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Fall Ordeal Camp Thunder Aug 18—20

Fall Ordeal is almost here and all Arrowmen are needed to help make it a success for the candidates who will soon be new members. The cost for the weekend is \$15.00 which covers all your meals and crackerbarrels. This year's feast will be awesome... bring on the BEEF!

If you have never attended a Lodge activity, now is the time. We like to say that the troop comes first, but most troops have candidates, so coming to help at Ordeal is helping your troop, as well as others. Without you, the Ordeal can't happen, so step up and pay back a little of what others have done for you.

What can you do?

- Be an Elangomat Clan Support Person
- Service Chapter Arrowman Clan
- Ceremony Team Event Staff
- Transportation Encouragement
- Remind the candidates in your troop who missed the Spring Ordeal, this is their last chance!

Heard of the "Leadership in Service Award"? Your service hours at Ordeal count toward the "Service to Camp" portion of the award. You can get one whole requirement finished this weekend.

Fall Ordeal—Not Just for Candidates. Your fellow Arrowmen need you. The Candidates need you.

With you—we have a great Ordeal experience for the candidates. Without you... Well it just can't happen.

Just \$15.00

What's an Elangomat???? According to the Lenne Lenape dictionary, and *Elangomat* is a friend. A Brother who guides a clan through the Ordeal, literally going through the Ordeal again themselves... this time as an older friend and guide.

The candidates need a good friend to show them the way, help them meet the 4 tests, and make sure they have a safe and meaningful Ordeal.

If you appreciate the fact that someone helped you, then this may be your opportunity to serve, to pass on the gift that was given to you.

ADULT ARROWMEN: READ THIS PLEASE

We are unable to mail candidates who did not go through the Spring Ordeal another letter or reminder. It is critically important that YOU notify the scouts in your troop that have been elected but not attended the Ordeal. This is the last chance this year. If they do not attend in August, they will have to stand for election again.

SO... PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CANDIDATES KNOW WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY NEED TO DO TO ATTEND THE ORDEAL.

There is a Candidate letter posted on the Lodge website at [//ini-to324.org](http://ini-to324.org), click on "Info for Candidates, Parents, NonMember". If you are asked for a password, just keep hitting enter until it lets you in. The candidate fee is \$30 and they need to preregister by August 15.

WE NEED ARROWMEN, TOO! PLEASE HELP IF YOU HAVE CANDIDATES, BE SURE TO SEND ARROWMEN TO HELP OUT . THANKS



VIGIL SELECTION is UNDERWAY >>> YOU CAN BE A PART OF IT.

The brothers listed below are the ones who are eligible to be elected to the Vigil Honor this year. To be eligible, an arrowman must have been a Brotherhood member for two years, be registered in Scouting, and be an active (ie dues must be paid up) Lodge member. If a name has been left off the list, please contact John Kominsky at Jkominsky@bellsouth.net immediately. This is considered public notice.

According to the "Guide to Officers and Advisers": *The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their council Scout camp.*

Selection is carried out by a committee of youth members of the Lodge. This year we can propose no more than 5 arrowmen to the vigil honor. Selection committee is expected to meet in mid August.

In order to help the selection committee, anyone wishing to nominate someone from this list is encouraged to do so. Please Include Scouting history, OA history and service record, OA Office/adviserships held, camping accomplishments, Camp staff experience, and a paragraph about why you think this person is a leader in cheerful service of others, especially in scouting. How have they distinguished themselves?

Your nominations are important and will weigh heavily on the deliberations of the committee. Please contact Dale Carley (770-227-9586) or dalescout@mindspring.com if you have any questions.

FName	LName	Chap	Age	FName	LName	Chap	Age	FName	LName	Chap	Age
KARL	SWAB	EC	Y	KELLEY	CHAMBERS	TO	Y	JAY	FRALISH	EC	A
JUSTIN	BEVERLY	TO	Y	LESLIE	FAGIN	TO	A	CHUCK	KELLEY	EC	A
AARON	MC DOWELL	EC	Y	OTIS	BROOM	KU	A	ROBERT	CALLAWAY	TO	A
JAMES	BROOM	KU	Y	PAUL	KELLY	CO	A	JOHN	WEISS	EC	A
JARROD	FREEMAN	TU	Y	DARRELL	JACKSON	KU	A	RONALD	MORTON	TU	A
MATT	BARNES	TO	Y	TODD	BARNES	TO	A	DEBBY	STIKES	TO	A
ADAM	GAZAWAY	CO	Y	SCOTT	HUCKABY	KU	A	JOHN	LEPORE	CO	A
CHRIS	HOLCOMB	CO	Y	SCOTT	ALLEN	EC	A	L F	HOLCOMB	CO	A
A J	LEPORE	CO	Y	JEFFREY	ELLIOTT	TO	A	WILLIAM	RICE	EC	A
DAVID	MC DOWELL	EC	Y	ANN	KOMINSKY	EC	A	JOHN	YOUMANS	TO	A
JAY	SCHORTINGHOUSE	Y		STEVE	HILL	TU	A	CHRIS	TYBURSKI	EC	A
STUART	VASSEY	EC	Y	JIM	CHURCHILL	CO	A	TIMOTHY	JUSTICE	TU	A
ANDREW	DEGROOT	EC	Y	JAMES	MC CARTHY	CO	A	HAROLD	O'SHIELDS	CO	A
WILL	MC CRANIE	EC	Y	MIKE	POLK	TO	A	STEVE	MC DOWELL	EC	A
TOBEY	HILL	TU	Y	LESLIE	KELLEY	EC	A	JOHN	TRIGGS	TU	A

National Order of the Arrow Conference Update:

Ini-To Lodge is sending a contingent of 18 Arrowmen (plus one staff member) to NOAC. They depart for Michigan State Univerisy in East Lansing Mich on July 29 and return Aug 5. This is a year if firsts for our NOAC trip. First: our largest contingent ever. First time flying. First time with a Founder's Day Booth where we will celebrate the state bird—the mosquito! First time with a museum display, where the world will get to see our Lodge Flap collection in a brand new standing display! Gonna be one heck-of-a trip.



COOL NOAC Flap for Sale

If you want one of these beauties, you better act now! There is a blue breasted NOAC flap, A silver breasted Contingent flap, and a backpatch. The flaps are \$10 ea, and the backpatch is \$20. The set is \$40. This sale is a fundraiser.

You can order these now by emailing: Jkominsky@bellsouth.net. Please be clear about what you want. Sales are first come/first served until they are gone.

Act now as there is no guarantee that there will be any left after NOAC



Congratulations. You made it! You are now full fledged members of the Order of the Arrow and the Ini-To Lodge. Be sure to take advantage of all the benefits membership has to offer.

Wondering where to start? Well, since most of the chapters don't meet during June and July, and the next Lodge event (Ordeal "C") is not until August, here are some suggestions. First, if you have internet, check out **Jump Start** on the OA web site. All the info you need is on the sidebar of this page. Next, get out that brand new OA handbook and Lodge handbook you got when you finished your Ordeal. In 30 minutes, you'll find out a lot about the OA.

Being a good arrowman starts in your troop. You can really make a difference by helping the newer boys become great scouts like you. Especially the guys that crossed over from We-

belos this year. A lot of new OA members go for the "Troop OA Representative" position, a great place to get some leadership experience between Patrol Leader and SPL. And, of course, keep on campin'.

Chapter and Lodge meetings are also a fun way to meet and hang out with scouts your own age. These activities are always fun, but also help you gain the knowledge to help your troop, like how to hold an OA election, or experience some new things that maybe your troop doesn't do, or even become involved in an OA ceremony team. For example, at Fall Fellowship in October, not only will we have OA election team training, we will be making Native American blow gun darts and have a blow gun shooting contest.

Come and be a part of all this, it's the only way you can really find out what membership is really like....

FALL FELLOWSHIP SEPT 29-OCT 1

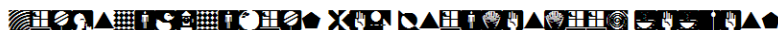
Put it on your calendar now

Fall fellowship will be our final celebration of the Lodge's Sixtieth Anniversary. You can look forward to special activities designed for youth and adult.

We can't let the cat out of the bag quite yet, but if you've been around camp Thunder very much, you may have seen 3 new rappelling towers going up. The TOP DOG is over 60 ft high with a ZIP LINE all the way to the River!



A Special thanks go out to all the arrowmen who served on camp staff this year. You have truly seen the arrow! You are the backbone of scouting. You are Camp Thunder!



On July 12 17 Brothers sealed their membership in the Order during a ceremony held at Camp Thunder. Way to go Guys! These guys started their Journey in their Ordeal, and are now on the path of true Brotherhood in Service.

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