

Order of the Arrow New Member FAQ Sheet



What is the Order of the Arrow?

Welcome to the Order of the Arrow! There are so many things to do and opportunities to be had as part of our organization, aptly called “Scouting’s National Honor Society”.

For over 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long-term camping, and providing cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America’s youth.

I just participated in an Induction Weekend that was only work. Is this all that the OA does?

No, although the Ordeal is heavily focused on giving back through cheerful service, the OA is just not service work. The OA has plenty of events, whether through the lodge, section, or national, for you to attend that are a ton of fun! Attend some of the upcoming events in the lodge and see for yourself!! (Upcoming events listed on back).

Mission

The mission of the Order of the Arrow is to fulfill its purpose as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults.

Purpose

As Scouting’s National Honor Society, our purpose is to:

- Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.
- Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout’s experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.
- Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.
- Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

I want to learn more about the OA

Visit the National OA website at: oa-bsa.org/jumpstart

To find more info & register for upcoming lodge events,
go to our website at gatewayscouting.org/OA



2021 Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge Upcoming Events



Section Conclave – September 17-19 at Camp Decorah



Join us for the Section Conclave at Camp Decorah on September 17-19 for “The Arrow Games”. We anticipate 100-200 Arrowmen from across Wisconsin and Minnesota will come together for a weekend of fun, fellowship, activities, games, training, and great scouting memories. As the host lodge, we need everyone to mark your calendars to help and be a part of this great OA event showing our pride in Camp

Decorah and the spirit of the Lodge! Besides some volunteer work in the kitchen, dining hall, parking lot, greeting, or tours, there will be time to play and have fun with new friends. We hope to see you there!!

Program includes:

Capture the Flag
Ultimate Frisbee
Gaga Ball
Kick Ball
Nintendo Switch/Wii
Cornhole
Cook Off
Shooting Sports
Patch Trading
Knot Tying
Fire Building
Zip Line
and so much more!!

Find more info and register online at sectionc1b.org/conclave/

Sash Bash – October 9 at Camp Decorah

Everyone is invited to our lodge fall fellowship event on October 9! This is a chance to welcome our new Ordeal members into the Order and to have some fun, fellowship, and enjoy a day at Camp Decorah. In the past, we have done fire building competitions, fishing, kayaking, canoeing, swimming, and other fun activities at camp. More details will be released soon at gatewayscouting.org/OASashBash.

2022 National Order of the Arrow Conference



The National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held from July 25-30, 2022, at the University of Tennessee - Knoxville. The conference is a week-long event that will bring together over 9,000 members from around the country for training and activities.

Participants can take part in training, competition, games, American Indian activities, ceremonies, Goodman games, Founder’s fair, Native American dancing, arena shows, patch trading, special guests, and as much fun and fellowship as you can gain in a week.

The registration fee is \$575, not including travel costs. To find more info and to make your \$100 deposit to reserve your spot, go to gatewayscouting.org/NOAC2022.

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Become a Member of the Lodge Ceremony Team

We are looking for members who want to be a part of the Ceremonies Teams of the Lodge. Having good and impressive ceremonies is essential to the continued success of the OA. An impressive Call-Out or Ordeal/Brotherhood ceremony can leave a lasting memory that can inspire that member to greater service in their unit or in the Lodge. We are looking for new members who want to learn how to be a part of those ceremonies and create impressive memories for our future lodge members.



For most ceremonies, there are typically speaking parts, guides, and drummers. Ceremonialists also can get a unique ghost patch that general lodge members cannot receive by just being in our lodge.

If you would like to learn how to become a member of the Ordeal or Brotherhood ceremonies team, please talk to one of the following youth members:

Jaden Schindler, AJ Adams, Pierce Nelson

Or contact ceremony adviser:

Alex Metry at alexandermetry@gmail.com



Elangomats Needed

At each Induction, Arrowmen (Elangomats) repeat the trials of the Ordeal again to act as leaders and guides to the candidates that are going through the Induction for the first time. Any Arrowman who serves as an Elangomat can earn a unique Ni-Sanak-Tani glow-in-the-dark ghost patch for their service and attend the induction weekend for free.

Look forward to these other events later in 2021 & 2022

2021

Oktoberfest Parking Lot Fundraiser (Sept 30 - Oct 2)
Spook-o-Ree Snack Shack (Sat, Oct 16)

2022

Winter Banquet, Wing Ding, and Spring Fellowship – Dates TBD

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