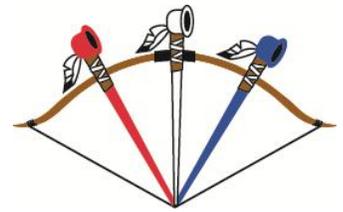


Order of the Arrow in Camp

Witauchsoman Lodge # 44

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The Order of the Arrow (OA) is the Scouting's National Honor Society. Their mission 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. Its purpose is: to recognize those scouts and scouters who have given extreme service to their unit and best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives, to promote camping and the camping spirit, to develop leaders with character, and to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

The OA serves as a service task force for the camps and the camping spirit. They promote both year long and residential camping through several events and organizations. They hold two annual service weekends as well as several weekends as needed at our Council's Camps. The OA is an integral part of camping and the Boy Scouts of America.

But the OA isn't just about service. The Order of the Arrow has many events where working never takes place. The OA holds a NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference) every two years. For one week arrowmen from around the country invade a college campus. There are plenty of competitions and games as well as useful training. The OA offers a weekend called, a Conclave, filled with fun and fellowship, with 4 of the closest lodges in our area. Held at the host lodge's council camp, you can meet new friends as well as participating in some really cool stuff. The OA offers their own specific high adventure programs which allow for you to participate in more programs than an average high adventure trek for a fraction of the price. These are just some of the programs available for both active youth and adults.

WEDNESDAY is OA Day at camp. OA members are encouraged to show their lodge spirit by wearing OA class B t-shirts throughout the day and their OA sash when wearing the Class A uniform.

WEDNESDAY EVENING the OA performs their public recognition ceremony, known as the Call-Out. Arrangements for those who will be called out should be made with the *OA Summer Camp Coordinator* at Sunday check-in. All Troops should attend the ceremony.



Some Important Notes

- The contact person for the Order of the Arrow in camp is the *OA Summer Camp Coordinator*. Any questions may be directed towards him. To find out who is the *OA Summer Camp Coordinator*, talk to the Camp Director.
- All elections for the nomination of candidates must have taken place before summer camp. NO elections will be conducted at summer camp. Please bring a copy of your unit elections results so that any misunderstandings are avoided.
- If your unit is not from Minsi Trails Council, Witauchsoman Lodge #44 cannot call-out your candidates without proper authorization. You must have a signed letter from your Lodge Chief or Lodge Adviser including the names who should be recognized. This letter must be given to the Camp's *OA Summer Camp Coordinator* at Sunday check in.
- Witauchsoman Lodge #44 merchandise is being sold in the trading post. Feel free to stop by and check out our current lodge flap and other items.
- Any help from arrowmen for Wednesday night's call-out ceremony will be greatly appreciated. Whether you like making humongous fires or just enjoy adding to the fires of cheerfulness, they can always use a hand.

