



AAL PA TAH LODGE 237



GULF STREAM COUNCIL

May 11, 2009

Dear Candidate:

Congratulations upon your election as a candidate for the Order of the Arrow. You should take great pride in being elected. However, your *Journey* has not yet begun, and you are not yet a member in the Order. A greater thrill awaits you when you become a member, are decorated with the Order of the Arrow sash, and the history that goes with it is unveiled to you. This happens when you have completed the *Ordeal* of the Order of the Arrow successfully.

There will be two opportunities for you to complete your *Ordeal*. The first will be on **May 29-31, 2009** and the second will be on **September 11-13, 2009**. Both of which will be held at Camp Tanah Keeta. There will be no additional opportunities to make-up your *Ordeal*. If you fail to make it to one of these *Ordeal* weekends, then you will have missed your chance to become a member in the Order of the Arrow in the 2009 election year, and must be re-elected again by your unit. I urge you to accept the *Ordeal* and not let this opportunity pass you by. Please make sure to look at your Fall schedule now and determine which of these weekends better suits your needs.

The fee for the *Ordeal* is \$65 per candidate, and is broken down as follows:

- 1) Ordeal Weekend Fee – All Lodge members pay this fee.
- 2) Next Weekend Advance – Covers your registration for the very next calendar Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge weekend at a discounted rate.
- 3) OA Sash
- 4) Dues – OA Dues are \$10 per year. This payment fulfills your registration through the end of the 2009 calendar year. If your dues are not paid then you will not receive Lodge mailings, nor may you attend OA events.
- 5) OA Handbook.
- 6) Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge 237 Once-In-A-Lifetime Uniform Flap.

The \$65 fee must be paid in full no later than your arrival at TK on Friday, May 29th or September 11th, 2009. The **pre-registration deadline is Friday May 22 or September 4, 2009**. After the 22th or the 4th, a \$5 late fee will apply. Available payment methods include cash, check, Visa, MasterCard, Discovery, or American Express. You can register in person at the Council office; by phone with Kelsey Cupples at Council; through the [Aal-Pa-Tah](#) website; or by mailing a check to Council.

We want you to have an exciting and safe experience. **Please bring emergency contact information with you** (family contact information; physician's contact information; health insurance policy information). If available, please bring a copy of your BSA health form. In your *Ordeal*, you will leave the comforts of home behind and you will be tested by exerting yourself physically on a restricted diet. If you have a permanent physical or medical problem that could limit your participation, please notify us immediately; we would like to make advance plans so that you can have the very best experience possible.



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At the end of this letter, you will find a list of items to bring - please review it carefully. This is the only reminder you will receive of your *Ordeal*. It is up to you to make sure that you register for this weekend.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Aal-Pa-Tah's planned events, please do not hesitate to contact me. As always, you can find more information about Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge at Aal-Pa-Tah's website. I look forward to opening the circle of our Brothers to you.

Yours in Scouting,



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Items to Bring to Your Ordeal:

- **Emergency Contact Information** (family contact information; physician's contact information; health insurance policy information; BSA health form if available).
- Medical Needs (any serious conditions, i.e. heart problems, diabetes, asthma, etc.; dietary needs)
- Class "A" Uniform (wear it to camp on Friday night)
- Canteen/Water Bottle
- Two sets of sleeping equipment (it is suggested that you bring just a ground roll of some sort for Friday night)
- A set of work clothes
- Two pairs of closed-toe shoes.
- Tent
- Bathing Suit
- Toiletry Items
- Knife
- Any other camping items that you would normally bring on a campout

Arrive at Tanah Keeta promptly by 7:00p.m. Friday Night

Important safety information: At any Lodge event, if you require assistance from a representative of the Lodge at any point during the event, please contact the following people in order: 1) Lodge Chief Michael Grove: 561.635.1626; 2) Lodge Advisor Frank Taft: 561.676.4977; 3) Lodge Staff Advisor Steve Steinmetz: 561.307.9013; and 3) Associate Lodge Advisor Bradley Ellis: 561.267.8658.

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