



NENTEGO LODGE
DEL-MAR-VA COUNCIL, BSA
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Dear Candidate,

Congratulations upon your selection by your fellow Scouts to become a member of the Order of the Arrow. To secure your membership into the Order, please sign up for an Ordeal weekend of your choice (typically the spring, summer or fall weekend) by visiting the Lodge's website via www.dmvc.org/nentego. You have one year from the date of your election to complete the Ordeal, before you must be re-elected to the Order. While you are free to choose any of the three dates, please consider taking your Ordeal at either the April or June weekend if your schedule allows; these weekends are the busiest with preparing for summer camp.

The Order of the Arrow is a great experience for all Scouts and Scouters who become involved. The Order is a very special organization and we hope that you follow through and complete the induction process. Once a full member, you will find many new opportunities available to you: The National Order of the Arrow Conference, service opportunities at our National High Adventure Bases, Section Conclaves, Lodge Fellowship Weekends, and Lodge events such as the annual banquet are just a few examples.

To become a member of the Order of the Arrow, you must undergo a series of tests. This series of tests is called the Ordeal. Please be assured that these tests are very much within your capabilities. Do not let others fool you or shake your confidence. The Ordeal is a personal experience and will show you much about yourself.

As indicated, you have one calendar year from the date of your election to complete the Ordeal. The available weekends for this year will be listed on the Nentego Lodge's website.

I would request that you arrive for the weekend between 6:00 and 7:30 PM on the Friday of the weekend you choose. You should arrive in work clothes that can get dirty. You should also bring the items listed on the enclosed Equipment List. Many Scouts also bring their Scout Handbooks. You must also bring a tent.

The Ordeal typically concludes at approximately 11:00 AM on Sunday, following the Lodge meeting. *If you cannot attend the whole weekend, please choose another weekend or reflect upon your reasons for wanting to become a member of the Order.*

Transportation to and from the weekend is a personal responsibility. You may want to check with others members of your troop and other units in your district if you need a ride. A map to the camps is also available online at the Del-Mar-Va Council's website, www.delmarvacouncil.org.

We look forward to having you as a fellow member in the Order of the Arrow!

Yours in Scouting,

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Equipment List for Ordeal Candidates

- You must bring a tent or have one available (Troop-mate/Chapter-mate) for Saturday night.
- Camp Chair (Saturday night and Sunday morning)
- 20' of light rope or cord and a similar length of string
- Sleeping bag
- Ground cloth (6x8 or 8x10, no larger than 10x12)
- Poncho or rain coat, hat, boots, etc (be prepared for the weather as needed, this is an outdoors event)
- Flashlight
- Canteen or water bottle
- Pocket knife
- Personal care gear
- Work clothes
- Work gloves
- Hiking or work boots
- Complete Official Scout uniform - **blue jeans or camouflage pants are not part of the official Scout Uniform!** Your merit badge sash can be left at home. **Do not wear your Class 'A' to camp, arrive in work clothes you can get dirty!**
- Your normal camping gear such as a back pack etc. No mess kit needed.
- **Medical Form parts A & B. Must be signed by a parent if you are under 18.** ○ Please note any special dietary needs on the medical form so that the cook crew can prepare.
- Any medication you require - we strongly suggest bringing only what you would need for the weekend in a properly labeled container, preferably the original prescription bottle. Frequency and amount of dosage must be listed. At your direction, medications will be held and administered by the lodge's medical officer. Items like inhalers will, of course, be held by the person requiring their use.
- **Do not bring items such as cell phones, radios, etc.**
- Do not bring items that are prohibited at Scout camp such as sheath knives, fireworks, firearms, etc.
- Transportation to and from the weekend is a personal responsibility. Try to arrange the trip with other members of your unit. **Adult candidates should volunteer to transport youth candidates. This is why you were selected, to contribute to the effectiveness of the Order for the youth members.**
- You should register two weeks prior to the weekend you choose to avoid any potential late registration charges.