

What Am I?



Save this booklet for future reference.

Ponder my words carefully.

My friend, by this point you may be tired and hungry after a hard day's work. But I can sense you are beginning to understand me.

As dusk approaches, you are probably wondering what the evening has in store for you. This is only natural.

Earlier we talked about why you are here. But before you made the decision to "prove to yourself your willingness to lead a life of cheerful service," your fellow Scouts were called upon to elect candidates for membership in the Order of the Arrow.

Just prior to the election, those voting were asked to consider these and other questions when they chose candidates for the Order:

- Who is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout?
- Who is cheerful, even when he has many tiresome jobs to do?
- Who smiles whenever he can?
- Who is always ready to give unselfish and wholehearted service to others?
- Who can forget his own desires and interests? Who has served your unit all year round, faithfully attending meetings and helping with service projects? Do you think he will continue his service in the future? If you were his patrol leader, could you depend on him?

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Take heart, my friend... your Ordeal has almost reached its end. While it may be difficult to understand right now, if you have *done your best to meet its tests*, you will likely look back on this experience as one of the most meaningful of your life.

In a whisper, you also will be given a solemn reminder — "the Admonition." *Remember and follow it always.*

You will take a pledge — the "Obligation" — that will help preserve me in your conscience.

In a few hours you will hear more about what has happened in the past day, and of tasks that lie ahead.

- Who, by living up to the Scout Oath serves his fellow Scouts with such an example of brotherhood and cheerfulness that you look up to him with deep respect and admiration?

After careful consideration of these things, you fellow Scouts chose you.

They saw these traits in you.

But, what made you demonstrate these traits? *Why might they be important?*

Scouts saw when they elected you. part of your character your fellow cheerfulness, and service. I am the spirit of brotherhood,

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unless I am part of them.

together for a day of cheerful service today! Yet, Scouts just don't get activities, just hasn't been present here often see in camp and other unit The unwillingness to pitch in, that I others today makes me very happy. And, what I have seen of you and the

Will you help Bob with that merit badge he's been working on?"

"Why? He never did anything for me!"

"Looks like it's going to rain. Hey, someone left his sleeping bag out! Who will take it in inside while I help Jim and Doug with their tent?"

"It isn't mine... let him take care of his own stuff..."

"Yeah... besides, we have enough to do without having to look out for everybody else."

Do these Scouts sound like they might be worthy of election?

Your unit needs you... and me.