

Leader's Guide to Summer Camp - 2008



ORDER OF THE ARROW

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's Brotherhood of Honor Campers. The Order of the Arrow has been an integral part of summer camp in the Yocona Area Council since the 1940's.

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is:

To recognize those campers—Scouts and Scouters—who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition causes other campers to conduct themselves in such manner as to warrant recognition.

To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.

To promote Scout camping, which reaches its greatest effectiveness as a part of the unit's camping program, both year-round and in the summer camp, as directed by the camping committee of the council.

To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

The Order of the Arrow is a unique organization in that nonmembers must elect its members. To be elected, a Scout must be *First Class or above and be an active, registered member of a BSA troop or team. After registration with a troop or team, have experienced fifteen days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The fifteen days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps. Fifty percent of the registered members of the troop must be present at the election. The unit committee may nominate only one adult, if the unit elected at least one youth. If the unit has more than 50 registered members, the unit committee may nominate two adults each year. Adult applications must be turned in to council office by May 14. Remember that official OA elections teams must do unit OA elections! Elections must be done by Tuesday night to be called-out at the Wednesday night campfire. Out of Council troops must have Lodge Advisor & Scout Executive permission to be included in the call-out.*

While a call-out will be held at the Spring Camporee, some Scouts can be called-out at Camp Yocona. These call-outs will be held on Wednesday nights as part of Chicksa Lodge 202's OA show for family and friends.

BROTHERHOOD CONVERSION OPPORTUNITIES

The Brotherhood is for Order of the Arrow members who have been Arrowmen for at least 10 months and meet certain other requirements. Chicksa Lodge 202 will conduct a Brotherhood Ceremony for qualifying Arrowmen. Check with the OA Camp Chief to find out time and information.

For more information concerning the Order of the Arrow or Chicksa Lodge 202, contact Jim Dilley @ (901) 388-2633 or Mitch Johnson @ (662) 842-2871.

