



ILLINEK LODGE #132

ORDER OF THE ARROW

My Friend,



We wish to extend to you our heartfelt congratulations on your selection! You have been granted a great honor by your fellow Scouts. They selected you for membership into an organization dedicated to serving others – The Order of the Arrow. This is not an honor that is simply handed to Scouts, it is something that you have earned. Having been selected by your Scouting peers shows that you have a great dedication to your fellow Scouts and to the Ideals of Scouting.

Your selection identifies that you were chosen as a qualified Scout or Scouter who is worthy of membership in the Order of the Arrow. At your call-out ceremony, your unit leadership publicly announced your candidacy for membership. To formally become a member of the Order, you must complete the next step in the induction process – the **Ordeal**. The Ordeal occurs over a weekend at our Council camp. During your Ordeal, you will be grouped with other candidates and undergo a series of tests. These tests will help you reaffirm your dedication to the Ideals of Scouting. At the conclusion of the Ordeal, if you are faithful in performing the tests, you will be inducted into the Order of the Arrow.

Enclosed is information regarding the Ordeal weekend, as well as opportunities that you will have as a member of Illinek Lodge. The last page is your registration form. You may pre-register online at Illineklodge.org/events.

What comes after my Ordeal weekend?

Your Ordeal weekend is the next step in a journey of membership in the Order of the Arrow. This journey began with your election. Your membership in the Order becomes sealed when you become a Brotherhood Member. Six months after completing your Ordeal, you will be eligible to seal this membership. During the six months, you are expected to continue active membership in Scouting with your fellow Scouts. Those who chose you need you. You are also encouraged to be active within Illinek Lodge by attending lodge events and participating in one or more lodge committees or operations.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the officers or advisers listed below. Again, congratulations on your election to the Order of the Arrow. We wish you well on your next step of the journey.

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2025 ORDEAL WEEKEND INFORMATION

Ordeal Weekend Dates:

Friday through Sunday, June 13-15, 2025
Friday through Sunday, August 15-17, 2025
Friday through Sunday, October 10-12, 2025

Camp Bunn (Hettick, IL)
Camp Illinek (Springfield, IL)
Camp Illinek (Springfield, IL)

You have 12 months from the date of your selection to take your Ordeal. If you cannot arrive at camp no later than 7:30 pm, you should select a different weekend. If you pre-register for a weekend and need to change to a later weekend, you will need to cancel and pre-register online for a different date. Please notify us promptly if changing dates.

Ordeal Weekend Cost:

The cost of the June 2025 Ordeal weekend is \$70.00. The August and October 2025 Ordeal is \$80.00. Pre-registration may be made online at illineklodge.org no later than one week prior to our event. The cost for the weekend will pay for your Order of the Arrow sash, an Illinek Lodge #132 pocket flap, an *Order of the Arrow Handbook*, a Lodge Totem, your first full calendar year's dues (through December 31, 2026), and all your meals for the weekend.

Ordeal Weekend Arrival/Dismissal:

Friday 6:30 – 7:30 pm
8:00 – 9:00 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

Candidate registration, tent set-up
Parent/Guardian Orientation Session
Dismissal from camp

Ordeal Weekend Description

On the weekend of your Ordeal, please arrive at camp in full uniform between 6:30 and 7:30 pm Friday. You will be expected to check in at the registration table, set up your tent, change into your work clothes, and be ready for the weekend events promptly at 8:00 pm. Make sure you arrive in plenty of time. At 8:00 pm Friday, there will be a Family Orientation session to acquaint your parents or guardian or spouse with the Ordeal process and the Order of the Arrow in general. After the meeting, they will leave and your Ordeal will begin. You will be dismissed from camp by 10:30 am Sunday. Lunch will **not** be served on Sunday.

The weekend will include a non-denominational religious observance. Our Lodge trading post will be open Friday evening and Sunday morning to offer the opportunity to purchase T-shirts, memorabilia, and materials of the Lodge or the Order. Following your Ordeal, you will be asked to consider joining, supporting, or attending the Lodge's operating committees and future activities (see page 4). After your Ordeal, you will be receiving the Lodge newsletter, *The Red Flame*, when it is published for as long as you continue paying our annual dues.



2025 ORDEAL WEEKEND INFORMATION

You will need to bring the following items with you to your Ordeal weekend. All of these items are important and will **NOT** be provided for you at your Ordeal, so it is of the utmost importance that you do not forget any item.

- Mask (follow current Covid restrictions)
- Complete Scout Uniform (to be worn on arrival Friday evening)
- Tent for Saturday night (consult with your Troop if you do not own one. Scouts must provide individual tent arrangements.
- Sleeping bag
- Ground cloth
- Poncho or rain gear
- Work clothes, possibly long sleeve shirt, tee shirt, long pants, socks and shoes/boots
- Work gloves
- Warm clothing, in case of inclement weather
- Grooming kit, shower soap, shampoo and towel
- Spirit of the Arrow Booklet 1 (included in this packet)
- Optional money for the trading post on Sunday

For candidates under the age of 18, you will not be allowed to carry (1) cell phones, (2) car keys, or (3) watches, during the Ordeal. These items will be collected on Friday evening by the Medical Officer, along with any medications that you may require during the weekend. This is to ensure that they are not lost during the Ordeal and to avoid disrupting the activities.

***Rescue inhalers should be kept by each person for use as needed. Just let us know if you have them.

***If you have special dietary restrictions, please indicate this in your pre-registration, then mention this again at check-in on Friday, and include it on your medical form, which you must turn in Friday evening upon check-in.

Required; See: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>



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Officer and Committee Opportunities

Ceremonies – conducting ceremonies, role-playing, recognitions
Communications – *Red Flame* newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
Finance – trading post, fundraising, budgeting
History & Design – lodge patches, garments, and memorabilia, promotion of lodge history
Inductions – carrying out Ordeal events, bringing in new members, Elangomats
Marketing – Camp Bunn video, Cub Camp video, handouts and booklets, displays
Membership – becoming Brotherhood, staying active in the lodge, recruiting former members
Programs – events to promote fellowship and fun
Service – Camp workdays, Trail's End Café, Klondike Derby, First Aid Meet, service hours, US Flag retirement
Training – various events in preparation for leadership, fellowship, and service.
Unit Relations – Unit elections, OA Unit Representatives, ASK program, unit involvement.

TRADING POST (sample list)

OA Sash*	Patches	T-Shirts \$20
OA Handbook*	Belt Buckles	Sweatshirts
Lodge Flap*	Stave Medallions	Ball Caps \$20
Insignia	Key Chains	¼ Zip Jackets
Pins	Decals	Bracelets

*First Sash and Handbook are included in Ordeal Registration.



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**Abraham Lincoln Council
Scouting America**

**Illinek Lodge #132
Order of the Arrow**

2025 ORDEAL WEEKEND REGISTRATION

Mail or take this completed registration form to:

Abraham Lincoln Council, BSA
5231 South Sixth Street Road
Springfield, Illinois 62703

I plan to attend the following Ordeal weekend:

Registration deadline:

_____ June 13-15, 2025 Camp Bunn \$70
_____ August 15-17, 2025 Camp Illinek \$80
_____ October 10-12, 2025 Camp Illinek \$80

June 6, 2025
August 8, 2025
October 3, 2025

Enclosed is my payment of \$70.00 for the Ordeal weekend. This covers my Order of the Arrow sash, an Illinek Lodge #132 pocket flap, an *Order of the Arrow Handbook*, a lodge totem, my first calendar year's dues (good through 12/31/2026), and my meals for the weekend. I understand that my payment may be transferred to a different Ordeal weekend, if necessary, but is not refundable. (Only list one candidate per registration weekend form and please print).

Make checks payable to: **Abraham Lincoln Council, BSA**

Ordeal Candidate Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Birthdate: _____

City/Zip: _____

Troop #: _____

Email: _____

BSA Member# _____

Unit Position: _____

Rank: _____

Health Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy #: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Authorization (required if the Ordeal candidate is less than 18 years of age).

I hereby authorize the youth named above to attend the Illinek Ordeal listed above. In the event of illness or accident in the course of such activity, I request that measures be instituted without delay as the judgment of medical personnel dictates.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____

A completed BSA medical form "Annual Health & Medical Record form 34605, **MUST** be submitted with your registration. Parts A & B are to be completed. (The medical you are using for summer camp will suffice.) Any medical or dietary concerns should be discussed by your parent or guardian, with the Lodge Advisor or Event Medical Officer when you arrive Friday evening. A complete menu for the weekend will be available for review on Friday evening so those parents may also verify areas of potential concern. A blank copy of the medical form is online at: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf

Unless otherwise required, meals may include dairy, wheat products or grains, nuts or nut-based oils, fruits, sugar, and similar products. We can adjust these on a case-by-case basis, but we must know in advance to ensure we have acceptable foods. Please include any dietary restrictions with this registration form.

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