

What is Service?

Service consists of freely giving your time and energy to help those in need. Service is a sacrifice of love.

Service is the act of helpful activity.

A Scout is helpful! A Scout is concerned about other people. He does this willingly for others without pay or reward.

What does service mean to you?

Remember to do a good turn daily!

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Congratulations on Beginning Your Journey in the Order of the Arrow!

Remember that the Order of the Arrow is the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.

You are already undergoing your *Ordeal* – your induction into the Order of the Arrow.

While it may be difficult to understand the meaning of the ordeal right now, if you continue to do *your best to meet its tests*, you will likely look back on this experience as one of the most meaningful of your life.

"Awake, my friends. You are now starting on a long and toilsome journey."

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The Ordeal and Its Relation to Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service

The Ordeal and its four challenges are meant to teach you about Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service.

Spending a day in arduous labor allows you to cheerfully serve your fellow brothers, and helps you find the greater beauty in serving others!

Eating scant food is meant to teach you to serve others gladly and willingly without pay or reward!

Maintaining strict silence binds you as brothers engaging in a common struggle and provides reflection on Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service!

"Let us try to find the Arrow!"

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The Purpose of the Ordeal

Do not forget why you are here.

You are here to prove to yourself your willingness to dedicate yourself to a life of cheerful service.

Think about it.

Only you can commit yourself to the great task of leading a life of cheerful service.

You might also learn of the true joy that comes from living a life of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. First, you must completely understand what Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service mean!

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Reflection questions

1. Why did your fellow Scouts choose you?
2. Are you willing to dedicate yourself to a life of cheerful service?
3. Have you passed the four challenges without flinching?
4. What has the Ordeal taught you about Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service?

"This Ordeal is but a shadow of the rigors of the journey but its joys are also shadows of the brighter, greater beauty in a life of cheerful service."

What is Brotherhood?

Brotherhood entails treating all others as you would treat your brother. It teaches us to treat our brothers as friends.

Since the members of the Order of the Arrow share a common interest, we are bound by the ties of Brotherhood.

The common interest and purpose of brothers in the Order of the Arrow is to return in service to their troop.

You will soon be a brother in the Order of the Arrow. We are all bound by the ties of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service.

What does Brotherhood mean to you?

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Understanding the Arrow

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What is Cheerfulness?

The eighth point of the Scout Law is "Cheerful".

A Scout looks for the bright side of things. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

Try to be cheerful even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities.

Learn to find the greater beauty in a life of cheerful service!

What does cheerfulness mean to you?

Remember, "If you see a man without a smile; give him yours!"

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