

# Congratulations!

You have been chosen by your peers as representing the best ideals of Scouting.

You now have the opportunity of joining the Order of the Arrow, the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America.

Inside is information about the Order and what you have to do to become a member.

Please go over it carefully with your parents/guardians.

I look forward to welcoming you into our Lodge.



Yours in Brotherhood,

Michael Bristol

Migisi Opawgan Chapter Chief

# What is the Order of the Arrow?

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America. It uses American Indian-styled traditions and ceremonies to bestow recognition on scouts selected by their peers as best exemplifying the ideals of Scouting. The society was created in 1915 as a means of reinforcing the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. The goal was to establish these as lifelong guidelines, and to encourage continued participation in Scouting and camping.

Briefly, the purpose of the Order of the Arrow is to:

- Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives (THAT'S YOU!) and lead others to warrant recognition;
- Promote outdoor adventure and environmental stewardship;
- Develop leaders; and
- Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into on-going leadership in cheerful service.

Members are known as *Arrowmen* or *Brothers*. Over the decades since the Order of the Arrow's founding, more than one million Scouts and Scouters have worn the OA sash on their uniforms. Currently there are more than 180,000 youth and adult members nationwide. They are organized into youth-led lodges that harbor fellowship, promote camping, and render service to a Boy Scout council, its units and their communities. Lodges are divided up into Chapters covering several communities.

One of the most important elements of the OA is that we are a youth-led organization. Our leadership team is comprised of youth Officers, elected by members under the age of 21, with adult advisers. Our advisers work closely with us to help us implement our ideas.

## Is this a secret club?

There is nothing secret about our organization. The Order of the Arrow aims to be as visible as possible. Parents are welcome to come to all meetings and events if they want.

We don't openly publish the contents of our ceremonies or our signs. There is nothing secret about it, but the sense of mystery adds to the achievement of becoming a member of the Order. You can discuss all aspect of your membership with your parents and friends, if you want. But, remember, if they might become members in the future you don't want to spoil their experience by telling them everything.

## So, I've Been Elected... What now?

To become a member in the Order you must participate in an Ordeal. Every member has completed an Ordeal and the process has remained basically the same from the beginning of the OA. The ideals of service and self-sacrifice are emphasized. You will be asked to give up certain things from Friday night until Saturday evening (accommodations can be made for any disabilities) and remain committed to your Troop or Team in the future, in order to earn your membership in the Order of the Arrow.

You must complete your Ordeal within a year of being elected or you will have to be re-elected by your Troop or Team. Ordeals take place several times a year.

There are nine this year, but we'd prefer it if you could attend one at Teetronkah (shown in bold below).

### 2022 Inductions

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| May 13, 2022 - May 15, 2022<br>Gerber Induction Weekend<br>Gerber Scout Reservation, 1733 Owasippe Rd,<br>Twin Lake, MI 49457                         | August 19, 2022 - August 21, 2022<br>Gerber Induction Weekend<br>Gerber Scout Reservation, 1733 Owasippe Rd,<br>Twin Lake, MI 49457                          |
| May 20, 2022 - May 22, 2022<br>D-bar-A Induction Weekend<br>D-Bar-A Scout Ranch 880 E Sutton Rd,<br>Metamora, MI 48455                                | September 30, 2022 - October 2, 2022<br>Rotary Induction<br>Camp Rotary, 3201 S Clare Ave, Clare, MI<br>48617  |
| June 3, 2022 - June 5, 2022<br>Cole Canoe Base Induction Weekend<br>Cole Canoe Base, 1356 E Greenwood Rd, Alger,<br>MI 48610                          | <b>September 30, 2022 - October 2, 2022</b><br><b>Teetronkah Induction Weekend</b><br><b>Camp Teetronkah, 3710 Burkhardt Rd,</b><br><b>Jackson, MI 49201</b> |
| <b>June 10, 2022 - June 12, 2022</b><br><b>Teetronkah Induction Weekend</b><br><b>Camp Teetronkah, 3710 Burkhardt Rd,</b><br><b>Jackson, MI 49201</b> | October 7, 2022 - October 9, 2022<br>Cole Induction Weekend<br>Cole Canoe Base, 1356 E Greenwood Rd, Alger,<br>MI 48610                                      |
| August 19, 2022 - August 21, 2022<br>D-bar-A Induction<br>D Bar A Scout Ranch, 880 E Sutton Rd,<br>Metamora, MI 48455                                 |  |

#### OA Membership Will Open Other Opportunities For You

Our Lodge participates in many events every year such as the OA Section Conclaves and fellowship weekends. In addition, the OA provides some of the most valuable youth leadership training and experience anywhere, plus high adventure service opportunities at all four BSA national high adventure bases. Every three years, a National Order of the Arrow Conference is held at a large University; this year it is in Bloomington Indiana at Indiana University. However, these do not replace activities in your home unit. Members are expected to give richer service to their unit in return for the honor of election.

# What You Need To Bring To Camp

First, go to <http://www.mishigami.org> to register for the Ordeal weekend of your choice.

Then get your medical forms together. You will need to bring an up to date BSA medical form (parts A & B). You don't need a doctor's signature or Part C. You can find the form at [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_AB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf) If you use any kind of medication, please bring it in a Ziploc bag with your name written clearly on the front. Our Health Officer will discuss your needs. You will need a medication form for each one you bring. You can get them at <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/RoutineDrugAdministrationRecordRevised2011.pdf>

Please discuss any food, health, disability or other accommodations or concerns with the Health Officer before coming to camp, so the Ordeal staff can prepare properly. See the "Resources" tab on your Ordeal registration page for contact information.

## For Friday Night/Saturday

Wear your work clothes to camp  
Bring your Health Form and Medication Forms  
Bed Roll (see next page)  
Jacket  
Small Day Pack with:  
Water Bottle  
Sunscreen  
Work Gloves  
Bug Spray (if appropriate)  
Rain Coat

## For Saturday Evening/Sunday

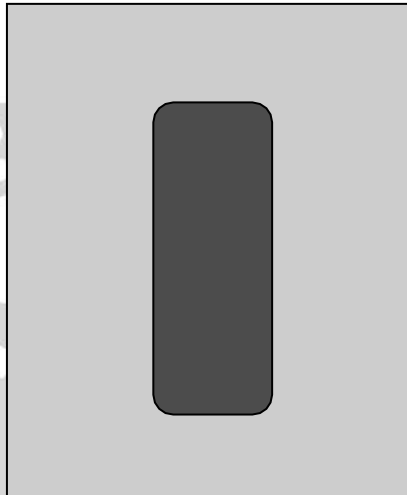
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In a separate bag:  
Full Class 'A' Uniform  
(without merit badge sash)  
Change of clothes  
Shower Stuff  
Card games, etc. (optional)  
Money for lodge trading post items (optional)

- Please arrive at camp **before 7 pm. Eat before** you get there. There will be signs telling you where to check in.
- You will get further directions after you complete the check-in.
- You will be involved in service projects around camp. **Arrive in work clothes** that are weather appropriate and that you don't mind getting dirty or even damaged.
- Don't bring too much stuff – we'll have plenty to keep you busy.
- You need to stay for the **whole Ordeal** in order to complete your membership.
- You will receive an OA sash, lodge flap, OA handbook and a membership card.
- The weekend will end around **11 AM Sunday**. You can be picked up at your site.

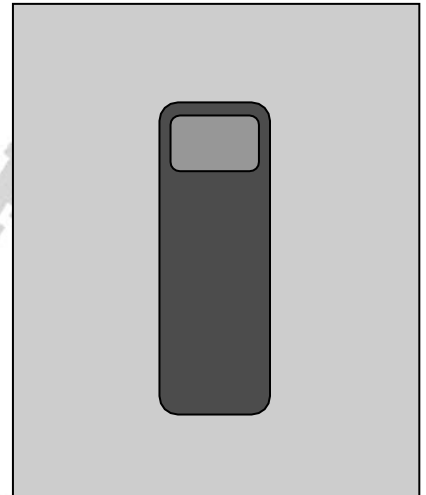
## How to Make a Bed Roll



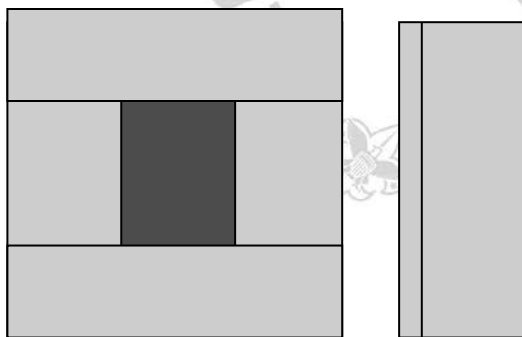
1. Place your tarp open on the ground



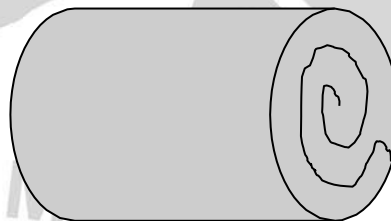
2. Place your sleeping mat, sleeping bag and blanket (if necessary) in the center of the tarp



3. If you want a pillow place it at the top of the sleeping bag



4. Fold in the top and the bottom of the tarp. Then fold in the sides.



5. Start from the top and roll all the way down.



6. Use rope or straps to tie the roll together at either end. Add a loose strap between the two ends so you can carry it on your shoulder.

My friend, I congratulate you on your election to the Order of the Arrow.

You may not realize it now, but you will look back on today as a day of beginnings.

The honor you have received is truly a great one, for it is bestowed upon you by your peers — the members of your unit.

Booklet I

# Upon a Lofty Journey

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But, such an honor is not without its price.

Those who chose you are *watching*.

They have *faith* in you.

Will you be able to live up to their expectations? They have challenged you to do so.

# Ponder my words carefully.

Save this booklet for future reference, and bring it with you to your *Ordeal*.

By accepting their challenge, you embark upon a journey that many before you have taken.

Along its path lies true Brotherhood.

However, this destination is many months — maybe even years — away.

In a short time you will be given the opportunity to undergo an *Ordeal* — your induction into the Order of the Arrow.

This will test not only your physical strength, but your inner strength.

But, by taking full advantage of this opportunity, you will find yourself better able to serve Scouting and your unit... *the ones who chose you.*

I am here to help you prove to yourself your *worthiness* for the honor your unit has bestowed upon you.

I am here to help you find your way as you travel — as an arrow driven skyward — along this lofty journey...

Who am I?

For the moment, that is less important than what I represent.

It is enough to say that I am a friend you have probably known for a long time.

*Right now, what is important is that you commit yourself to taking the first step.*

# Migisi Opawgan Chapter Calendar 2022

Chapter meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. They are most often at: First United Methodist Church of Dearborn; 22124 Garrison St; Dearborn, MI 48124.

There are exceptions though, so please check our website at [www.migisi.org](http://www.migisi.org) or join our Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/MigisiOpawgan>

| <b>April 2022</b>                                   |   |
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| <b>28 at 6:15 pm</b>                                | April Chapter Meeting: Bowling for Candidates.<br>\$10 at the door for about 2 hours of bowling, pizza, and fun. We ask all candidates to attend for a brief orientation, then we bowl.<br>Skore Lanes (22255 Ecorse Rd Taylor, MI 48180) |
| <b>May 2022</b>                                     |   |
| <b>26 at 7:00 pm</b>                                | May Chapter Meeting: Theme TBD<br>First United Methodist Church of Dearborn<br>22124 Garrison St<br>Dearborn, MI 48124  |
| <b>June 2022</b>                                    |   |
| <b>10 at 7:00 pm<br/>thru<br/>12 11:00 am</b>       | Teetonkah Induction Weekend<br>Camp Teetonkah, 3710 Burkhart Rd, Jackson, MI 49201  |
| <b>July and August</b>                              |   |
|   | No chapter meeting, but watch the website<br>( <a href="http://migisi.org">migisi.org</a> ) for information on a chapter picnic   |
| <b>September</b>                                    |   |
| <b>22 at 7:00 pm</b>                                | September Chapter Meeting: Theme TBD<br>First United Methodist Church of Dearborn<br>22124 Garrison St<br>Dearborn, MI 48124  |
| <b>30 at 7:00 pm<br/>Thru<br/>Oct 2 at 11:00 am</b> | Teetonkah Induction Weekend<br>Camp Teetonkah, 3710 Burkhart Rd, Jackson, MI 49201  |
| <b>October</b>                                      |   |
| <b>22 at 7:00 pm</b>                                | October Chapter Meeting: Theme TBD<br>First United Methodist Church of Dearborn<br>22124 Garrison St<br>Dearborn, MI 48124  |
| <b>November</b>                                     |   |
| <b>TBD</b>  | November Chapter Meeting: Theme TBD<br>First United Methodist Church of Dearborn<br>22124 Garrison St<br>Dearborn, MI 48124   |
| <b>December</b>                                     |   |
| <b>27 thru 31</b>                                   | Winter Camp at D-bar-A Scout Ranch<br>The finest chapter fellowship event in the history of the Order of the Arrow.<br><a href="http://www.wintercamp.com">www.wintercamp.com</a>   |