

To: Order of the Arrow Candidate
Memsochet Lodge #507
Great Trails Council

Dear Scout,

Congratulations on your election to the Order of the Arrow by your fellow troop members! We look forward to having you as an active member of our lodge. To become a member, you must attend an **Ordeal Weekend** within one year of your election. The next one to be held will be September 19-21, 2008 at Chesterfield Scout Reservation.

Cost is \$35 for the weekend and includes food, dues for the year and recognition (lodge flap, OA handbook and Ordeal sash). This is due Friday night when you arrive or can be paid earlier at the council office. You may also register online http://www.memsochet.org/fall_reg.htm (you can bring your \$35 when you check-in on Friday evening). Please let us know you are going to be there by registering ahead of time. If you can't register online, please call Bob Gunnells at (413) 329-7065 or fax your form to the Council Office.

Some details:

- Meet at the Dining Hall for check-in between 6:30 & 7:00 PM Friday night. ***Please eat dinner before arriving.***
- Pick up can be Sunday morning about 10AM.
- ***Bring your health form*** – signed and filled out!
- Bring a backpack with personal camping gear, sleeping bag, work clothes, water bottle, your uniform and a tent (maybe share one with a friend) for Saturday night and any medications you need.
- Bring a ground cloth
- Bring rain gear
- Do not bring snacks or electronic gear!
- There will be a trading post with extra Lodge flaps and other memorabilia for sale. If you are interested, you might want to bring a few extra dollars for the trading post.

All will be explained to you as the weekend experience progresses. If you have any specific concerns, please contact the Lodge Chief, Lodge Adviser or Staff Adviser whose information is at www.memsochet.org. You have been recognized by your fellow scouts as an example of a good camper and one who lives the scout law and promise in his daily life. We are honored to have you join us in the mission of the Order of the Arrow-which is to maintain and develop camping traditions and spirit, promote Scout camping and provide youth with opportunities for leadership in cheerful service to others.

Sincerely,

The Brotherhood of Memsochet Lodge #507