

Information for recently nominated Order of the Arrow candidates

After being elected by the troop members, all OA candidates must participate in a lodge ceremony known as the “call-out”. The candidates must then go through an “ordeal” weekend which includes the Order of the Arrow induction ceremony. Only when they have completed these events are they considered Order of the Arrow members.

There are 3 ordeal weekends scheduled every year. The first one occurs at Beaver Day weekend in May at Camp Grimes. The other 2 ordeals occur usually the first weekend of June and a middle weekend of August at Clear Creek Scout Camp. **We prefer to have all of the Troop 19 candidates participate in the June Ordeal.** The troop really needs all scouts to help during Beaver Weekend and the August Ordeal can be extremely hot.

There are typically 3 call-out opportunities with the first one being the Saturday night campfire of the Klondike Derby in February at Camp Grimes. The second one is usually at the end of March or April and occurs on a Friday night at Back Creek ARP Church on Highway 49 in the University area. The timing of these 2 call-outs allows the candidates to participate in the preferred June Ordeal. The third call-out opportunity occurs at the Friday night campfire of the troop’s summer camp week at Camp Grimes. But then the candidate has only the August Ordeal to complete his induction.

Note: The call-out ceremony is the only Order of the Arrow ceremony that parents/families are allowed to attend.

Candidates have 1 year to complete the ordeal after they are elected as a candidate. Otherwise, they will have to be re-elected again by their peers at the troop’s election in January.

The Order of the Arrow Troop Advisor and Troop Representative will have an informational meeting during a Tuesday night meeting, usually the third Tuesday in April, to discuss the Order of the Arrow, its induction process, events and opportunities for its members. The boys and a parent are expected to be in attendance.