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ORDER OF THE ARROW

Occonechee Lodge Brotherhood Bash Information Session

What Will Be Covered

- What Brotherhood is
- What you need to know for Brotherhood
- Brotherhood Bash details and important health information



What is Brotherhood?

- Brotherhood is not a rank
- Brotherhood is a chance to strengthen your ties with the Order and fully understand the Ordeal process
- Brotherhood signifies full membership in the Order, but it does not give any special privileges



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Requirements to Complete your Brotherhood

- Ordeal member for six months
- Write a letter to your Lodge explaining what you will do to continue your service to the lodge and what Brotherhood means to you
- Complete your Brotherhood
 - Service Project
 - Brotherhood Trail
 - Brotherhood Hike
 - Brotherhood Ceremony



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Event Details

- Saturday, April 10th
- Check in starting at 12:30-1pm
- Cost of \$10 (covers dinner)
- At Camp Reeves
- Staggered ending times depending on when your ceremony ends



What to Bring to the Event

- Letter to the Lodge
 - Explaining what you will do to continue your service to the Lodge, and what Brotherhood means to you
- Work gloves
- Water bottle
- Face mask (required)
- Class A and sash
 - Wear Class B when you arrive for the service project
- A chair to eat dinner in



Check-In

- Answer Covid-19 Health questions
 - Get a temperature check at the Gate
 - Go to your designated spot in Field 1 at Camp Reeves
 - Meet your Nimat
 - They will serve as your guide
 - Similar to an Elangomat, but for Brotherhood
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Service Project

- Perform cheerful service with your fellow brothers as you work towards sealing your membership
- No vow of silence this time!



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Brotherhood Trail

- Series of questions found on the study guide
 - Access at <https://lodge104.net/brotherhood/>
 - Password is the Admonition
- **THIS IS NOT A TEST**
 - The only way you can fail is if you decide to give up



Jumpstart

- <http://jumpstart.oa-bsa.org/>
- Password is “obligation”
- Contains Obligation, Admonition, Sign of Ordeal, Handclasp, and Song
- Also has information on the Ordeal process you undertook as a refresher



Obligation

I do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout, that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui.

I will always regard the ties of Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.



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The Three W's

- Wimachtendienk
 - Wee-mock-ten-dink
- Wingolauchsik
 - Wing-oh-louch-sick
- Witahemui
 - Wit-ah-hem-away



Admonition

- Go on Jumpstart to learn this
 - It should only be spoken at a whisper, including its meaning in english
 - Allowed to be spoken above a whisper due to COVID restrictions
- Or ask someone in your chapter



Hailing Sign of Ordeal

- Make scout sign with right hand, extend from left shoulder outwards as if drawing an arrow from a quiver
- Response is the same
- Used to verify Ordeal membership



Handclasp

- Handshake with left hand, with ring and pinky fingers interlocked
 - Will not be required at Brotherhood Bash due to COVID restrictions



Song

Firm bound in Brotherhood, gather the clan,
That cheerful service brings to fellow man.
Circle our council fire, weld tightly every link,
That binds us in Brotherhood,
Wi-mach-ten-dienk.



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Brotherhood Trail Process

- Station 0 - Obligation
 - Turn in letter to Nimat
 - Give Hailing Sign
 - Give Admonition
 - Allowed above a whisper due to COVID
 - Give Obligation



Brotherhood Trail Process

- Stations 1-8
 - Give hailing sign
 - Answer question corresponding to order on study guide
- Station 9
 - Sing song with some fellow members
 - No holding hands due to COVID



Dinner

- Dinner will be held at the family picnic shelter in Camp Reeves
 - Socially distanced
 - After the Brotherhood Trail and before Brotherhood Hike
- Bring a chair to sit and eat your dinner in



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Brotherhood Hike & Ceremony

- Brotherhood Hike
 - A time of reflection, looking on your service to the Lodge, your unit, and your community
 - Leads up to your Brotherhood Ceremony



Health Precautions

- Due to the risks associated with hosting an event during the current COVID-19 pandemic, Occoneechee Lodge is following all applicable guidelines and making changes to event aspects to accommodate these requirements



Event Entrance Requirements

- Must answer Covid-19 Health questions
 - Needs to be all no to the first 17 questions, and the last question is for people at higher risk(you can go but at your own risk)
- All passengers in your vehicle must have their temperature checked during entrance to camp, even if they are not staying
 - If anyone in the vehicle has a high temperature, everyone in the vehicle will be sent home



Mask Wearing

- Proper face coverings must be worn at all times on camp property
- The only exceptions to this rule are
 - When eating dinner while practicing social distancing
 - When in your personal vehicle



Temperature Checks

- Temperature checks will be done at check-in
- High readings on these checks will result in isolating the affected individual, and removing them from camp if necessary



Hand Washing

- We will make available locations to wash and/or sanitize hands throughout the day
- We encourage participants to bring their own hand sanitizer to allow for additional sanitizing whenever they feel necessary



Event Changes

- Limited capacity to a maximum of 70 participants
- Limited event staff
- Smaller Nimat groups
- No tool sharing during service project
- Removed Handclasp and limited Admonition use during Trail
- No holding hands during Song
- Distributed and socially distanced dinner
- Smaller ceremonies with modifications to conform to guidelines



Enforcement

- Failure to follow the health rules put in place, or the instructions of any staff member in regards to participant safety will result in your removal from camp



Takeaways

- Start writing your Letter to the Lodge
 - Get it done with before the event so you aren't scrambling once there, it is your entrance ticket to the Brotherhood Trail!
- Visit Jumpstart to study
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- Look at the study guide
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Questions?

- Reach out at brotherhood@lodge104.net if anything comes up



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