

Summer 2006

Dear Troop Leadership:

Taleka Lodge recognizes the importance of pre-planning, not only in the Lodge Calendar, but also in each unit. Therefore, the lodge is providing your unit with the necessary dates and information for the 2006/2007 Summer Camp Ordeal Weekends.

All candidates called out during the four weeks of Summer Camp are invited to attend one of two Ordeal Weekends. The first of the two opportunities is scheduled for August 18^h through the 20th at Camp Vandeventer near Waterloo, Illinois.

Any candidate unable to attend the first Ordeal Weekend should make plans to attend our alternate date at the Spring Fellowship to be held at Camp Joy April 27th-29th, 2007.

All candidates must plan to be in camp from Friday night at 6:00 PM until 11:00 AM Sunday morning. There will be no exceptions unless approved by the Lodge Executive Committee. Registration begins at 6:00 PM for all individuals attending.

All registrations must be filled out and received in the Council Office by August 10, 2006 to guarantee your candidate's/arrowman's participation. Failure to do so could result in delaying your candidate's participation in the weekend.

The registration fee for each candidate is **\$20.00**. The candidate cost covers, Ordeal Sash, Taleka Lodge Pocket Flap, food and miscellaneous paperwork. **Lodge dues are due through your troop, be sure to contact your Scoutmaster to pay your 2007 dues.**

Each candidate should bring the following items to their Ordeal weekend.

Order of the Arrow Totem
Class "A" Uniform
Sleeping Bag
Ground Cloth
Shower Gear
Insect Repellent

Scout Health Form
Unit Proof of Insurance
Medication (If Necessary)
Work Clothes and Gloves
Tent (For Saturday Night)
Backpack (optional)

Rain Gear
Water Bottle

We also encourage the existing Order of the Arrow members from your unit to attend the Ordeal Weekend. The registration cost is \$10.00. We look forward to your unit's attendance during the Ordeal weekend to show your support for your candidate(s) in one of the most meaningful experiences in their scouting career.

All questions regarding the Ordeal Weekend should be referred to the following individuals:

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