend in 2024. The Ordeal is a journey of spirit and service. Your scout will be asked to reflect upon your scout's service to the unit and the high ideals of Scouting. Your scout will also be giving service to Camp Thunderbird as part of this weekend. Your scout will find this weekend to be a rich and rewarding experience that should be one of the highlights of your scout's Scouting career. Nisqually Lodge, which serves the Pacific Harbors Council, will hold two Ordeals in 2024.

**Spring Ordeal (June 7-9, Camp Thunderbird) Registration Deadline is Friday, May 24.**

**Summer Ordeal (August 16-18, Camp Thunderbird) Registration Deadline is Friday, August 9.**

The cost for the Ordeal weekend is \$60 and includes an Order of the Arrow sash, Handbook, Nisqually Lodge flap, lodge dues for 2024, and food. You may register online using the link below. Please use the candidate registration link for newly elected candidates.

**2024 Candidate Registration Link for the Spring and Summer Ordeal: <https://scoutingevent.com/612-2024CandidateOrdeal>**

2024 Member Registration Link for Spring Ordeal: <https://scoutingevent.com/612-2024MemberOrdeal>

Included in this welcome packet is a registration form that should be filled out and returned to the Tacoma Scout Office with payment no later than the deadline indicated above for the Ordeal of your scout's choice. For your convenience, the address of the Scout Office in Tacoma is below:

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Your scout's membership in the Order will open many new doors. Your scout 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 scout's Scouting experience, not replace the one your scout already has. This is a great honor for your scout and I look forward to your scout's 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,

Paul Taylor  
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