

Upon a Lofty Journey



Save this booklet for future reference, and *bring it with you to your Ordeal.*

Ponder my words carefully.

But, by taking full advantage of this opportunity, you will find yourself better able to serve Scouting and your unit... *the ones who chose you.*

This will test not only your physical strength, but your inner strength.

In a short time you will be given the opportunity to undergo an *Ordeal* — your induction into the Order of the Arrow.

By accepting their challenge, you embark upon a journey that many before you have taken.

Along its path lies true Brotherhood.

However, this destination is many months — maybe even years — away.

Right now, what *is* important is that you commit yourself to taking the first step.

It is enough to say that I am a friend you have probably known for a long time.

For the moment, that is less important than what I represent.

Who am I?

I am here to help you find your way as you travel — as an arrow driven skyward — along this lofty journey...

I am here to help you prove to yourself your *worthiness* for the honor your unit has bestowed upon you.

But, such an honor is not without its price.

Those who chose you are *watching*.

They have *faith* in you.

Will you be able to live up to their expectations? They have challenged you to do so.

My friend, I congratulate you on your election to the Order of the Arrow.

You may not realize it now, but you will look back on today as a day of beginnings.

The honor you have received is truly a great one, for it is bestowed upon you by your peers — the members of your unit.