

Dear Unit Leadership

The Lodge would like to request your help with the summer Ordeal process. As you know we have three Ordeal callouts at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan on the Fridays of weeks 1, 3 and 5. With the increase in attendance of scouts during these weeks of camp and at the fire it has come necessary to reinforce the proper educate for the OA weekends. We are also asking to pass this information on to the candidate's families and guests attending the fire. **There is no flash photography allowed at any of the OA fires on the weekend**, please remind your members and guest.

The Friday fire is the highlight for most campers at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan, and we wish to keep it this way. One procedural element that we would like to remind everyone of is that the only persons allowed to line up with the troop are registered campers (youth and adults) for the current week. Any guests that come in for the fire are required to sit with family camp. We want to make sure all campers for the week get to be within the first three rows of the bowl. Having your guests join the camper lines causes this three row expectation to be broken, creating limited views for campers. Breaking this expectation also makes it difficult for the ceremony team to find the candidates to be pulled at the fire. The family camp spot in the bowl provides for the best panoramic view of the entire fire and bowl.

In the past we have requested all guests to meet at family camp to be led over to the bowl. We understand that this is a long walk for the East Camp guests. With this in mind the Lodge will be making a change to the guest meeting locations. For West camp guests and Family camp guests the meeting location will remain at the country store and will leave as a group from there to meet with the East guests. For any East camp guests, they will meet at the parking lot that is at the top of the road leading to the East dining hall. Both East and West camp groups will then walk over to the trail head that leads up to the fire bowl (Lower road by the lake). Once both groups are at the trail head an OA member will explain what the OA is and the significance of the ceremony to any guests that do not know. The guests will then enter the bowl first and be seated in the family camp seating area. **No guests or campers will be allowed into the bowl early, only the ceremony team, honors master team, and rangers are allowed into the bowl before the fire. Anyone arriving early will be asked to leave the bowl and wait down the trail with family camp.** Times for each meeting location will be announced at the OA leaders meeting at camp and will also be available at the check-in table on Friday as guest come into camp.

Please also do not forget, transportation is provided to any disabled, handicap or anyone needing extra help to get to the bowl. Due to the difficult terrain and long distance do not hesitate to ask for assistance from the office staff or the honors master team.

I would also like to go over etiquette for Saturday's final ceremony for both Ordeal and Brotherhood. These ceremonies are closed door, like they were in the past, <http://www.oe-bsa.org/pages/content/ask-the-chairman-non-members-at-ceremonies> .



Only member of the OA may attend the final ceremony on Saturday, i.e. to attend the Brotherhood you must be at least a Brotherhood member in the OA, to attend the Ordeal ceremony you must be at least an Ordeal member in the OA.

Please do note that there will **NOT** be any assistance to get to these bowls, golf carts cannot traverse the trails to the bowls. All are required to walk to the bowls, the trial does require an uphill climb both ways. We apologize for any difficulties and inconvenience this may cause.

There will be two different meeting times for OA member to be lead to each of the bowls. Again, these times will be posted at each camp's main office, the admin building and will be announced at the OA leaders meeting. The first group that goes out is the Brotherhood spectators, the second group will be for any Ordeal spectators. Both groups will meet at the main administration building of camp. OA members should wait until an OA member arrives who will guide them to each bowl.

An OA adult leader information meeting will be held the first Monday of weeks 1, 3 and 5 in each camp's respective office. Each troop **MUST** send at least one representative to these meetings whether or not you have any scouts or adults to be pulled out. These meetings allow the assistant honors masters and honors master to gather ordeal medical information and arrival details as well as cover more procedures during the week and for each campfire. Questions will also be answered and a weekend schedule will be handed out.

Thank you for your understanding and participation. We are looking forward to an exciting and energy filled summer up at camp. This year's honors master team (leading all OA events) are Michael Kuhn (Honors Master), Justin Dunn (West Assistant Honors Master), and David Black (East Assistant Honors Master). Each will be working at their respective camps (Micheal will be in West camp), and each will be more than willing to answer any questions that may arise.

Below is a basic order of events that occur starting after the callout fire for both Ordeal and Brotherhood candidates.

- All non-candidates leave the callout bowl and head back to camp or leave camp for the evening.
- Ordeal candidates are taken to the pre-Ordeal ceremony, this will be their first chance to exit.
- Ordeal candidates lead to their camps (West or East) fire bowl for friendship fires, they may exit at this point.
- Ordeal candidates will be assigned their sleeping location for the night. (Locations in their respective camps)
- Ordeal candidates are released back to their camp to get required items for night out. Unit should have adults waiting for the candidates in camp to assist them getting out sleeping gear as soon as possible. Have them get out of their uniform and into some work clothes for the next day. The next time they will be back in camp is Saturday late afternoon.
- Ordeal candidates proceed to their assign sleep locations.
- Ordeal candidates wake in the morning, pack their sleeping gear and bring to their camp office (West if they camped in west camp or East camp office). They will leave their gear at the office.

- Ordeal candidates head to the OA lodge in East camp.
- Ordeal candidates start their day of service in quiet, in the callout bowl.
- Brotherhood candidates after completing breakfast travel to callout bowl in work clothes to lead service project with the Ordeal candidates.
- Ordeal and Brotherhood candidates are assigned to work groups and head to assigned work locations.
- At lunch time Ordeal candidates are release to the camp chapel on the south end of the lake for lunch. Brotherhood candidates go to the mess hall for lunch and serve the meal.
- After lunch is complete brotherhood candidates report to the chapel for afternoon work assignments.
- Ordeal and Brotherhood candidates proceed to work assignments.
- Around 4 PM all work projects stop and candidates proceed back to camp to clean up and dress in the class "A" uniform. Allow brotherhood candidates to shower first then report to the West Camp Handicraft Lodge first.
- Brotherhood candidates meet at the West Camp Handicraft Lodge around 5PM.
- Brotherhood candidate's start their Pre Induction Talks (PIT's), current brotherhood member are asked to help.
- Ordeal candidates meet at the West Camp Handicraft Lodge around 5:30PM.
- Brotherhood candidates complete PIT's and verify Lodge data on PC.
- Brotherhood candidates are release for flag, and to serve evening meal. Ordeal candidate's line up for flag as unit.
- Ordeal candidates have dinner at West Camp Handy Craft. Brotherhood candidates eat in the West dining hall.
- After dinner is over Brotherhood candidates return to West Handicraft and start Ordeal PIT's.
- Ordeal Candidates complete PIT and verify Lodge data on PC.
- Brotherhood Candidates line up for Brotherhood walk and head towards the Brotherhood bowl for their final ceremony. This occurs around 7 PM.
- Ordeal Candidates line up for their walk to the final ceremony. This occurs around 8 PM.
- After the Brotherhood ceremony is complete, they may proceed to the Ordeal ceremony or head to the West Camp Dining hall for the feed. The feed is included in the brotherhood cost.
- After the Ordeal ceremony, all head to the West Camp Dining hall for the feed and fellowship. This is included in their Ordeal fees. At the feed the new member will be able to pick up their OA membership card, OA handbook, OA pocket flap.
- At the Feed New Ordeal members go in first, followed by New Brotherhood members. All other are welcome to attend. Food cost is \$6 per person. Lodge Trading Post will be open during the feed to purchase OA items. Feed ends around 11 to 11:30 PM.