



# OCCONEECHEE LODGE ORDER OF THE ARROW

## Welcome to the OA

Welcome Arrowman to the Order of the Arrow (OA)! This booklet contains resources and information that may help you along your Scouting journey in the OA.

First off, you need to know what being in the Order of the Arrow is all about.

- You were chosen by your fellow scouts because you embodied the Scout Oath and Law.
- By accepting the Ordeal, you have shown your willingness to perform cheerful service.
- The OA emphasizes giving back to fellow scouts and community.

## What are the opportunities for progression in the OA?

Now that you've completed your ordeal, the gleaming gates of the OA have swung wide to give you entry into this new and exciting part of your life.

**Ordeal:** Your first step toward full membership in the Order.

**First Year Arrowman:** a rigorous award that a member can only earn and receive in their first year in the OA. (Please view the award criteria found in this booklet)

**Brotherhood:** an opportunity for members to reaffirm their belief in the high purposes of the Order. To achieve this, you must complete the Brotherhood Trail during Spring Pow-Wow, Fall Fellowship, or on selected days during Summer Camp at Camp Durant.

**Vigil:** an honor nomination for those who excel at helping others outside of their responsibilities or position of office. This can be through the Lodge, OA, scouting community and/or scout camp. A minimum of two years as a Brotherhood member is required before one can be nominated by others.

## Survived the ordeal. Now what?

To help guide you on your path, you have been welcomed into your local OA chapter.



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- Your first step is to give your email/ preferred form of contact to the chapter so they can inform you of lodge events, chapter meetings, and upcoming elections. Also, it's a good way to stay connected with your friends and fellow OA members.
- Secondly, being involved in your chapter really helps with things like...
  - Picking your chapter's theme for OA events.
  - Helping to decide on service projects and other chapter endeavors.
  - Coordinating carpools so all your companions may join you in the quest for the arrow.
- Serving on the annual OA election teams is a great way to help the Lodge.
  - By serving on election teams you are helping ensure that other enthusiastic and noble scouts will follow in your footsteps and soon join the Brotherhood.
  - By serving on an election team you're also working towards The First Year Arrow Man Award which is explained in further detail later on in this booklet.
- Finally, a great way to get involved in your chapter is to take a position of leadership. By becoming a leader, you can help mentor and guide the new Arrowmen that join your chapter every year.

## What's happening? Annual events:

SPRING POW-WOW, the third weekend of March.

SPRING INDUCTIONS, the third weekend of May.

FALL FELLOWSHIP, the third weekend of Sept.

WINTER BANQUET, the first weekend of Dec.



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Be sure to mark your calendars and sign up! You can register in advance for all annual events at [lodge104.net](http://lodge104.net) under Lodge event registration. Make sure your chapter has your email so the Lodge can send you registration reminders.

## So many choices! Fun lodge opportunities.

Trade-o-ree- patch trading. Each lodge produces their own patches. You obtain patches from other lodges by trading with members of the order. What will become your prized patch?

Grass dancing-learning ceremonial dance.

Drumming- learning ceremonial drumming (this group played on the night of your ordeal).

Ceremony team- learning and leading the Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies.

Conclave- The SR-7B Conclave is a gathering of over 1,000 Arrowmen that occurs once a year in April at a Boy Scout Camp in our Section. In short, it's a great weekend of fun, training, and fellowship!

## Cheerful service!

During the annual events you have the opportunity to do service projects to help Camp Durant continue to develop and promote scouting. There are many leadership opportunities in the Lodge and Chapter, to mentor and give back to your scouting community.

## Bound for Brotherhood

The next step in the OA is becoming a Brotherhood member. Don't panic! This does not involve another Ordeal! Brotherhood membership means that you strive to fill your obligation and bring a higher vision of Brotherhood to your lodge and chapter. The first steps along the path to Brotherhood are...

1. **Learning the signs for OA membership**
2. **Remain active and serving your unit and lodge for 6 months.**



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3. Advancing in your understanding of your ordeal.
4. And finally pledging to continue in service to your unit lodge.

## Online info:

[lodge104.net](http://lodge104.net)- this possesses all the information you need about upcoming events and news about what's going on in the Lodge.

## Always remember your 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, Wingolauschik, 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.

Here's to your growth in the  
Brotherhood!



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A test of will. Will your arrow shoot fast and true? The first year Arrowman award requirements:



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First Year Arrowman Award  
Occoneechee Lodge

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of your Induction: \_\_\_\_\_

## Requirements Lodge Activities

- 1) Attend at least two Lodge events other than your Induction
- 2) Achieve Brotherhood membership in the Lodge.
- 3) Do ONE of the following (please circle):
  - a) Participate in the Lodge One Day of Service (Service Chairman)
  - b) Serve as an Elangomat for at least one Ordeal weekend (Ordeal Chairman)
  - c) Join the Lodge cook crew, and prepare and serve means for at least one Lodge event (Food Chairman)
  - d) Join the Tipi staff as either a writer or a photographer. Cover at least one Lodge event, submitting an article or photos to the Tipi (Tipi Chairman).
  - e) Take part in another Lodge service project approved in advance by the Lodge Chief (Lodge Chief)
  - f) Participate in at least two lodge ceremonies during an Induction weekend, either as a principal or as a torchbearer. (Presence as an alternate or back-up principal counts as participation)
  - g) Participate as a dancer or as a singer in a lodge or section level Pow-Wow.

## Completion Signature and Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge Chief or Chapter Chief      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Brotherhood Committee Chair      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Specified Committee Chair      Date



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## Chapter and Unit Activates

- 4) Attend at least four meetings of your Chapter
- 5) Do ONE of the following (please circle):
- a) Serve on a unit election team and help conduct at least three unit elections
- b) Assist in a chapter camping promotion effort. Reach out in person to at least three units to promote Camp Durant and the Council camping program.
- c) Participate in at least two chapter ceremonies, either as a principal or as a torchbearer. (Presence as an alternate or back-up principal counts as participation)
- d) Take part in another chapter service project approved in advance by the Chapter Chief
- 6) Demonstrate troop participation in the spirit of cheerful service at meetings and campouts
- Chapter Chief or Adviser      Date
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- Senior Patrol Leader or Scoutmaster      Date

## Useful Contact Information

Position	Email
Lodge Chief	chief@lodge104.net
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Service Chairman	service@lodge104.net
Ordeal Chairman	ordealcommittee@lodge104.net
Food Chairman	food@lodge104.net
Tipi Chairman	tipi@lodge104.net
Chapter Chief and Advisers	See the New Member Packet