



Owaneco Lodge, Order of the Arrow  
Connecticut Yankee Council,  
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Dear Candidate,

On behalf of Owaneco Lodge 313, I would like to congratulate you on your nomination to the Order of the Arrow. The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society and originated in 1915. The purpose of the Order are as follows: to recognize those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives, to develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit, to promote Scout camping, and to develop the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Candidates for the Order are chosen not only for what they have done, but for what they are expected to do in the future in serving the welfare of others. Your nomination occurred because the scouts in your troop saw your acceptance of the high ideals of the Scout Oath and Law. Because you were selected by your peers, we are confident that you are among the best in your Troop, and truly are worthy of this honor.

Induction in the Order of the Arrow will open many doors for you in the future. Our lodge participates in many events throughout the year. In addition, we provide some of the most valuable youth leadership training and opportunities available. These opportunities will build upon the knowledge you have already received during your Scouting experience.

To become a member of the Order, you must attend one of our induction weekends, known as an "Ordeal" weekend. This year, Owaneco Lodge 313 will offer three Ordeal weekends, the first will be held at Deer Lake Scout Reservation in Killingworth, CT on **May 6-8**, the second Ordeal will be held at Camp Sequassen in New Hartford, CT on **June 3-5** and the last Ordeal will be held at Camp Pomperaug in Union, CT **September 9-11**. Please register online at [www.owaneco.org/register](http://www.owaneco.org/register) or if you must, mail the enclosed form to the council office.

The Ordeal experience is an experience like none other. You should be prepared to spend a night in the woods under the stars, and work on Saturday. When you arrive on Friday evening please have your sleeping bag, a waterproof ground cloth, and a poncho (in case of inclement weather) rolled and tied together and separate from your other camping gear since you will need only these items (and no other) on Friday night. You should also bring some work clothes and work gloves for Saturday and a complete class-A uniform which you will wear on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Don't forget sleepwear for Saturday night. If you going to at-

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tend the May Ordeal please bring a **TENT** as no other sleeping arrangement can be made.

Plan to arrive at the camp by 6:45 p.m. on Friday night so that we may start promptly. Dress in comfortable clothes as you will want to be comfortable Friday night. A small snack will be provided on Friday night, but you should bring something for dinner or eat before you arrive. You must plan on staying through the completion of the weekend (approximately 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning).

The cost of the weekend is **\$40.00**, which includes a sash, pocket flap, handbook, dues for 2011, a membership card, and all meals for the weekend. If you wish to attend the May ordeal please register online or send this registration form in no later than **April 29th** or for the June Ordeal no later than **May 27th** or for the September Ordeal no later than **September 2nd**. After those dates please register online or bring this form and a check to the event. Checks should be made payable to CT Yankee Council, BSA and mailed to:

Owaneco Lodge 313  
P.O. Box 32  
60 Wellington Road  
Milford, CT 06460

Our lodge maintains a trading post stocked with Order of the Arrow items, including patches, t-shirts, golf shirts, fleece jackets, bolos, pins, and many more items. You will have time to make purchases on Saturday night and Sunday morning. A price list of some Trading Post items is enclosed.

Once again, I congratulate you on your nomination to the Order of the Arrow. I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming Ordeal induction weekend, and wish you luck in completing your Ordeal successfully!

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Mat Buono  
Lodge Chief

To help you prepare for your Ordeal please read and follow this equipment sheet carefully.

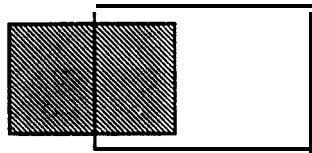
**EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR ORDEAL** - Made into a horseshoe pack

- Sleeping bag or 3 wool (or fleece) blankets
- 6 feet Twine
- Ground cloth (large enough to go under you as well over you.)
- Jacket or sweatshirt
- Poncho
- Good Scouting spirit
- Work gloves .
- Toilet articles (in a small plastic bag)
- NO FLASHLIGHT**

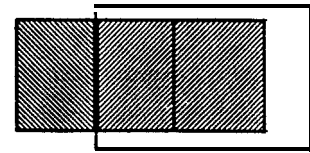
**HOW TO MAKE A HORSESHOE PACK**



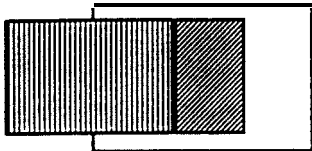
Spread Ground Cloth



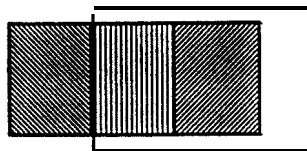
Place 1st blanket so it is 1/2 on and 1/2 off the Ground Cloth



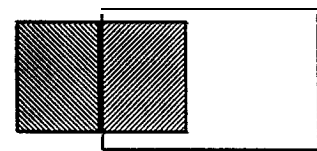
Place 2nd blanket so that it is covering 1/2 of the 1st blanket.



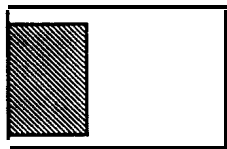
Place 3rd blanket over 1st blanket



Fold 3rd blanket in half



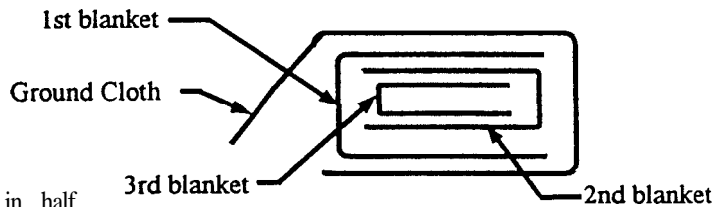
Fold 2nd blanket in half



Fold 1st blanket in half



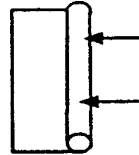
Fold Ground Cloth in half



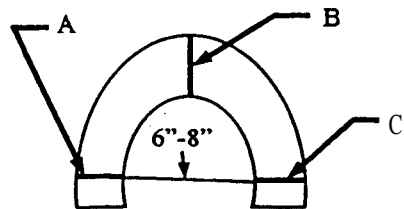
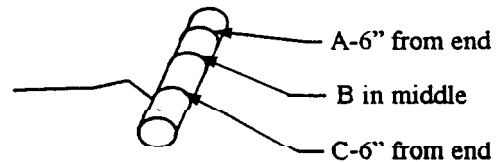
Looking from the end it should look like this.



Place all your equipment along the edge of the ground cloth that is folded.



Roll as tight as possible



Shape into a horseshoe and tie to point A with left over rope from point C. Make sure that you have a space of 6" to 8" at the bottom.

**If you have any questions on how to make this pack, contact your local OA Chapter or any OA member.**

Tie with rope as tight as possible with knots that you can untie in the dark at points A-B-C. Make sure that you have 2' of rope left at "C"

**OTHER EQUIPMENT YOU WILL NEED** - TO BE LEFT AT CAMPSITE

- Scout uniform
- Flashlight
- Your pack with any other equipment that you may want.