



# *Order of the Arrow - Nischa Achowalogen Lodge*

## *The Honor Camping Program of the Golden Spread Council*

### **The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:**

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

### **Lodges**

Each Order of the Arrow lodge is granted a charter from the National Council, BSA, upon annual application by the local council. The OA lodge helps the local council provide a quality Scouting program through recognition of Scouting spirit and performance, development of youth leadership and service, promotion of Scout camping and outdoor programs, and enhancement of membership tenure. The Lodge that is associated with the Golden Spread Council is the Nischa Achowalogen Lodge.

### **Eligibility**

To become a member, a youth must be a registered member of a Boy Scout troop or Varsity Scout team and hold First Class rank. The youth must have experienced 15 days and nights of camping during the two years before his election. The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps. Scouts are elected to the Order by their fellow troop or Varsity team members, following approval by the Scoutmaster or Varsity Scout Coach in a unit election. Adult Arrowmen who became members as a Scout, but have not renewed their commitment and membership to the society can do so as long as they are currently registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Renewal information is available from each Troop's Order of the Arrow Troop Representative, unit leader, or on the Council's website [www.goldenspread.org](http://www.goldenspread.org).

### **Induction:**

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

### **Brotherhood Membership:**

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

### **Vigil Honor:**

After two years of service as a Brotherhood member and with the approval of the national Order of the Arrow Committee, a Scout or Scouter may be recognized with the Vigil Honor for outstanding service to Scouting, his lodge, and the community. This honor is bestowed by special selection and is limited to one person for every 50 members registered with the lodge each year.

If you would like to receive more information about the Order of the Arrow and the Nischa Achowalogen Lodge, please feel free to contact us:

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Listed below are some of the 2010 Program Highlights of the Nischa Achowalogen Lodge:

Program/Activity	Target Group	Dates	Cost & Other Info
<b>Annual Membership</b>	Arrowmen	Calendar Year	\$11 per Arrowmen per year. Membership can be renewed by payment of dues at the Council Service Center or Order of the Arrow event.
<b>Annual Lodge Planning Meeting and Banquet</b>	All Arrowmen	January 9, 2010	Info can be found at <a href="http://www.na-oa.net">www.na-oa.net</a>
<b>Unit Elections Begin</b>	Arrowmen and Council Troops	February 6, 2010	Each Troop will be contacted by Arrowmen within your chapter.
<b>Regalia Making Lock-In</b>	Arrowmen	February 13, 2010	Registration information will be available in January 2010.
<b>Lodge Executive Committee Meeting</b>	Officers and Adult Advisors	March 6, 2010	Info can be found at <a href="http://www.na-oa.net">www.na-oa.net</a>
<b>Unit Elections End</b>	Arrowmen and Council Troops	May 28, 2010	Info can be found at <a href="http://www.na-oa.net">www.na-oa.net</a>
<b>Beaver Day Work Weekend @ Camp MK Brown and Make-up Ordeal</b>	Arrowmen & interested troops.	May 1-2, 2010 Camp MK Brown	Registration information will be available in February 2010.
<b>Call-out Ceremonies at Camp MK Brown</b>	Arrowmen and Candidates	June 18 & 25, 2010	Info can be found at <a href="http://www.na-oa.net">www.na-oa.net</a>
<b>Summer Ordeal - Camp Don Harrington</b>	Arrowmen and Candidates	August 27-29, 2010	Info can be found at <a href="http://www.na-oa.net">www.na-oa.net</a>
<b>Lodge Executive Committee Meeting</b>	Officers and Adult Advisors	October 2, 2010	Info can be found at <a href="http://www.na-oa.net">www.na-oa.net</a>
<b>One Day of Service</b>	Arrowmen	October 16 or 23, 2010	Info can be found at <a href="http://www.na-oa.net">www.na-oa.net</a>
<b>Annual Lodge Fall Fellowship/Planning Meeting and Banquet</b>	All Arrowmen	November 13, 2010	Info can be found at <a href="http://www.na-oa.net">www.na-oa.net</a>
<b>LLDC (Lodge Leadership Development Course)</b>	Officers, Advisors and Arrowmen	December 4, 2010	Info can be found at <a href="http://www.na-oa.net">www.na-oa.net</a>