Agaming
Maangogwan 804
Call-out Ceremony
for New Candidates
It Is Pledged That This Manual Shall Be Safeguarded.

Safeguard This Pamphlet

The Order of the Arrow, recognizing the attractiveness of the unknown, utilized the form of mystery. This shall not be interpreted, however, as justifying the withholding of any information regarding the Order from any person legitimately interested in investigating its nature, purpose, or method. Nothing in the Order shall be interpreted as interfering with any member’s religious obligation.

Notice

Persons using this pamphlet and conducting the ceremony should advise the participant as to what will occur during the ceremony and that the participant may withdraw therefrom at any time. You are further notified that it is the policy of the national Order of the Arrow committee that in conducting any ceremony, any touching of a participant is to be considered symbolic in nature, and any conduct which might tend to frighten, degrade, embarrass, or injure a candidate in any way is forbidden.

Call-out Regulations

Please note that the names of the 4 chiefs, the use of the legend, the firing of an arrow, the use of a bow, bowstring, or arrow, the obligation, the admonition, the binding of candidates by rope, the use of WWW, the use of face-paint (unless approved by the local tribe), and the putting of candidates on silence is strictly forbidden in this ceremony!!!
### Glossary of Names & Terms

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<td>A packet containing a small amount of black powder, coffee creamer, and shavings of sparklers/magnesium that causes the fire to get bright and “poof” when ignited. This should be done in small amounts and should be wrapped loosely. <em>If wrapped tightly this packet can explode.</em></td>
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THE CALL-OUT CEREMONY

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Diagram 1

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Materials and props. Three #10 coffee cans (for smudge pots). 6 torches, matches/lighters, toilet paper, kerosene, scroll with list of names of candidates to be called out, 3 canoes, pyrodecks (poof packet).

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Primaries should all light their torches on the 3rd drum beat and begin paddling to shore.

Paddlers exit the canoe and walk through the lake to pull the canoe on shore. They then take the torches from their primary, light the smudge pot next to their canoe, place the torch in the fire, and help the primary out their primary of the canoe. Paddlers then re-enter their canoe and primaries go to their respective spots.

Meteu places some pyrodecks into the fire before going to his spot.

Nutiket then steps forward and says:

Nutiket: From the darkness, from the forest, we gather here before you. Listen to my wise brother, for he bids you, henceforth, keep the strictest SILENCE!

Nutiket then steps back and Meteu looks to the sky and says:

Meteu: We are gathered here together in the midst of this great forest, underneath the stars above us; gathered now to find and choose Ordeal candidates for our Order. Grandfather, grant us the wisdom to speak to our brothers. Help us to talk of the joys of camping, of living and working in harmony on our earth, grandmother.

Meteu then steps forward and addresses the audience:

Meteu: Call you now on God your father, great creator of all nations, to grant blessings on his children, from his high and holy station, seek his help upon your journey, as the smoke curls, winding upward, may our thoughts and actions rising, fill us all with acts of goodness, to direct, and rule, and guide us, until at last he calls us home. Pray you now in revered silence, each of you in your own fashion.

Each principal then goes into the prayer form of his own fashion. They remain until Meteu counts to fifty in his head, and steps backward.
All principals should have their arms in the folded position unless they are speaking, moving from one location to the next, or otherwise performing some part of the ceremony. Folded arms and eyes concentrated on the audience are meant to show resolve.

Allowat then steps forward saying:

**Allowat Sakima:** Tonight beneath the moon with the stars as witness, we have come to recognize those among us that are worthy of high recognition. Seek them out, and bring them here before me.

Kichkinet, followed by a jive/jives, enters from the back of the crowd with a lit torch. They proceed to the stage, deposit the torch in the fire, and goes to their respective places on the stage. Kichkinet then steps forward and says:

**Kichkinet:** Brothers, while searching the trail, I encountered strangers humbly seeking our mystic circle. I inquired as to their knowledge of our rites. They know not our mysteries, but seek to learn them. I seek permission to recognize all those that have been recommended for admission to our circle.

**Allowat Sakima:** Let it be done so!

Nutiket then steps forward with the names of the candidates on a scroll or message belt that he has been carrying, and says:

**Nutiket:** It is only proper that I, as guard of this lodge, honor those who have been elected to our order.

Kichkinet also steps forward and says:

**Kichkinet:** When your name is called, please rise and move to the end of the aisle to be recognized.

Then Nutiket reads the names off the scroll one by one with a considerable pause between them. When they stand, Kichkinet and the jives respectfully escort them from this point (by placing their hands on both shoulders and steering them through the crowd) and bring them before Allowat Sakima.

Allowat Sakima places his right hand on the left shoulder and shakes the left hand using the scout handshake. He then respectfully moves the candidate to Meteu.

Meteu places his hands on the candidates’ shoulders, stares at the candidates for five seconds, traces an arrow on their forehead, and respectfully has the drummer take the candidates to the side of the fire.

After all the candidates have been processed, Kichkinet looks at the audience and says:

**Kichkinet:** Scouts, the red arrow is the sign of the high honor you have conferred upon your fellows.

Kichkinet then looks at the newly elected candidates and says:

**Kichkinet:** Candidates, you will soon earn the right to wear this symbol, and prove yourself worthy of this great honor.

Kichkinet then turns to Allowat Sakima and says:

**Kichkinet:** Brother, all candidates have been properly recognized.
Allowat then looks at the audience and says:

**Allowat Sakima:** So be it

Allowat then turns to address the candidates that have been placed next to the fire:

**Allowat Sakima:** That you, my fellow campers, have been chosen by your companions to become members of our band, reflects great credit upon you, and I congratulate you upon your election. You have exemplified that which is best among your fellow scouts by living in accordance with the high ideals of the Scout Oath and Law, and are therefore qualified to seek admission to our circle. However, before you may be accepted as a member of our brotherhood, you must first pass an ordeal, which you will comply with freely and willingly. After which, you will learn more about our order. It is sufficient now to tell you that its foundation is service and its capstone is cheerfulness.

In the beginning, the Great Spirit made this world for his pleasure. He piled up mountains, scooped out lakes, traced rivers, and planted forests. He created our brothers: the birds, fish, insects, reptiles, beasts, and man. All of the same breath of life, that of the Great Spirit. All are his children. We are but a little higher than our brothers, only in having larger understanding and better knowledge of the Great Spirit.

We are the caretakers of our earth, grandmother. When we camp, we are reminded that we are part of nature. This is good. What we destroy will destroy us. We must promote camping, learn to walk in balance, and be in harmony with nature. We must work together, cheerfully, in brotherhood to protect our grandmother earth.

Allowat turns and speaks to Meteu:

**Allowat Sakima:** Wise brother, would you remind us of the solemnness of our purpose?

Allowat steps back and Meteu steps forward:

**Meteu:** Call you now on God your Father, looking down from heaven above you. Deep into your hearts and spirits, seek his help to guide you onward in this life of toil and struggle, in this life of love and sunshine. Pray to keep you brave and cheerful, pray to keep you true and faithful, to yourself and to your brothers and unto the God who made you! Ask for help to build a spirit, to walk in balance, to work as brothers. Pray you now in reverent silence, each of you in your own fashion.

The prayer is done as per the same instructions as prior stated. Meteu then steps back and Nutiket steps forward:

**Nutiket:** Many winters ago when we were children, we spoke and thought as children. As we grew, we advanced from dew-filled valleys where we played, to higher meadows, then to foothills, ever higher, ever striving to reach the towering mountain peaks of our lives, of our skills and our learning. Skills as many as leaves on trees. As we grow, we gather them as squirrels gather food against the winter season. Like our crafty brothers of the forest, we learn the wisdom of the woodlands and prairies. We feel the harmony of nature. We learn to walk together to do the task that must be done, not to waste our time in words that need not be said.

As we fade into the darkness. Reflect upon the trees and nature. Think about the joys of camping. Use your skills to teach your
brothers that they too may feel the harmony of nature.

Nutiket then steps back and all three principals turn toward their respective canoes.

Meteu places some pyrodecks into the nearest fire.

They then proceed to the water’s edge near their canoes, and are then helped into them by the respective person (Jives help Meteu and Nutiket; Kichkinet helps Allowat Sakima).

Each then light a torch and take it to the principal in the canoe. Then, simultaneously, they push the canoes out into the lake. The canoeists back-paddle the canoe out into the lake.

Kichkinet then steps forward toward the audience and says:

**Kichkinet:** It is good medicine to gather together like birds in the autumn season. It is power to be one with many. Let us remember and take these thoughts with us. Greet each new sun as if it brings with it promise of new adventure and new challenge. Strive to find the joy in learning. Speak with a straight tongue, and bend only your bodies in service to others. If you do these things, my brothers, you will have prepared yourselves for the tasks, hardships, and adventures that lay only a few snows ahead for most of you. Remember my brothers of the spirit of the Arrow. Allow your footsteps to follow its meaning. Be swift as the Arrow, and true to its mark. Always lend a hand to the task to be done, and your footsteps to cheerful service. As these flames turn to embers, may the spirit of brotherhood be rekindled. Migwetch!

Drummer again beats the drum in the same fashion as when the canoes were entering. Kichkinet then lights another torch and says:

**Kichkinet:** Candidates, follow me!

Kichkinet then leads the candidates single file out of the campfire bowl, followed by the jives.

Drummer continues drumming and canoeists continue back-paddling until the candidates are well out of the bowl.

Allowat Sakima then gives a loud blood-curdling yell and all three principals simultaneously extinguish their torches in the lake.

Drummer immediately gives one final loud beat on the drum as the characters on the lake extinguish their torches. Drummer then rises with the drum and exits the stage. Kichkinet should lead the candidates away from the campfire bowl and should huddle the group together.

Candidates should then go through the small fire ceremony. After which, the candidates should be taken to an isolated area, congratulated, and given their letter to take their Ordeal at the next induction weekend AND Spirit of the Arrow Booklet #1.

Candidates are then dismissed to go back to their campsite to quietly spend the night with their units.
THE SMALL FIRE CEREMONY

The ceremonial grounds. Each chapter/camp is urged to develop its own ceremonial grounds using available materials to create the proper setting. (See diagram 2 below.) The site should be located in a remote part of camp where nonmembers will not have access to it. There is an entrance to the west and an exit to the east. There is a single small fire situated in the center of the ceremony grounds.

![Diagram 2]

The Ceremonial Grounds

1. The stage  6. Wabishaw
2. The fire  7. Kichkinet
3. Meteu  8. Lake/Field/etc.
5. Nutiket

Materials and props. 1 torch, matches/lighters, 3 canoes, bundle of twigs, pyrodecks.

The principals and the participants. Allowat Sakima, Nutiket, and Meteu are stationed north of the stage in canoes. Wabishaw is standing facing to the south and the candidates. Kichkinet stands next to him. Participants sit on the ground facing Wabishaw.

The candidates. The candidates should not know that they are going to another ceremony. They should learn about it only when they get there.

Kichkinet enters the small fire ceremony ring, followed by the candidates. Wabishaw then addresses Kichkinet and the candidates saying:

Wabishaw: It has been a long time, brother. Please, come in. I see you bring new friends.

Wabishaw then says to the candidates:

Wabishaw: Please, take a seat.

Once the candidates are seated, Wabishaw sprinkles a small amount of pyrodecks into the small fire. He then steps forward and says:

Wabishaw: Welcome to my fire. It is small but it will serve our purpose here this evening.

I am Wabishaw, meaning teacher, and advisor.

You have been elected to our Order because you have demonstrated dedication to the ideals of Scouting and a desire to serve others.

The Order of the Arrow is a brotherhood of cheerful service. I ask my brothers present to speak but one word of what the Order means to them.

Any members of the Order who are present say a word of what the Order means to them. (E.g. Honor, loyalty, brotherhood, responsibility, service, cheerfulness, trustworthiness, etc.)

Wabishaw: Heavy words these are, filled with meaning.

As you can see, my fire is small, and warms only me and my brothers. Now each of you will come forward, take a branch from my hand, and gently place it in the flames.

Candidates each come up to the fire one by one and lay a stick in the fire. Wabishaw then addresses the candidates again:
Wabishaw: See how your service has caused the fire to grow larger. Where before it only warmed me and my friends, if has grown to warm us all. You are beginning to understand our order.

To be a member of our Order you must be of strong will. Soon you will receive an invitation to one of our induction weekends. There you will undergo and ordeal which will determine your will and dedication.

Now, depart this fire as you came, in silence. Reflect upon what has happened here this evening. Only when our lips are silent, can we really understand what our hearts are saying to us.

Wabishaw then lights a torch, turns and hands it to Kichkinet, and say to him:

**Wabishaw:** Brother, will you show them the way?

Kichkinet then leads the candidates away from the ceremony area to a remote location. He then gives them a detailed explanation of what happened in the ceremony.

He then gives them a copy of their letter inviting them to the next induction weekend AND the Spirit of the Arrow Booklet #1.

He reminds them to think about what has happened during the evening, and then dismisses them back to their campsites.

Kichkinet and the jives remain in the remote location until the candidates are out of sight.
Alternative Entrances

Alternative entrances are to be used when a ceremony is done inside, or when the weather is too unsafe to enter in canoes.

Alternative entrance #1 is to be used in the case of unsafe conditions (such as thunder, lightning, high wind, etc.). This ceremony is still done outdoors.

Alternative entrance #2 is designed for indoor use.

Please note that all aspects of the ceremony are to remain the same unless otherwise stated in the following alternative scripts.

NOTE: NO FIRES shall be used in indoor ceremonies unless in a properly ventilated fireplace. The setup is as shown in diagram 3 (minus the smudge pots and fire if done indoors).

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Until all three primaries have reached the shore/acting area. Meteu comes from stage right, Nutikut from stage left, and Allowat Sakima from back center stage.

Primaries go to their respective spots.

Nutikut then steps forward and says:

**Nutikut**: From the darkness, from the forest, we gather here before you. Listen to my wise brother, for he bids you, henceforth, keep the strictest SILENCE!

*(continue script as it is written)*
My friend, I congratulate you on your election to the Order of the Arrow. You may not realize it now, but you will look back on today as a day of beginnings. The honor you have received is truly a great one, for it is bestowed upon you by your peers — the members of your unit. But, such an honor is not without a price. By accepting their challenge, you have embarked upon a journey that many before you have taken. Those who choose you are watching. Will you be able to live up to their expectations? They have faith in you. Will you be able to live up to their expectations? They have faith in you.

In a short time you will be given the opportunity to undergo an Ordeal — your induction into the Order of the Arrow. This will test not only your physical strength, but your inner strength. But, by taking full advantage of this opportunity, you will find yourself better able to serve Scouting and your unit... the ones who chose you.

Ponder my words carefully.