



WULAPEJU LODGE
ORDER OF THE ARROW

**2026 Spring Fellowship
Event Guide**



Welcome:

Dear Scouts & Scouters,

Thank you for coming to Spring Fellowship 2026! Within this event guide, you will find more information to help you be successful at the event and in preparation for it. Spring Fellowship is a special event where our lodge gathers annually to induct new members, begin the camping season with service, and form new friendships with Arrowmen.

For over 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law daily. The OA is Scouting's National Honor Society. As an integral part of Scouting America, the OA delivers peer-led advanced leadership experiences that help to build lifelong bonds through service and enrich each member's Scouting journey. OA members are defined by the **fellowship** they share, their **service** to others, their commitment to **personal growth**, and their self-driven **initiative** to make a difference in their community.

All lodge events follow Scouting America's program Ideals and procedures, like "Youth- led, Adult Guided". As such, this event is planned and run by the lodge's youth leaders. However, adult advisors will be in the background, helping ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all those in attendance.

More information is below about the event itself and recommendations so that everyone can be successful. This guide will also be updated in the coming months as more information becomes available and the schedule is determined.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to any of the individuals listed below.

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Drew Wooten, Lodge Chief

Yours in Scouting,

Drew Wooten
Lodge Chief

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Registration:

All participants should register before the event. Registration is to be completed online at: <https://blackhawkscouting.doubleknot.com/event/oa-spring-fellowship-2026/3138589>.

When entering information for registration, it is recommended that you create a username and password if you don't already have one. This will allow you to update your registration information, if needed.

Please keep in mind that all Members and Brotherhood candidates must be current with their lodge dues to attend this event. You may bring your Due payment with you to check in.

Payment Options:

1. *Online payments:* A convenience fee of 3% will be added to your total if making payment online.
2. *In-person payment:* Payment may be made at the Blackhawk Area Council Service Center (see address below) after completing online registration.
3. *Telephone payment:* Payment can be made via credit card by calling the council office after completing online registration. (815-397-0210)
4. *Mailed payments:* Payment may be mailed to the council office (see address below) after completing online registration. Please include on the memo line "Spring Fellowship 2026" to ensure there are no mistakes made. Make all checks payable to "Blackhawk Area Council" and mail to the following address:

Blackhawk Area Council
Order of the Arrow
2820 McFarland Road
Rockford, IL. 61107

Attendee Types:

- **Ordeal Candidate** (A Scout or Scouter who has been elected/ nominated to the Order of the Arrow within the last 18 months). Price: \$55 (includes: New Sash, OA Handbook, Pocket Flap, OA Dues for the rest of FY 2025, Food/Supplies)
- **Brotherhood Candidate** (An Arrowman who has been a member of the Order of the Arrow for at least 6 months) Price: \$45 (Includes: New Sash, Lodge Totem, Food/Supplies)
- **Member** (Any member of Wulapeju Lodge) Price: \$25 (Includes: Food/ Supplies)

*This is not a unit-based event; participants should know basic camping skills and be able to operate independently (Unless for special needs or if there are parental/guardian concerns, then accommodations can be made, please reach out ahead of time (see contact information in welcome letter).



Check-in Information:

Check-in begins at 5:00 PM Friday, May 29th, at the Canyon Camp Main Lodge (See Map at the end of the guide), and it will last until 7:30 PM (Ordeal Candidates must be checked in by 7:00 PM).

Please eat dinner before arriving at camp. When you arrive, please head directly to the main lodge to check in. Do not set anything up unless prior authorization is given by staff.

Packing List:

- Personal Tent
- Sleeping Bag
- Cot/Air Mattress
- Pillow
- **Work Clothes**
- Sleeping Clothes
- **Work Gloves**
- **Water Bottle**
- Field Uniform
- OA Sash
- Chair (*if wanted*)
- Personal Hygiene Products
- Medication necessary for the event
- Money for trading post (*if wanted*)
- **Parts A-B of the Annual health and medical record**
- **For Adults, a printed certificate of SYT (Formerly YPT)**

Basic Schedule -

Friday Night:

- Check In (*by 7:30 PM for Member or Brotherhood Candidate or 7:00 PM if an Ordeal Candidate*)
- Ordeal Conferences/ Brotherhood Study Session / Free Time for Members •
- Ceremonies (Vigil Callout, Pre-Ordeal Ceremony)
- Cracker Barrel (for Brotherhood Candidates & Members)

Saturday

- Breakfast
- Service Projects
- Lunch
- Trainings / Service Projects (Ordeal Candidates / Anyone else)
- Game Time / Free Time / Service Projects (Ordeal Candidates/ Anyone else)
- Dinner
- Interfaith Service (optional)
- Brotherhood Hike
- Ceremonies (Brotherhood /Arrowmen 101, Ordeal)
- Cracker Barrel / Saturday Night Check-Out Begins

Sunday:

- Breakfast
- Clean Up
- Check Out
- Lodge Executive Committee Meeting (All are Welcome)

****Subject to change, a more detailed schedule will be shared closer to the event.***

Ordeal Information:

The Ordeal is not an "initiation" or a period of "hazing"; rather, it is a time when candidates are allowed to reflect on their journey in Scouting and the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Candidates will spend their day completing a variety of activities, but most importantly, providing service to the camps of the Council. Should there be any physical limitations that you possess, please notify your Elangomat (friend) at the start of the Ordeal. You will not be asked to do anything that may cause harm to you.

The Ordeal begins Friday evening at Canyon Camp. Please eat dinner before arriving at camp. Registration begins at 5:00 p.m., and you must check in by 7:00 p.m. to participate in the Pre-Ordeal ceremony and be eligible to continue with the Ordeal. When you arrive at Camp Lowden, please head directly to the Main Lodge (see the map at the end). Once the Ordeal has been completed Saturday night, new members can check out and be picked up or leave the event, either Saturday evening around 10:10 PM or Sunday morning around 9:30 AM.

For the Ordeal process each Scout(er) must have a ground cloth, a sleeping bag, Field Uniform/ Class A, work clothes to wear during the Ordeal, medications necessary for the duration, rain suit or poncho, work gloves; water bottle and a tent or vehicle for personal belongings during the day while undergoing the Ordeal process and to sleep in Saturday night (if staying Saturday overnight).

Please **do not bring** the following items: Games, Books, Cards, etc (This goes for Youth and Adults). All electronic devices **must be turned off** and **not on your person** during the duration of the Ordeal. If you need your electronic device during the Ordeal, please discuss this with your Elangomat (friend) and Ordealmaster on Friday evening.

All candidates **must** submit their current Annual Health and Medical Record parts AA and Bat check-in. All adults **must** be current with their Safeguarding Youth Training (formerly, YPT).

Brotherhood Information:

[Here](#), you'll find the Brotherhood Workbook, which is a guide that will help you study and guide you through the requirements. You **MUST** complete the Brotherhood letter by lunchtime on Saturday.



We *highly encourage* you to complete the letter ahead of time. If you don't know the answer to everything, that is totally alright, and we will help during the event.

Please also visit the official OA [JumpStart](#) page. It offers great resources to help you understand the meaning of Brotherhood and your journey in Scouting's National Honor Society. It is *highly recommended that* you look at this resource ahead of time, since reception within camp may be poor.

On Friday night, please meet at 7:40 PM* in the Dining Hall. We will have a short study session about the brotherhood requirements. Then, going over details about the brotherhood hike on Saturday evening. *If you are a Saturday-only attendee, you will be caught up in the morning. Though it is crucial to review ahead of time with the aforementioned resources.*

Then Saturday at 7:20 PM*, please meet in front of the Main Lodge (Same Place as Check In) for the Brotherhood hike. Make sure to be wearing comfortable hiking shoes, your full field uniform (Class A and Ordeal Sash), and bring a water bottle. While we don't want to give too much away, know that you'll have time for reflection, service, and fellowship with other Arrowmen who share your dedication.

All candidates must submit their current Annual Health and Medical Record parts A and B at check-in. All adults must be current with their Safeguarding Youth Training (formerly, YPT).

LINKS:

[Map of Canyon Camp](#)

[Click Here for Parent Information](#)

[Brotherhood Workbook](#)

[Event Schedule](#)

[Registration](#)