



## 2016 Cony Party Ordeal Candidate Information Sheet

Dear Candidate,

Recently you were elected by members of your unit to become eligible for membership in the Order of the Arrow. Your selection signifies that you live up to the Scout Oath and Law and that you are indeed an honored camper. I offer you congratulations on behalf of your Chapter and Lodge. However, before becoming a member you must first undergo an Ordeal to test your sincerity and worthiness. Below is some valuable information you should know. I look forward to greeting you and welcoming you into our honored Order! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [LodgeChief@TahosaLodge.org](mailto:LodgeChief@TahosaLodge.org)

Jack Vasquez  
2016 Lodge Chief

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**UPCOMING ORDEAL WEEKENDS:** Candidates must complete an Ordeal Weekend within one year of election as a candidate. Failure to do so will require being re-elected or for adults being re-nominated by your unit or district. There are four opportunities to do this in 2016:

1. Ordeal Weekend / Cony Party #1: May 6-8 at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch
2. Ordeal Weekend / Cony Party #2: May 13-15 at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch
3. Ordeal Weekend / Cony Party #3: August 12-14 at Camp Tahosa
4. Ordeal Weekend / Cony Party #4: October 14-16 at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch

*Note: you may attend any of the Ordeal Weekends / Cony Parties. Pick the one that fits your schedule.*

**REGISTRATION:** to register for a Cony Party, please visit [www.tahosalodge.org](http://www.tahosalodge.org). Participant fees for the weekend are **\$45**, which covers your 2016 OA dues, costs for the weekend (camping fee, food, insurance) and all of your new member materials (OA Sash, lodge pocket flap, OA pocket ribbon, and OA handbook). Walk-up registrations are not accepted. If you missed the registration deadline or have any concerns or questions, please e-mail [help@tahosalodge.org](mailto:help@tahosalodge.org)

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND:** Check in will be between 5p – 7p on Friday evening (*at Peaceful Valley, check-in at Dobbins Headquarters; at Camp Tahosa, check-in at the dining hall*). The Cony Party will end at approximately 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. Candidates should plan on being at the Cony Party until this time (*unless religious obligations require otherwise*). Make sure you *eat before arriving*, as no dinner or cracker barrel will be provided Friday night.

**IMPORTANT HEALTH FORM INFORMATION:** When you register, download the **BSA Annual Health Form and the Over the Counter Medication Form**. Make sure you bring these forms completed (with signatures) and a front and back copy of your family health insurance card with you and present at registration on Friday evening. There will be qualified first-aid staff at the Ordeal weekend. This is a weekend campout so a Dr. signature and physical are not required. We keep the med forms on file for the year. PLEASE Do Not Bring your summercamp original health form as you won't get it back.



**WHAT TO BRING:** Here is the list of what you will need for the weekend. There will be some hiking involved, so packing these items in a backpack is suggested. Arrive at camp Friday evening in your work clothes and **a warm jacket** with the following items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Health Form, OTC Med Form with parent signatures ( <i>for those under 18 years old</i> ) and a copy of family health insurance card       | <input type="checkbox"/> *Hat   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack – with gear loaded*  | <input type="checkbox"/> *Rain Gear   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> *Sleeping bag (appropriate for weather)   | <input type="checkbox"/> *Sun screen  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> *Pad (self-inflating or closed cell foam)   | <input type="checkbox"/> *Personal grooming items ( <i>toothbrush, towel, soap, etc.</i> )  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> *Ground Cloth – tarp (at least 7' x 9')   | <input type="checkbox"/> *Flashlight  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> *Canteen / Water bottle   | <input type="checkbox"/> *Small notepad and pen   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work Clothes ( <i>wear these to the event and be prepared to have them stained, painted on, etc.</i> )  | <input type="checkbox"/> Daypack for use on Saturday – can be left in tent Friday evening.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> *Work Gloves ( <i>leather recommended</i> )   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tent ( <i>for Saturday night</i> ) and a second ground cloth - tarp so you can set up your tent Friday night ( <i>if you want to share a tent with a friend that is fine</i> ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> *Clothes appropriate for the weather ( <i>both day and night</i> ) Be Prepared - It is Colorado and we have experienced all 4 seasons in a weekend! | <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Class A uniform (MB Sash not necessary) can be left hanging in your tent. It will be worn for Saturday dinner and evening activities.                                 |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Optional:</i> money/credit or debit cards for lodge trading post purchases  |

**WHAT NOT TO BRING:** electronic games, radios, watches, speakers, etc. We know you will have a cell phone - please be respectful and keep it off in your back pack – no music and headphone use.

**MONEY:** you don't need any money for the weekend, but, the Tahosa Lodge trading post will be open on Saturday night if you are interested in purchasing any lodge items (patches, shirts, hats, etc.) for wear once you have joined the lodge. Credit and Debit cards are also accepted.

**WHO TO CONTACT:** In the event of a bona fide emergency that requires contact with a candidate during the Ordeal weekend, please use these contact points:

- Rick Swank (Ordeal Adviser and onsite adult leader): 303-210-0709
- Scott Field (Peaceful Valley Ranger and OA Associate Adviser): 720-841-6887
- No Cell Service at Camp Tahosa - Marc Lyman (Camp Tahosa Ranger): 303-440-4040