

# TUTELO LODGE

Dear Ordeal Candidate,

Congratulations on your election into the Order of the Arrow! Being elected by your fellow scouts is a high honor, and you should be proud of your accomplishment. My name is Alex Coffey, your 2025 Tutelo Lodge Chief. I am truly passionate about our lodge and the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation and try to spend as much time as possible there year-round. I cannot wait to welcome you into our lodge!

The Order of the Arrow provides many opportunities for friendship, fellowship, new skills, and, most importantly, service. Ahead of you are ultimate frisbee games, late-night cracker barrels, amazing friends, leadership opportunities, and an extensive network of role models and cheerleaders who will help you succeed in every aspect of life. The OA truly opens up a whole new world of scouting. You will meet and befriend Arrowmen from across the council, state, and nation. However, none of this can happen without first taking your Ordeal.

You can complete your Ordeal during one of our two ordeal weekends this year.

- Summer Ordeal: June 6-8, 2025 at Camp Powhatan
- Fall Ordeal: September 12-14, 2025 at Camp Powhatan

If you do not complete your Ordeal within one calendar year of your election, you must be reelected again for next year. I advise completing your Ordeal as soon as possible. You can find more information regarding the Ordeal and our Lodge at [tutelo161.org](http://tutelo161.org).

Again, congratulations! I can't wait to personally welcome you into Tutelo Lodge 161.

In scouting,

Alex Coffey

Tutelo Lodge Chief