



June 2016

Dear Scout,

Congratulations on being chosen by your peers to become a candidate for membership in Scouting's National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow. The purpose of the Order of the Arrow (OA) is to recognize and honor those campers who best live up to the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.

This is a significant recognition in your scouting career, since you were elected by members of your troop based on the high ideals that the Order of the Arrow represents.

Our local lodge is Aracoma Lodge #481, and is represented throughout the Black Warrior Council.

In order to become a member of the OA, you must attend an Ordeal Weekend and ceremony within a year of being elected. Our Ordeal Weekend this year is scheduled for **July 8-10, 2016**.

Attached to this letter is a registration form. You may also visit [www.aracoma481.org](http://www.aracoma481.org) and go to the 'Candidates' page to find out more about the weekend and the lodge.

Becoming active in the OA will offer many leadership, service, and fun opportunities to you. The lodge participates in several fellowship weekends throughout the year. There are also national events and programs such as the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), OA Trail Crew at Philmont, and others. Individual members often explore Native American events such as dancing, drumming or singing, or may participate in our various ceremonial teams.

Again, congratulations on this honor bestowed to you by your troop, and we look forward to meeting and helping you as you begin this exciting scouting journey. If you have any questions, please contact our associate lodge adviser, Scott Stephens, at [assocadviser@aracoma481.org](mailto:assocadviser@aracoma481.org) or 205-792-5554.

Yours in Scouting,

*Kyle Beasley*

Kyle Beasley  
Lodge Chief

*Wayne Harris*

Wayne Harris  
Lodge Adviser

## **What to Bring to Ordeal**

Pack everything in a backpack or bag that you can carry with you:

- BSA Medical Form (Parts A & B; a copy of the one you used for summer camp will work)
- BSA Field Uniform (“Class A Uniform”)
- Work clothes
- Work gloves
- Sleeping bag/ground pad
- Water bottle
- Toiletry kit (soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, towel, etc)
- Rain gear (poncho, rain jacket, etc)
- Flashlight
- Any medication you may need

## **What NOT to bring:**

- Cell phone (if you think you really need it, we’ll ask that you leave it turned off, packed in your bag until after the ceremony on Saturday night)
- Personal electronic devices (iPod, iPad, mp3 players, PSP, GameBoy, Walkman, etc)
- Cooking gear/mess kit
- Tent

## **Additional Information:**

- Eat before you arrive at Camp—no food will be served Friday night
- You don’t need to wear your scout uniform to Camp Friday night (but be sure to pack it). You can arrive in the work clothes you plan to wear Saturday
- If you have any questions, please contact our associate lodge adviser, Scott Stephens, at [assocadviser@aracoma481.org](mailto:assocadviser@aracoma481.org) or 205-792-5554.



# Aracoma Ordeal Weekend Registration

## CANDIDATE FORM

Camp Home

July 10-12, 2015

Registration Deadline: July 3, 2015



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    First                      Middle                      Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop / Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

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Friday, July 10th: Check-in will begin at 7:00pm and end at 9:00pm

Sunday, July 12th: Dismissal will be at 10:00am

*More detailed schedule and further information will be made available closer to the event on the lodge website*

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**\*\*Complete form (and medical form) must be received at the Scout Office by July 3, 2015 (not postmarked)\*\***

Makes checks payable to "Boy Scouts of America"

Return this form along with \$45 and a copy of your completed Annual Health and Medical form  
(Part A & B, available on [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)).

Fee includes cost of weekend, annual dues, OA sash, handbook, and patch.

Send to:

**Black Warrior Council, BSA**

**Attn: Aracoma**

**PO Drawer 3088**

**Tuscaloosa, AL 35403**

Please list dietary restrictions/allergies and any significant medical issues here:

**Visit [www.aracoma481.org](http://www.aracoma481.org) for more information**