

## Candidate Calling Out Ceremony

The lodge uses public recognition of Ordeal Candidates to achieve the first purpose of the Order: To recognize those campers - Scouts, and Scouters - who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves in such manner as to warrant recognition.

One such recognition is a public calling out ceremony or call out that occurs between the time of the unit election and the Ordeal. The call out honors each candidate individually in such a way that non-members strive to achieve election. The call out is not necessarily the notice to the candidate of his election to the Order. The election results may or may not be announced at the close of the election, and the lodge confirms them with a letter offering congratulations and the date of the first Ordeal available to the candidate.

The call out helps the lodge achieve the purpose of the Order, and thus the lodge needs to offer it regularly in a dignified and uplifting manner. However, the call is not part of the inducting sequence. Candidates participate when the opportunity is offered to their unit or not at all. If the call out is staged by the troop, it is best performed by brotherhood members.

## Staging the Ceremony

In staging the call out ceremony, the lodge has three objectives:

- To impress upon non-member Scouts the honor that the candidates have achieved. - To impress upon the candidate the importance of taking the Ordeal. - To impress upon parents and Scouters that the lodge is a well-run organization worthy of their support. Thus, the ceremony must be well rehearsed and flawlessly presented.

Considerable variation is possible in the staging of the call out permitting its use in different circumstances. The only requirements are that the audience be seated where it can see and hear clearly and comfortably and that it be presented in a dignified and uplifting manner.

The ceremony is especially suitable for a Camporee or summer camp campfire. Favor settings where the candidate, his troop and his parents can be present. Share events where the other activities are conducive to a thoughtful, dignified presentation of the ceremony and where the ceremony can be the highlight of the program. Avoid letting the ceremony be just another of a long, dull set of award presentations.

If it is customary in the troop to read ceremonies, then the text may be read; otherwise it must be fully memorized. Paraphrasing the text is not permitted.

In staging the ceremony, give first consideration to the comfort, convenience and safety of the spectators. Your target audience is the eleven-year-old non-member. His attention span is short. Avoid long hikes, long periods of silence, and long periods with nothing happening. Conduct the ceremony in conjunction with another activity so that the overhead of gathering the Scouts, etc. is shared with the other activity. Choose a location that is safe and convenient.

Any physical contact (such as touching a candidate's shoulder) is to be symbolic in nature only. Any touching of a candidate must not in any manner present the possibility of injury. Placing any substance, such as mud, paint, etc. is strictly prohibited. There must be nothing in the ceremony process that could be interpreted as hazing or as being physically or mentally demeaning.

## Props and Regalia

The speakers wear the American Indian dress approved by their own lodge and the Supreme Chief of the Fire (Scout Executive). As with any ceremony, they must also all be members of the Order of the Arrow who are under 21. An arrowhead shaped candelabra holding fifteen candles is placed at a convenient location within the view of the audience.

When the ceremony is conducted with another activity it shares the setting of that activity. Thus, a campfire, lit or unlit, is present when the ceremony is held with a parent's night campfire at summer camp. However, in order to focus attention, no other props or decorations are introduced except a candelabra and candles.

Kickinets and the candidates each require a candle. The candidates keep the candles. Each of these candles must have a wax guard. The guard is made from one half of a 3x5 index card snugly fitted around the middle of the candle to prevent wax from dripping on the hand.

Each candidate is given a letter congratulating him on his election and giving details of available Ordeals plus Booklet #1 "Upon a Lofty Journey" of the Brotherhood matrix. No tokens of any kind are allowed to be given to the candidates.

## National Committee Adopts Policy

The national Order of the Arrow committee has deemed that the following policy on face paint is in the best interest of the Boy Scouts of America and the Order.

**Rules regarding appropriate dances and dance clothing** have been published and made available to every Order of the Arrow lodge dance team. These rules have not touched upon the use of face paint, body paint or wigs. With the apparent increase in the use of these items among Order of the Arrow dance teams and ceremonies teams, it is felt that a statement of policy concerning their use by Order of the Arrow members is due. The use of face paint, body paint and wigs by non-American Indians is offensive to many American Indian people and thus should be discouraged as inappropriate for Order of the Arrow members. Face paint, body paint and wigs will not be permitted in social or **competition dancing** or in ceremonies or ceremonies competition during any Order of the Arrow event.

## The Ceremony

This is the approved text for calling out candidates for Ordeal membership in the Order of the Arrow. The front sections give directions for presenting this ceremony. When performing this ceremony you are responsible for understanding and following it precisely. Direct any questions about this ceremony to the lodge Vice Chief of Inductions. If this ceremony is used, no variation in the text is permitted.

Kichkinet, carrying matches and a single candle, gets the attention of the audience using the Scout Sign. Wait in silence as long as is necessary to get attention.

When Kichkinet has the attention of the group, he lights a candle and holds it in his left hand.

**Allowat Sakima:** Fellow Scouts. When you joined Scouting you had visions of fun and adventure, of camping and hiking in our great out-of-doors. Because you are with us tonight. I am sure that you have begun to find the joy that comes from living the life of a true Scout. But your life in Scouting should have been more than just games and camping, it should be a life of the Scouting spirit. You know that Scout spirit means you live a life filled with friendship and service.

The true Scout does not just follow the easy path, but rather follows his conscience down the less traveled path. Where others get lost: he knows the signs to seek - Brotherhood. Cheerfulness. and Service. He lets the spirit of Scouting, represented by Kichkinet's candle, light his way.

**Kichkinet:** I am the Torch Bearer of the Order of the Arrow - the Brotherhood of Scout Honor Campers. I bear the light for thousands of Arrowman across our Nation who live the Spirit of Scouting.

Meteu steps forward and accepts the candle from Kichkinet. He steps behind the candelabra and makes the Scout Sign. He lights the candles at the top, and timing his actions to his words.

**Meteu:** The ideals of a true Scout are given in the Scout Oath and Law.

On my honor I will do my best To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law To help other people at all times To keep myself physically strong, mentally strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

a Scout is trustworthy

a Scout is loyal

a Scout is helpful

a Scout is friendly

a Scout is courteous

a Scout is kind

a Scout is obedient

a Scout is cheerful

a Scout is thrifty

a Scout is brave

a Scout is clean

a Scout is reverent.

The spirit of Scouting is not a single candle but the great light of the Scout Oath and Law that live in Scouts everywhere.

The members, of the Order of the Arrow, are chosen by their fellow Scouts because their lives show forth an example of the Scout Oath and Law in action. I am proud to speak of the Oath and Law on their behalf.

*Kichkinet holds up several candles as he speaks.*

**Kichkinet:** There are Scouts in our midst who are worthy to join our Order. As your name and troop number are called, by Allowat Sakima, please come and join me.

*When each candidate comes forward, Kichkinet gives the candidates a candle and directs each to Meteu. Meteu assists the candidate in lighting the candle from the spirit of Scouting candle and directs the candidate to their place in the circle. Nutiket forms the candidates in a line at a forty-five degree angle to the audience. (Or some variation to work into your lodges circle.)*

*Allowat Sakima repeats the following to each youth candidate:*

**Allowat Sakima:** The Scouts of Troop \_\_\_\_\_ have selected \_\_\_\_\_ as an example of the Scout Oath and Law in action.

*When all youth candidates have been called out and taken their places, Allowat Sakima continues with the adult call out.*

The Order of the Arrow is operated by youth members through elected officers and committees, but adults play a role as advisers. Adults are selected for the Order, not as an honor, but because each has a significant job in Scouting's outdoor program.

*Allowat Sakima repeats the following phrase for each adult candidate, substituting "she" or the full job title of district and council personal where appropriate:*

As an adult, \_\_\_\_\_ has been selected for his achievements and abilities which fulfill the purpose of the Order.

*When all adult candidates have been called out and taken their places, Allowat Sakima continues.*

Your fellow Scouts have conferred one of Scouting's greatest honors upon you. Because of the example of your lives, you have been elected as a candidate for membership in the Order of the Arrow. As a member of the Order, you may someday be able to serve even more Scouts than just those in your troop. However, the obligation of a member of the Order is a solemn one, and you have not yet been prepared to accept it. There is more that you must learn about yourself and the Order.

*Turning to the audience Allowat Sakima continues:*

Fellow Scouts, mark these candidates well. In the days ahead, look to their example. Learn from them what it means to be a Scout Honor Camper and next year you may be selected by your fellow Scouts in your troop to join us.

*Kichkinet leads the team and candidates to a nearby area where privacy can be assured.*

*(If the call out is held with any other program turn the program back to the proper person for conclusion.)*

*Kichkinet gives each candidate a sealed envelope containing directions on how to prepare for the next Ordeal and their first Spirit of the Arrow Booklet #1 "Upon a Lofty Journey". Remain in costume and act as if you are still in the circle. It is important to keep the mystery about the ceremony*

I want to congratulate you on your selection to the Order of the Arrow. However, you are not yet members. Ahead of you lies an experience that we call the Ordeal.

**Kichkinet:** You have received directions in the sealed envelope. Are there any questions?

*Answer any questions briefly and honestly. If a question can be answered by the directions in the envelope, reply "that's an excellent question. You will find the answer in your envelopes. If a candidate appears to have a special need, arrange to meet privately for further discussions.*

**Meteu:** Congratulations again on your selection to the Order. Through there is little that I can tell you now, there is one method of the Order of which I can speak. The Order uses mystery because we all enjoy knowing something that others don't. When you return to your troop, you may be asked questions about what we have discussed. The best response is to smile innocently and change the subject. To maintain the mystery of what happened here, let's all now quietly return to our troops making as little disturbance as possible.