RENDezVOUS WEEKEND
AT CAMP DECORAH – AUGUST 16-18

This year’s Rendezvous will be a weekend of lodge activities. We will have Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies plus fun fellowship activities for members. There will be a parent orientation, service projects, and discussions of future activities and plans for the lodge and camp. 

Elections for lodge officers will be Saturday night following a lodge meeting.

Sunday, the fellowship portion of the weekend, the lodge is planning a survivor-themed event. We will be having a competition with timed activities including fire building, a schoolyard compass course, an archery competition, a first aid stretcher relay, and team skis. Open areas such as the pool, zip line, and waterfront will be open in the afternoon.

MEMBERS: $10.00 Registration Fee
Lodges for sleeping will be assigned.
Those wishing may help with service projects on Saturday.
Registration available at: www.gatewayscouting.org/OARendezvous

PARENTS WISHING TO EAT STEAK DINNER WITH US SATURDAY NIGHT:
$10.00 per person
Guests must make reservations for Saturday supper by Friday night—August 16!

While Guests may come and watch the Ordeal ceremony on Saturday night...
ABSOLUTELY NO CAMERAS OR VIDEO ALLOWED DURING THE CEREMONIES!

At 5:00 PM there will be a short parents’ meeting in the Dining Hall.
**Tentative Schedule**

**Friday – August 16**

6:00 PM   Registration for all candidates that did not make the June Ordeal weekend.
7:00 PM   Supper for everyone in the Dining Hall
9:00 PM   Pre-Ordeal ceremony begins
10:00 PM  Cracker barrel in Dining Hall

**Saturday – August 17**

8:00 AM   Breakfast for members in Dining Hall
9:00 AM   Ordeal/Service projects for camp will begin.
NOON     Lunch at Dining Hall
1:00 PM   Activities and service projects continue
3:00 PM   Brotherhood test will be given (for anyone who has not completed Brotherhood talks prior)
4:00 PM   Activities and projects end for the day....Candidates can clean up and put on uniforms
5:00 PM   Parent/Guest meeting in Dining Hall
5:30 PM   ORDEAL CEREMONY
6:30 PM   BROTHERHOOD CEREMONY
7:00 PM   Steak dinner for everyone in Dining Hall
8:00 PM   Lodge meeting and election of officers – All members (including newly inducted ordeal members) can run for office.
9:00 PM   Cracker barrel in Dining Hall

**Sunday – August 18**

8:00 AM   Breakfast in Dining Hall
9:00 AM   Scouts Own Service
10:00 AM  Survivor Competition
NOON     Lunch at Dining Hall
1:00 PM   Open Activities
4:00 PM   Cleanup – Homeward bound!
OA Brotherhood

BROTHERHOOD REQUIREMENTS

1. Scout has been an Ordeal member at least 6 months* since their induction into the Order of the Arrow.
2. Has maintained registration in the Boy Scouts of America.
3. Has maintained registration and current dues in the Order of the Arrow.
4. Has memorized the Obligation, OA official song, Admonition, Arrow hand clasp and the sign of the Order.
5. Write a letter or take part in an oral Brotherhood talk to test your understanding of the Ordeal and to show why you feel you are prepared for the Brotherhood.
6. If you write a letter – Explain what you think the Obligation means. Describe how you are fulfilling the obligation in your troop or crew in your daily life and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to aid in your service to scouting and the lodge. Describe your specific plans for giving future service to the lodge and scouting.

*This is a very recent change. Many may now be eligible for Brotherhood
LODGE ELECTIONS

Lodge elections will take place Saturday night, August 17, 2019 during our Rendezvous weekend at Camp Decorah.

Those running for election must be active youth members of the lodge under the age of 21 who are currently registered in a Scouts BSA Troop or a Venturing Crew. The members of the lodge elect their officers. Lodge Chief will count all ballots with assistance from advisors.

We will be electing the following six officers during our lodge meeting:

- Lodge Chief
- Lodge Vice Chief (Administration)
- Lodge Vice Chief (Program)
- Lodge Vice Chief (Inductions)
- Lodge Vice Chief (Finance)
- Lodge Vice Chief (Communications)

The term of office is one year and runs from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.
LODGE OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

LODGE CHIEF
1. Responsible for the adherence of the lodge to the policies of the Order of the Arrow as set forth by the National Committee.
2. Sets agendas and presides over all Lodge Executive Committee and general membership meetings, which includes Ordeal weekends, Wing Ding, Rendezvous, Spook-O-Ree, lodge banquet, conclaves, council meetings, etc.
3. Provides training and advice to officers and committee chairmen.
4. With the help of the advisors, appoints committee chairmen for all committees. Is responsible to see that each committee is properly functioning.
5. Oversees the performance of the Vice Chiefs of Administration, Program, Inductions, Finance, and Communications.
6. With the help of the vice chiefs, sets and works on lodge goals and achievements. Monitors all committees throughout the year to make sure reports are kept on whether goals have been achieved or what the issues may be.
7. Presents the lodge annual report to the Council by December 31 of each year.
8. Creates, oversees and coordinates special committees as needed, with the aid of the advisors.
9. Represents the lodge at all Section Council of Chiefs meetings, Council Executive Board meetings and Council Camping Committee meetings.
10. Oversees the performance of District Chapter Chiefs and their programs.
11. Helps create and monitor camp promotions, troop elections, promotions, etc.
12. Responsible for overseeing the maintaining of the Lodge Operations Guide, lodge handbook and proposing of amendments to the lodge rules.
14. Sets the example by attending lodge events, chapter events, council events, regional events in proper uniform.
VICE CHIEF FOR ADMINISTRATION
1. In consultation with the Lodge Chief and the advisors, shall be responsible for accurate and up to date membership records, both active and inactive.
2. Will help with transfers, dues notices, drop notices, Brotherhood and Vigil eligibility notices and records.
3. Will make membership reports at meetings and banquets.
4. Will record minutes of all regular and special meetings of the lodge.
5. Will help with Smoke Signal articles and publication of the lodge handbook.
6. Will hand out and record distribution of registration cards and books to all candidates and members.
7. Is responsible for all duties delegated by the Lodge Chief, advisors, or the Executive Committee.

VICE CHIEF FOR PROGRAM
1. In consultation with the Lodge Chief and advisors, shall be responsible for the non-ceremony program and events of the lodge, including their promotion, and the ideals of the Order.
2. Helps with the annual budget for the lodge.
3. Will help with the Smoke Signal and other publications.
4. Is responsible for all duties delegated by the Lodge Chief, advisors, or the Executive Committee.

VICE CHIEF FOR INDUCTIONS
1. In consultation with the Lodge Chief and the advisors shall be responsible for membership activities in the lodge.
2. Help with unit elections, call out ceremonies, and Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil ceremonies, and will train ceremonies teams to conduct ceremonies throughout the year.
3. Plan, research, and organize purchase of new ceremony regalia which includes head dresses, costumes, ceremony books, sand paintings, etc.
4. Helps with the annual budget for the lodge.
5. Will help with the Smoke Signal and other publications.
6. Is responsible for all duties delegated by the Lodge Chief, advisors, or the Executive Committee.
**VICE CHIEF FOR FINANCE**

1. In consultation with the Lodge Chief and the advisors, shall be responsible for keeping accurate and itemized record for all income and expenses of the lodge.
2. Presents audits for all necessary records of monies received and spent throughout the year.
3. Responsible for records pertaining to all lodge items in stock, ordered, sold at the council office, lodge events or camp.
4. Works with Administration for records of active and inactive members.
5. Helps prepare the annual budget for the lodge.
6. Will help with the Smoke Signal and other publications.
7. Is responsible for all duties delegated by the Lodge Chief, advisors, or the Executive Committee.

**VICE CHIEF FOR COMMUNICATIONS**

1. In consultation with the Lodge Chief and the advisors, shall be responsible for the Smoke Signal, social media posts, and candidate letters.
2. Helps create and administer social media sites, websites and any communication going out to membership, council or section people.
3. Responsible for records of comments, and every week updates to every site.
4. Will make an annual report to the lodge and the council.
5. Helps with the annual budget for the lodge.
6. Will help with the Smoke Signal and other publications.
7. Is responsible for all duties delegated by the Lodge Chief, advisors, or the Executive Committee.