



PORTAGE LODGE 619

# ORDER OF THE ARROW

## Events and Descriptions

Congratulations on your induction into the Order of the Arrow. As a member, you are entrusted with fulfilling the other three purposes of the Order: Promoting responsible outdoor adventure, developing leaders, and crystallizing the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others. You are a member of a "lodge," the group associated with our Boy Scout council. The Order of the Arrow acts through the lodge to express the values it has embodied since its inception in 1915: Brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. As an organization grounded in outdoor adventure and cheerful service to others, exciting opportunities await your involvement. Many of these opportunities are listed here. We look forward to seeing you at these fun and worthwhile events!

Registration links and updates for all events will be posted to the Lodge Website:

<http://Portage619.org> and featured in upcoming editions of the Lodge Portage Times newsletter.

**Ordeals:** Spring: May 6-8, 2016 at Firelands Scout Reservation/Camp Wyandot (Beaver Day)

Summer: August 12-14, 2016 at Firelands Scout Reservation/Camp Wyandot

Fall: September 9-11, 2016 at Firelands Scout Reservation/Camp Wyandot

Just like the ordeal you just went through only you are on the other side helping to make it happen for other new candidates. We serve our camp, have fun, eat well, and enjoy getting to know the other arrowmen. Each Ordeal/Fellowship has a unique theme to add to the fun.

**New Member Dinner:** September 24, 2016 Location TBD

The New Member Dinner is free for all new adult arrowmen and youth arrowmen plus one parent. This is where you learn about all of the great opportunities you have in the OA! We will have the Lodge leadership, Chapter Representatives and Committee Chairs on hand to share what they do and how you can join in if you want. This is strongly suggested for all new OA members to attend with a parent.

**Kick-Off & Fellowship:** Annual Event usually held in March at Firelands Scout Reservation

The Lodge Fellowship is when the lodge gathers for a fun weekend of service, games, fellowship, and great food. It is a fantastic way to meet and hang out with other members. Always has a fun theme and is always a good time!

**Conclave:** Rotates annually by a host Lodge in our Section which includes parts of Ohio & West Virginia

<http://conclave.aa-c4a.org>

The Conclave is an annual activity involving all six lodges in the Section C4A area. Each Conclave is led by section youth officers elected from among the member lodges at the previous year's conclave, and the event itself is prepared in cooperation with various other lodge officers. Every year a different lodge serves as the "host lodge" and the location changes to somewhere in their council. The event has a fun theme and includes training, games, good food, fellowship, competitions and a crazy auction!

# Events and Descriptions Continued

**Lodge Banquet:** November 12, 2016 location TBA

The Lodge Banquet is the annual meeting of the entire Lodge where arrowmen run for Lodge offices and are elected to next years positions. Awards and recognition are part of the program. Always a good meal with your brothers.

**ALTC—Area Leadership Training Conference:** November 4-6, 2016, Camp Lazarus, Delaware, OH

<http://altc.oa-c4.org/>

ALTC is a gathering of lodge leaders from across eastern Ohio and all of West Virginia. The conference is a one of a kind learning experience lead by some of the most skilled Arrowmen from Section C-4A and Section C-4B. Each year's program will emphasize skills to better equip lodge leadership for success within the lodge and beyond. This is fun training weekend is for youth and adults.

**NLS—National Leadership Seminar:** A few sessions offered each year in Ohio or neighboring states.

Current dates here: <http://central.oa-bsa.org/program/nls/>

The National Leadership Seminar is a weekend conference on the skills and attributes of leadership. It is intended primarily to enhance the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members . The weekend format is designed to complement the longer, more detailed Wood Badge and Junior Leadership Training Programs. Near the end of the seminar, participants make a contract with themselves to apply the skills studied in the seminar on projects in their lodge, council, and community. This is one of the BSA's finest trainings and is available only to arrowmen.

**NOAC—National Order of the Arrow Conference:** Late July/Early August Every 3-Years.

<http://www.noac2015.org/the-2018-national-order-of-the-arrow-conference/> NOAC 2018 will be held at the Indiana University. The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the premier event of the Order of the Arrow, and is Scouting's second-largest national event. Over 10,000 Arrowmen from across our nation gather for an inspirational and unforgettable experience full of fellowship, training, competitions, adventure, and fun! During NOAC, Arrowmen will participate in a six-day conference at a major University which includes top notch training sessions, cool recreational opportunities, evening shows full of theatrics and special effects, and exciting programs.

**Operation Arrow:** <http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/jambo2017/>

During the National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, July 19 to July 28, 2017. Operation Arrow staff members will support the jamboree program by joining one of three primary OA program areas: the Service Corps, the Trek Guides and the Indian Village.

**OA High Adventure:** <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/>

Various programs at all four BSA High Adventure bases. They are only open to youth aged 14 to 20, with specific ages varying by program, and are available at a substantially lower price than other programs at the base. They each include a period of service and a trek period during which the participants get to plan their own routes and experience the best of the bases. OA Canadian Odyssey or a Wildness Voyage at Northern Tier ~ OA Ocean Adventure at Florida Sea Base ~ Summit Experience at The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve ~ Trail Crew at Philmont.