Dear Future Arrowman,

Your fellow Scouts have elected you for candidacy into the Order of the Arrow! Your election shows that those around you believe that you live by the high ideals of the Scout Oath and Law. This is a significant and exciting step in your Scouting journey, and I would like to personally extend my congratulations.

You are now able to begin your induction into the OA. Your <u>first step</u> in this process is to participate in a service weekend called an ordeal. This weekend will consist of two nights of camping, fellowship and a service project at Camp Friedlander. Your <u>second step</u> is attending a fellowship event following your Ordeal weekend. This fellowship event is another chance to have some fun, meet other Scouts from around the council, and learn what it means to be a member of the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.

Through this process, we at Ku-Ni-Eh are working diligently to ensure your safety. In 2022, we held four in-person service weekends and we plan to hold three additional service weekends in 2023, as listed.

In order to complete your induction and become a member, you must attend one of our Ordeal service weekends, which are followed by your choice of fellowship events. In 2023, we are offering the following opportunities to complete your membership and more info can be found by visiting our website at https://ku-ni-eh.org/:

- April 21-23/ 2023, 6:30pm Friday— 12:00pm Sunday https://mycouncil.danbeard.org/Event/11867
- May 5-7/ 2023, 6:30pm Friday— 12:00pm Sunday https://mycouncil.danbeard.org/Event/11871
- August 25-27/ 2023, 6:30pm Friday— 12:00pm Sunday https://mycouncil.danbeard.org/Event/11871

Additionally, we will have service weekends in 2024, which you can attend if within 24 months of being elected.

The cost to attend a service weekend is \$45. This fee is inclusive of all applicable meal and event costs for both events, and also includes your first Ku-Ni-Eh Lodge flap, your QA sash, handbook, and your dues through the end of the year. Please register online for one of these service weekends using the links above. All participants must be pre-registered. In order to maintain safe operation, no walk-ins will be allowed.

The service weekend will entail sleeping under the stars, participation in a service project, and fellowship with other members along with an opportunity for thoughtful reflection.

In addition to your regular camping gear (sleeping bag, personal care, etc.), you'll need to have work gloves, suitable clothing, a tarp, raincoat, water bottle, and a ground pad. Please plan on arriving to your in-person service weekend between 6:30pm and 7:30pm, having eaten dinner before you arrive, and in your full field uniform. You may also want to consider bringing some spending money to purchase any items or memorabilia from our trading post. Departure is estimated to be on Sunday at 10am. Lastly, don't forget to bring a **copy** of your BSA Health Form Parts A & B, as we will not be giving this back at the end of the weekend.

To become a member of the Order of the Arrow, you'll need to attend and complete your induction events in their entirety. While there will be times of work and service to others, you'll also experience times of fun, fellowship, and meeting new friends. Once again, congratulations on your election and I look forward to seeing you at one of Ku-Ni-Eh's induction events in the coming months!

Yours in Scouting,

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