



Dear Parent(s),

Hello and congratulations! Your son or daughter has been elected as a candidate for membership in the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society. This means that your son or daughter has earned the incredible opportunity to join the Boy Scouts of America unique service organization through attending an Ordeal.

We understand that parents of candidates may have questions regarding the Order of the Arrow and the purpose and traditions of the Ordeal. For that reason we have attached a welcome letter from our Lodge Chief Will Brooks along with some background about the Order of the Arrow and responses to some frequently asked questions (FAQs).

Since your son or daughter's unit is based here in Howard County, this makes them part of the National Pike District and upon completion of their Ordeal a part of the National Pike Chapter of Nentico Lodge. Your son or daughter are welcome to register and attend any of the five scheduled Lodge Ordeals. The National Pike Chapter will be hosting the **fourth Ordeal on September 11 – 13, 2020** at Camp Saffran and we encourage them, if able, to attend this Ordeal.

On Sunday morning, September 13th the National Pike Chapter will host a special parents New Member Orientation Meeting to share further back ground about the Order of the Arrow, Nentico Lodge, The National Pike Chapter and answer any further questions you may have. This meeting will be held in parallel to the youth New Member orientation. We hope that as parents you will take advantage of this New Member Parent Orientation Meeting.

The National Pike Chapter has many special and fun programs that your son or daughter will be able to participate in once they complete their Ordeal. It is our hope that through attending the Chapter Ordeal in September that they will connect with the Chapter Leadership and other youth of the National Pike Chapter.

Congratulations once again to you and your son or daughter on their election as a candidate for membership into the Order of the Arrow. We hope to provide your son or daughter the opportunity to continue to develop as a scout and lead a life of unselfish service and devotion to the welfare of others. If you need assistance or have any questions, feel free to contact me and the Chapter Leadership at NationalPike@Nentico.org.

Yours in Brotherhood

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2020 National Pike Chief

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