

# Special Summer 2018 Candidate Edition

## You have been called

### What You Need for the upcoming Ordeal

- Letter from Lodge Chief Joey Kamlet about your Ordeal Weekend experience.
- Map on how to get to Rancho Alegre
- Notes on what to pack for your Ordeal weekend.
- Registration Form for the Ordeal weekend.
- Remember you **MUST** bring your completed BSA Medical Form (copy) and Registration Form if registering online.



You have been selected by the members of your unit as a candidate for the Order of the Arrow. Your election indicates that your fellow Scouts find you an honor camper who is committed to serving those in the unit, particularly the Scouts who are younger. We encourage you to keep up these strong principles and ideals which got you elected.

This packet has been prepared for you so that you know what you need to do to seal your membership in the OA. Please look it over closely.

Please note that the registration form is double-sided. The front side indicates that you wish to attend the Ordeal at Rancho Alegre on August 24-26, 2018. The reverse side of the form has the required BSA Release Form. This is your last opportunity to become a member of the Order of the Arrow in 2018. If you do not attend this Ordeal, you will need to meet all requirements and gain reelection by the members of your unit this winter. We hope that we will see you at the Ordeal Weekend and that you will come back regularly to participate in the service and fellowship. But we'll explain more about during the Ordeal.

The OA is more than just a weekend Ordeal. It is a long-term, even life, commitment to giving cheerful service to others. We hope that the Ordeal is not the last that we see of you. Your primary commitment is to your unit, but your OA Brothers need you also to carry out our obligation to Scouting. Please don't be one of those Scouts who "sash and dash". Pay your annual dues, commit to attend some Chapter meetings and service projects, make your Brotherhood Ceremony next year, and be an example to others.

Look at the packet. If you have any questions, please contact one of the individuals listed elsewhere in this brochure. We look forward to meeting you soon.

### Questions? Need more information? You or your parents have concerns?

Contact Lodge Membership Advisor Wayne Rascati at 452-7828 or [chumash90@cox.net](mailto:chumash90@cox.net)  
Or go online to our website at <http://www.Chumash-Lodge90.net/www/>

## About the Ordeal

Your weekend is an opportunity to reflect on the reasons why your fellow Scouts deemed you worthy. There are several challenges presented during the weekend that you should by your Scouting experience thus far prepare you for life as an Arrowman.

We ask that you register early. The \$50 fee covers your weekend, an OA Ordeal sash, Membership Book, a Lodge flap, and your first year's (2018) dues in the OA. Please remember to register early and be sure to include your appropriate medical form with your registration.

## Congratulations

Dear Candidate:

I extend congratulations on your nomination as a ***candidate*** for the Order of the Arrow! As you may have already heard, the Order is Scouting's National Honor Society; its members are selected not only for what they have done, but also for the service they are expected to return to others. It is my hope that our induction ceremony and process will lead you to new insights that will better prepare you for the path ahead in the OA.

**Please remember to bring old clothing and shoes for our service project on Saturday. You may be doing trail repair, fence installation, weeding, and/or painting.** I do want to stress that although the Order puts a strong emphasis on service, we spend a lot of time having fun, too! We participate in District and Council events, as well as our own Lodge activities, which are not intended to draw you away from your Troop, but to enhance the Scouting experience. Each September, OA members from all over the Central California gather (in a manner similar to a Campor-all) for the event we call a Section Conclave.

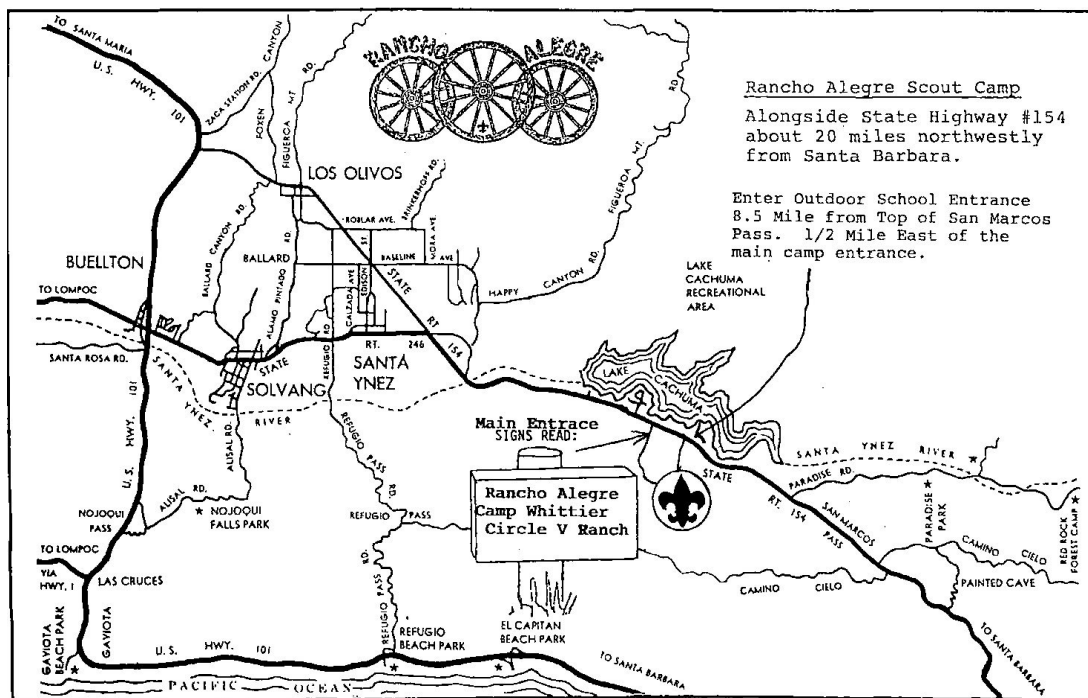
Our Lodge has two opportunities each year to become a member of the Order of the Arrow during an induction weekend at Rancho Alegre. Our Spring Ordeal occurs in May. The Summer Ordeal is in August. *(Before registering be sure to check your school schedule as this is the first weekend of school for many and may include football games with band participation.)* If you do not attend either Ordeal, you would need to meet eligibility requirements and be elected by the members of your unit in unit elections next winter. I would strongly recommend you remain from check-in Friday night (6:30 pm to 8 pm) and stay until 9:30 am Sunday morning. However, if you have religious or another important purpose, we can make arrangements for you to leave after 9:30 pm Saturday evening.

In order to attend the Ordeal weekend, you must pre-register with the attached form. **All applications should be sent in, along with the medical information and parental activity consent form (youth), to the address at the top of the form to arrive at least 2 days prior to the Ordeal.** *Forms received after 4 pm on August 22nd will require payment of a \$10.00 late fee.* The cost is \$50, which covers your food for the weekend, Ordeal Sash, OA Handbook, one Chumash Lodge 90 pocket flap, a packet of information, and your OA dues for calendar year 2017 (members usually pay \$15 annually, but the \$50 Ordeal fee covers your dues for the remainder of this calendar year). All checks should be made payable to Los Padres Council, BSA. Visa or Mastercard payments can be made at your local Scout Office or at on the home page of the Council's website ([www.lpcbsa.org](http://www.lpcbsa.org); click on OA link midway down the page. On Saturday evening our Lodge Trading Post will be open with selected OA items (patches, pins, bolo ties, etc.) for sale.

The Ordeal offers you a unique opportunity to reflect on your personal commitment to the principals of Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. Every new candidate undergoes the Ordeal, for it is a meaningful experience that is not soon forgotten. **Unfortunately, if you do not attend this weekend, you are no longer a candidate for the OA and you will need to be re-elected by the members of your unit for future consideration.** Every effort should be made to attend your Ordeal; if you have any trouble arranging transportation, please feel free to call or e-mail me. I hope to see you there!

Yours in Scouting,  
**Joey Kamlet**  
**Lodge Chief**

## Ordeal Weekend: Rancho Alegre on August 24-26.



### From Santa Barbara:

Take San Marcos Pass Road to mile marker 16.3. Camp entrance is on the left. If necessary, pull to the right to let traffic pass, then make the left. Take driveway entrance for approx. 3/4 mile to the Dining Hall.

### From North:

Take San Marcos Pass to mile marker 16.3. Turn right onto driveway entrance. Go approx. 3/4 mile to the Dining Hall.

## Order of the Arrow helps keep camping alive

Camping promotion is one of the primary goals and services of the Order of the Arrow. That is why any one nominated for the Order must be an active camper with 15 nights of camping of which 6 nights are at a long term camp. This applies to both youth and adult candidates.

In addition Chumash Lodge has published a guide to local camp and backpacking areas on the Central Coast for over 60 years. The current edition is an electronic version which is updated regularly based on reports of our own members.

Our primary goal this year and next is restoring Rancho Alegre following the July 2017 Whittier Fire that devastated the camp. Ordeals are held at our local Scout Camp so that our users (Troops, Packs, and Crews) can be benefit from the outdoor experience. During our Ordeals we have worked on the COPE-Climbing area, the Physical Fitness field, trail maintenance, and other projects that make the camp usable. The COPE Program has been sponsored by the Lodge for years. Your participation will make the new Rancho Alegre a better place. Your participation can be a memorable recollection each time you come to Rancho Alegre.



### Questions:

Here is the information on some adult OA Advisers that could answer your questions:

- Lodge Adviser—Jacques Benoit (sbboyscout@gmail.com)
- Lodge Membership Associate Adviser—Wayne Rascati (chumash90@cox.net)
- Scouting Professional—Glen Goddard (Glen.Goddard@scouting.org)



## 2018 ORDER OF THE ARROW ORDEAL WEEKENDS

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Our 2018 Summer OA Ordeal will be August 24-26 at Rancho Alegre. We hope to see you then for your Ordeal. Check-in time is from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The Ordeal concludes at 9:30 am on Sunday. Candidates may leave Saturday evening after 9:30 pm for religious or other important reasons. Otherwise, you should stay the entire time.

**August 24-26, 2018 at Larsen Meadow (Rancho Alegre)**

**Please register at least three days in advance of the Ordeal with enclosed form.** This helps with planning meals and providing materials.

### WHAT CANDIDATES SHOULD BRING TO THE ORDEAL WEEKEND:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack or Duffel Bag  | <input type="checkbox"/> BSA Medical Form             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tent (1 or 2 man preferable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Pad  | <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Cloth  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pen or Pencil                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sharp Pocketknife/Tote 'n Chit  | <input type="checkbox"/> Money for OA Trading Post    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work Gloves (for Saturday)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Work Clothes and Shoes (old) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking Boots/Sturdy Shoes   | <input type="checkbox"/> Boy Scout Uniform (Class A)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bandana or Handkerchief   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon jug of water        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bug Repellant   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lip Balm  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Gear   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Jacket, Hat  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle/Canteen (filled)   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medication  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> If on a special diet, you may need to bring food. Check with our adviser. |   |

#### Do NOT bring any of these items

- XXX Electronic Games
- XXX Radios, Tape/CD Players
- XXX Card Games
- XXX Junk Food



***Wear your uniform to the Ordeal. Pack light, you must carry your gear.***

***We suggest eating a good meal before arrival/check-in on Friday evening.***  
***There will be no meals on Friday.***

Be sure to state on medical form if you have special dietary needs or restrictions. Contact Membership Adviser Wayne Rascati at [chumash90@cox.net](mailto:chumash90@cox.net) with questions. Also list all medicines to be taken during the Ordeal. Certain medical conditions may require you to bring supplementary food, and that is permissible if it is stated on your medical form.