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## SCOUT SHOW

It all started Friday night with a group of volunteers going to the Salt Palace to begin putting up wooden framework to house a series of scouting booths the following morning - Saturday, March 28, 1981.

Early Saturday morning, scout leaders and Order of the Arrow men began showing up to prepare the booths for public display that afternoon. Spare lodge members were on hand throughout the day to help where needed. Displays by lodge members included Indian Dancing, Indian Lore, Indian Foods, Backpacking, Indian crafts and beadwork.

Fire Prevention, Fatch Trading, general OA information, and Camping

Safety booths. For the efforts of these members, our lodge scored

100 of a possible 100 points. Other lodge members ushered at the doors both taking tickets and giving directions.

The lodge officers would like to extend a Thank You to all Arrowmen who helped in the Scout Show effort:

## \$100,000?

In early March, a tribute and Thank You dinner was held in honor of Senator Wallace F. Bennett for his great service to Scouting. To participate in the ceremony, several Eagle Scouts were selected from among lodge members to serve as honor guard at the dinner. Lodge members were in full uniform dress and made an excellent showing at the dinner for the Council, the Lodge, and Scouting. Following, a delicious dinner, Lodge Chief Robert Merrill paid Senator Bennett a Tribute narrating a brief slide presentation on his accomplishments and presenting him with a plack from the BSA for his dedicated service to Scouting. Again, many thanks are in order to all who gave their time in support of the Lodge and Council in this fine event.



Lodge members should note the requirement of reregistration in the individual home units to remain a lodge member. All DA members must retain registration in their individual troops and should support their units first. After service to home units and registration at home, lodge dues and activity may occur.

## an old history...

The Order of the Arrow was founded by E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915 at the Treasure Island Scout Camp of the Philadelphia Council of the Boy Scouts of America. It became an official program experiment in 1922 and was approved as part of the Scout program in 1934. It was completely adopted as a part of the national camping program in 1943 as the national brotherhood of honor campers of the Boy Scouts of America.

Dr. Coodman as camp director of Treasure Island Scout Camp in Philadelphia observed that when Scouts came to camp, there were often individuals who shirked their duties or went about them in a grouchy way. He knew that this negative attitude on the part of the individuals reduced the efficiency and the ability of the unit to work together as a group.

Discussing this problem with Carrol A. Edson, the assistant camp director. Dr. Goodman, expressed his concern about the lack of Scouting Spirit in the individual units throughout the Scouting program. Together, the two men started working on a program to encourage the development of Scouting Spirit through the close observance of the Scout Oath and Law. They realized, however, that such a task could not be accomplished through conversation or lecturing alone, but for the Scouting Spirit to spread, it must start with the boys themselves. From their experience as Scout "asters, the founders knew that in every unit there were members. who by virtue of their dedication to the Scout Oath and Law. distinguished themselves in cheerful service to the extent that they inspired others to similar dedication. They recognized the importance of these living examples of the Scouting Spirit, and decided that maybe the answer was right there within each and every unit, and that if they could dramatize the importance of it enough. the spirit of cheerful service would spread.

Together, the founding fathers set out and asked the members of each unit to select, fo the highest camping honor, those in their unit or troop who most inspired them in the ideals of Scouting - particularly in cheerfulness and service. They knew that this selection would both help all of the Scouts in the troop to become aware of these qualities and would also encourage those selected to maintain these qualities so they could be true examples to their fellow Scouts. The founders realized that these representatives from the units would be very responsive to further instruction in the ideals of Scouting, to the point that they could become "Inspirational Leaders" to their units. Advantage was taken of this fact by developing a character building device and having all the representatives take part in this training. This was designed to give the representatives inspiration themselves, and to make it possible for them to transmit

the meaning of cheerful service to all of the scouts in their home units.

## attention!

It is that time of year again when chapter officers venture out into different troops and hold elections for new candidates to join the Order of the Arrow. There are certain ways for preparing troops for these elections before the chapter election teams visit the troops. First, the troop should be notified by mail and/or phone call that it is now time for OA elections. Then, a second contact should be made with the unit leader to set a specific place and time for the election to be held. This may be at a Klondike derby, Council or District camporee, at a stake or group Court of Honor, or in a regularly scheduled troop meeting. The time should be set at the convience of the Scoutmaster, not at a hard and fast time set by the election team.

After these first steps have been taken care of, the election team should visit the troop according to the time and place set earlier - BE PROMPT! If a problem arises with the preset meeting time, the Arrowan in charge of that election should call the scoutmaster at least three days in advance to reset the time. or should find a replacement team. When the team visits the troop. every effort should be made to appear neat and orderly - All arrowmen MUST be either in a complete scout uniform or in complete Indian costume - DO NOT WEAR STREET CLOTHES TO AN ELECTION. For an election to be held, at least 50% of the boy members of the troop must be present - if this is not so, the election team should set a new time for election and leave. If these conditions exist in the troop, the election may then be conducted as illustrated in the ORDER OF THE ARROW HANDBOOK. Remember to hold strictly to the requirements for membership of 15 days and nights of scout camping including one long term camp of 6 days or more. First class scout, active and registered in troop, and elect no more than are eligible according to the chart on page 51 of the ORDER OF THE ARROW HANDBOOK.

Elections must be recorded on lodge election forms available from the lodge secretary, Martin Keutel. If no election is held and the Scoutmaster refuses to reschedule a time or if for any other reason no election is held, the election form should still be filled out with a signiture on the top line indicating that contact has been made by the chapter and that no election will be held this year. This will insure that the chapter receives credit for contacting that troop.

#### Order of the Arrow

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:

- 1. To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.
- 2. To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.
- 3. To promote Scout camping.
- 4. To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

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MEMBERSHIP The Order has over 150,000 members located in lodges affiliated with more than 400 local BSA councils.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

To become a member, a young man must be a registered Scout or Explorer who has earned the First Class progress award. He also must have experienced a minimum of 15 days and nights of Scout camping (including a long-term camp). Scouts are elected to the Order by their fellow troop members. \*

#### INDUCTION

The induction ceremony, called the Ordeal, is conducted at Scout camp, and is the first step toward full membership. During the Ordeal, candidates maintain complete silence, receive small amounts of food, work on camp improvement projects, and are required to sleep apart from other campers.

#### BROTHERHOOD MEMBER

After 10 months of service, a member may take part in the Brotherhood ceremony, which places further emphasis on the ideals of Scouting and the Order. Participation in this ceremony signifies full membership in the OA.

## VIGIL HONOR

After 2 years as a Brotherhood member, and with the approval of the national Order of the Arrow committee, a Scout may be recognized with the Vigil Honor for outstanding service to Scouting, his lodge, and the community.

#### LODGES

The local Order of the Arrow lodge is granted a charter from the National Council, BSA, which is applied for by the local council. By fulfilling its purpose, the OA lodge helps the local council provide a quality Scouting program for boys.

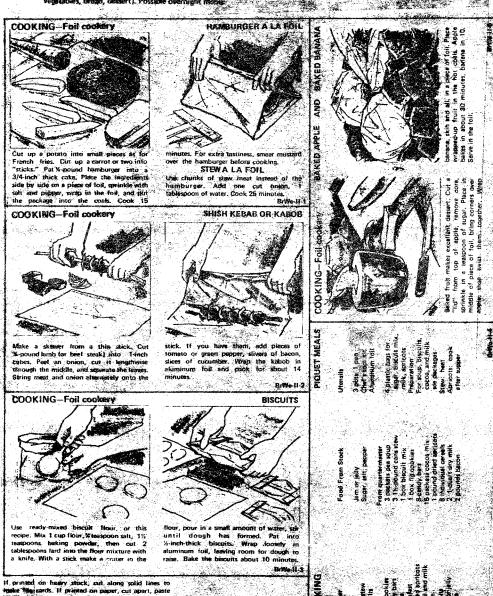
#### SECTIONS

An Order of the Arrow section consists of eight to twelve local lodges. Once every year, representatives of lodges in the section come together for a concleve. Every 2 years all of the 59 elected section chiefs form the conference committee for the national Order of the Arrow conference.

#### Camping Hint of the Month

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COUTCRAFTFILE.



#### SPRING INTO SCOUTING

An Introduction to Scouting for Webelos Cub Scouts

#### **SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

Here is an opportunity for the Order of the Arrow Lodge to give service to potential members of Boy Scout troops.

The "Spring Into Scouting" program is tailored to interest the Webelos Cub Scout in the Boy Scout program while still an active Webelos Scout. The program not only involves the ten to eleven year old boy, but also gives the older Scout an opportunity to participate in a leadership role.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of "Spring Into Scouting" is to provide an outdoor experience for each Webelos Cub Scout, his Webelos Den Leader, and of course, the Webelos' father. The program is designed specifically to give the young Webelos Cub Scout a true taste of what Boy Scouting at its best is all about through a fun-filled, interesting and educational experience.

In forming the one-night weekend program, the responsibility for resource personnel and general leadership is given to the local Order of the Arrow lodge; allowing the older Scouts, especially the Arrowmen, an opportunity not only to act as skill instructors, but also to learn leadership skills indirectly while serving the council by demonstrating Scouting skills to potential Boy Scouts. This program is not intended to detract from the lodge's responsibilities to the council's outdoor program, nor from the Arrowman's basic responsibilities to his own troop. It is intended, however, to add to council's overall program after the lodge has established itself as the promoter of a good outdoor program. It is also intended to supplement the council's present Webelos Cub Scout weekend by supplying leadership potential and talent.

#### PROGRAM

The main concept in planning the program is to incorporate Scouting skills into a competitive, fun weekend. Webelos Scouts learn without realizing that they are learning. The schedule of events can be one of two programs and ultimately a combination of the two.

The first program is oriented towards the younger Webelos who has had little chance to earn any of the activity badges on his way to earning his Arrow of Light Award. This particular plan can include such activity badge skills as pertain to Aquanaut, Athlete, Forester, Geologist, Naturalist, Outdoorsman, and Sportsman. This allows the Webelos Cub Scout a chance to work on several different badges which relate in one way or another to the weekend outdoor experience.

The other outline is oriented towards really giving the Webelos Cub Scout a view of Scouting. It can incorporate such activities as Archery, Rifle Range, Scout Skills Competition and "Show and Do" events, not to mention the natural Scouting skills which they can learn by an experienced hand as they set-up camp and live there overnight.

Either outline or both can be incorporated into a weekend event.

#### SCHEDULE

Friday	_	6:00 - 7:00 p.m	Check-In		
•		Eat before arriving	or bring a "nose-bag" meal		
		7:00 p.m.	Set-up camp		
		8:15 p.m.	Meet to go to campfire		
		8:30 p.m.	Campfire		
		9:15 p.m.	Cracker Barrel		
		9:45 p.m.	Taps and retire		
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Saturday	-	7:00 a.m.	Rise and shine		
		7:30 a.m.	Breakfast		
		8:30 a.m.	Flag Ceremony		
		8:45 a.m.	Program Activities		
		11:45 a.m.	Prepare Lunch		
		1:00 p.m.	Program Activities including events	"Show and	i Do"
		3:30 р.ш.	Break camp		
		4:15 p.m.	Closing Ceremonies		
		4:30 p.m.	Have a safe trip home!		

Additional guidelines and ideas can be found in the publication Webelos Woods, Cat. #3838 available through your local council.

An explanation of the purpose, program, schedule, what to bring, costs, etc., should be sent out early enough to allow time to receive reservations in order to prepare properly for the event. An appropriate patch for the weekend is highly recommended which would be given to each participant, funded through the reservation fees. This weekend would be scheduled in early spring and/or early fall.

The purpose of this program is to provide service to the council in recruitment of new Scouts and leaders from the Webelos program in cooperation with existing Webelos' outdoor events, to promote Scout camping and to further the understanding of Scouting and the Order of the Arrow.

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April	16	OA Lodge Meeting 7:3	0 PM Scout Service Center
April	24-25	OA Section Conference (Cost - 311.00)	e (Camp Kiesel, Ogden)
May	1-2	District Camporees	
May	21	OA Lodge Meeting 7:3	0 PM Scout Service Center
June	25-27	Spring Ordeal (East	Fork of the Bear)
July Augu <b>s</b> t	23 <b>-</b> 6	Mational Scout Jambo Fort AP Hill Virgini	
August 10-14		OA National Conferen	ce (Austin Texas)
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## pow wow

This year, the Merit Badge Fow Mow was a big success for the Lodge. The EL-KU-Ta lodge rendered such services at the pow wow as teaching merit badge classes, acting as guides and information personnel, and other such capacities.

One of the many merit badges taught by lodge members was the Indian Lore Merit Badge. This class seemed to fascinate many of the scouts and served as good positive publicity for our lodge. Jay Brummett taught Indian Hoop Dancing the second week of the class - see below.





## the show

There are many ceremonies in the Order of the Arrow, but probably the most memorable one was the Ordeal ceremony. The exhilarating fatigue that comes from working hard with very little food amid the excitement of a secret ceremony heightens the experience of the Ordeal. So it is important to the success of the Order of the Arrow that every lodge put on the best ceremony possible - one that may leave this lasting impression not only among the new candidates each year, but among the membership of the lodge as well.

The ceremonies in the Order of the Arrow are helpful in showing its members to learn and feel its high purpose. Each Arrowman should have earned the exclusive privilege of learning the concepts aimed at developing leadership abilities through a safeguarded ceremonial induction. Each arrowman should also know all passwords, signs, countersigns, and secluded sites that were shown you in your ceremonies, and should always keep these things in mind - especially when attending a ceremony as a member.

Ceremonies play an important role in the activities of the Order of the Arrow. They should be conducted in a manner that is in harmony with national policy and the spirit of the Order. The ceremonies should be dramatic and held in an appropriate setting with proper use of Indian costumes and council fire techniques. A ceremonial team's checklist should be used and can be found on page 88 of the ORDER OF THE ARROW HANDBOOK. Whether your lodge succeeds or fails depends to a great extent upon the quality of its ceremonies. As the summer ordeal approaches, keep in mind that we, the lodge membership, are honoring the new candidates, not bossing or teasing them. Simplicity and seriousness provide the atmosphere essential to a dignified and inspiring ceremony.

NOTE: There is no national or lodge ceremony printed for the Tapout ceremony - each chapter should use creativity and good judgement to develop its own ceremony abiding by the applicable rules in the ORDER OF THE ARROW HANDBOOK. Information concerning other lodge ceremonies may be obtained from the lodge ceremonies DVC - Glenn Briggs.

### On the trail to Brotherhood

Your completion of the ordeal sets you on the next part of your "long and toilsome journey"; at least ten months of active preparation for sealing your membership in the Order of the Arrow by the Brotherhood Ceremony.

The Ordeal has introduced you to mysteries of the Arrow. Now, during your service as an Ordeal member, you have ample opportunity to increase your knowledge of the arrow and to make it work for you.

This article will provide you with the basic information that you will require during this important time. Your brothers in the Order of the Arrow stand ready to help you also, and you should take advantage of their support wherever possible.

You must meet five challanges before you can enter the circle of brotherhood. The first of these should be met now. The nest three require steady effort over a period of many months. The last challenge you must meet after you are satisfied that you are meeting the first four.

Challenge 1: Memorize the signs of Arrow Membership

Challenge 2: Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal

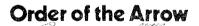
Challenge 3: Serve your unit

Challenge 4: Plan for service in the lodge

Challenge 5: Review your progress - send a letter of explanation to your lodge secretary.

The lodge urges every member of the order to seal his membership in the Order through the brotherhood ceremony. In the coming year, Brotherhood ceremonies will be held at 3 month intervals for the convenience of the membership. For a more detailed description of brotherhood requirements, please see the ORDER OF THE ARROW FAYDROOM.





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