



## Order of the Arrow at Camp

The [Order of the Arrow](#) is the Boy Scouts of America's National Honor Society. [Marnoc Lodge](#), the Great Trail Council's lodge, has been serving the council for over 70 years. The Order of the Arrow is designed to recognize Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the ideals of Scouting and to provide opportunities for service and fellowship. Marnoc Lodge's summer activities are designed to complement the Summer Camp program by providing members with additional opportunities for leadership, service and fellowship. During Summer Camp, Marnoc Lodge is headquartered at the Buena Vista Cabin on the hill behind the Trading Post.



### *Ice-Cream Socials*

On Tuesday nights, starting at 7:15 pm at the Buena Vista Cabin, we invite adult leaders (members or non-members of the OA) and all youth members of the Order of the Arrow (any lodge) to join us for ice-cream. The purpose of this event is to provide a fun social environment; it is a time for adult leaders to meet with Order of the Arrow adult advisors, a time for fellowship for guests and members, and of course, a time to enjoy some premium ice cream. Again, this event is open to all adult leaders in camp and to all current Order of the Arrow members. This is a great opportunity to renew your membership if you have not paid your dues yet. Dues are \$10 and will be collected at this time, if they have not already been paid. Membership cards and pocket rockets will be available.

### *Order of the Arrow Ambassador*

Throughout the summer you may need information about Marnoc Lodge or the OA. Whether your questions are about a summer camp program or an outside lodge function, we would like to help. For this reason, there is a designated Summer Camp staff member whose main job is communication between Marnoc Lodge and Units at Summer Camp, known as the OA Ambassador. **The Ambassador's Office will be open during Sunday afternoon check-in and every day from 1:45 to 3:15 at the Buena Vista Cabin.** Either the OA Ambassador or another lodge representative will be available to meet during these hours to handle any inquiries or issues which may arise for your unit or for individual Scouts. In addition, there is a mailbox attached to Buena Vista cabin, if you need to communicate with us and no one is there.

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### ***Troop or Team Representatives***

Immediately following Sunday retreat, Marnoc Lodge will hold an OA Troop/Team Representative meeting. At this meeting the OA Ambassador will provide important information about Lodge events occurring throughout the week. **All units with Ordeal Candidates or OA Members should send a representative to this meeting.**

### ***OA Service Corps***

This is an opportunity for ALL campers, youth or adult, Arrowmen and non-Arrowmen to do some cheerful service that benefits camp. The Service Corps will meet to work on these projects at the Buena Vista Cabin on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 2:00 – 4:30. Feel free to show up for some or all of these service opportunities. Those who work 4 hours or more throughout the summer can purchase a Marnoc Lodge Service Corps patch from our Trading Post for \$1.00.

### ***Brotherhood Ceremony***

Immediately following the *Ice-Cream Social*, every Tuesday night, Marnoc Lodge holds a Brotherhood Ceremony. Brotherhood is the second honor level in the Order of the Arrow, a confirmation of the ideals that were learned during the Ordeal. You do not have to “earn” the Brotherhood - you merely have to be willing to become more active in the lodge, even if only by attending more events. Ordeal Members with at least ten (10) months service are eligible to become a Brotherhood member. **Ordeal Members interested in becoming a Brotherhood member need to attend the Brotherhood Review session Tuesday at 1:45pm at the Buena Vista Cabin.** This meeting will review the Ordeal and cover any questions that might arise. If a current Ordeal member is interested in becoming Brotherhood, but is unable to attend this meeting, they **must** meet with the Ambassador at the Buena Vista Cabin to make arrangements **before** Tuesday’s dinner.

The ceremony will be immediately following the Ice-Cream Social. Brotherhood Candidates must be in full field uniform, with their Ordeal sash, at Buena Vista Cabin at 8:00pm. The cost for the Brotherhood ceremony is \$20.00 (Payable at the Ice Cream Social). Current Brotherhood or Vigil members are encouraged to attend and participate in the ceremony. Information about the ceremony site will be available at the Ice-Cream Social or from the Ambassador’s Office.

If any Arrowman cannot make the scheduled Brotherhood dates during summer camp, a final Brotherhood is planned as part of the Summer Fellowship on August 13 – 15. Just be there for the Fellowship and we’ll review what you need to know with you before the ceremony in the evening.

OA members who are already Brotherhood are invited to the ceremonies, regardless of whether you are a member of Marnoc Lodge or not. However,

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only members of Marnoc Lodge may go through the Brotherhood ceremony at Camp Manatoc.

### ***Elangomat Training***

During the Ordeal the newly elected Candidates are separated into clans, or smaller groups, and these clans are led by members of the Order of The Arrow called Elangomats. This is a volunteer position, however, volunteers can earn patches, beads and other recognitions for their hard work. This position is not the only position available for OA members who wish to help out during an Ordeal; other areas in which one could help include ceremony set-up and various other things during the day or evening. Any member in the Order interested in helping with an Ordeal should attend the Elangomat/Ceremonies Assistant information meeting Monday at 1:45pm, or inquire through the Ambassador's Office. Training for Elangomats specifically will be held at 1:45pm Wednesday afternoon. **We ask any Troop sending four or more Candidates through an Ordeal to send at least one Elangomat.**

### ***Ordeal Callout Ceremony***

The Callout Ceremony is the only public ceremony conducted by the Order of the Arrow. Being the only public ceremony, Marnoc Lodge, along with the Manatoc Staff, wants to make this a quality ceremony to be displayed for all. For this reason, the Callout Ceremony will take place during Retreat on Parents' Night (Wednesday). During this ceremony, every newly elected Candidate will be announced and asked to come forward; the candidate will leave his troop for the remainder of Retreat. **It is very important that every unit with newly elected Candidates give a list of all newly elected Candidates, in writing, to the OA Ambassador at registration on Sunday.** If you are an out of council troop, although you cannot go through your Ordeal, we will still call out those elected in your unit. Please, no exceptions to the Sunday deadline.

### ***Ordeal Process & Ceremony***

The Ordeal is a 24-hour intensive leadership development exercise designed to demonstrate to the candidate the values on which Scouting and the Order of the Arrow are based. The completion of the Ordeal is the first step that a newly elected Candidate takes to become a member in the Order of the Arrow. Elections must be completed and turned in to the lodge according to the procedures published in the Unit elections Packet, distributed in unit saddlebags and available online at [www.marnoc.org](http://www.marnoc.org), by Apr. 15, which is before summer camp. **Elections cannot be done during the week at summer camp.** *Candidates arriving without having met the requirements specified in the unit Elections Packet will not be allowed to participate, without exception.*

This year there will be two weekend Ordeals and 3 weekday Ordeals:

Friday & Saturday, June 4-6 (Sunday Optional)

Wednesday & Thursday, June 23-24 (Summer Camp Week #1)

Wednesday & Thursday, July 7-8 (Summer Camp Week #3)

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Wednesday & Thursday, July 21-22 (Summer Camp Week #5)  
Friday & Saturday, August 13-15 (Sunday Optional)

Because the Ordeal is designed to be a very personal experience, in which every participant learns something about themselves and Scouting, the National Order of the Arrow Committee recommends only fifty (50) Candidates go through the Ordeal at one time. Marnoc Lodge works hard to abide by this recommendation; therefore there **will not** be more than 50 Candidates on any one Ordeal. Every unit was given the Marnoc Lodge Unit Elections Packet, which contained the Ordeal Reservation Form; this form guaranteed a spot at an Ordeal. It is not the goal of Marnoc Lodge to prevent a Candidate from participating in his Ordeal; thus, Marnoc Lodge will accept Candidates who have not completed an Ordeal Reservation Form, but still have the other needed paper-work, provided this will not break the fifty candidate rule. For example, if 50 candidates are pre-registered, then no registrations will be accepted at the Ordeal ("First Come, First Served). Unregistered Candidates must still have been elected and stated on the Unit Elections Report completed by their units. Please remember as noted above that **elections cannot be done at summer camp.**

Ordeal Check-In will begin at 7:00pm and end at 8:30pm at the Buena Vista Cabin. Only the following items are needed for the Ordeal and/or Check-In:

Current Medical Form	Ground Cloth	Rain Gear	Shower Kit
Medication (If Any)	Water Bottle	Ordeal Fee	Field Uniform
Work Clothes	Sleeping Bag	Work Gloves	Backpack

*Candidates who are camping at Summer Camp the same week as their Ordeal do not need an additional Medical form*

*Please review the information on medical forms on page 10 or 20 of the [Leaders Guidebook](#)*

The Ordeal fee is \$37.00. Scouts receiving Great Trail Council Campership may also receive a scholarship to apply towards their Ordeal. For information about Ordeal scholarships, contact Jim Shimko at 330-773-0415. Money is due at registration. Please do not pay at council office or the camp office.

The Ordeal concludes with the Ordeal Ceremony, which starts at 8:00pm on the second night of the Ordeal. Attendance at the ceremony is only for OA members, and there is no flash photography allowed. In accordance with National Policy and the OA Handbook concerning ceremonies, nonmembers wishing to attend must meet with the lodge adviser prior to the ceremony. **We highly discourage nonmembers from attending.** Immediately following the ceremony there will be a meal provided to the new members and participants in the ceremony. This feast is part of the Ordeal and is free only to newly inducted members, though a small fee may be charged to cover food costs for visitors. Scouts are not dismissed until its conclusion. All Arrowmen and parents are welcome to attend the meal afterward, but food will be served to new members and Ordeal staff first. This will conclude the Ordeal by 11:00pm.

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### ***New Member Dinner***

Something else related to the Ordeal is our New Member Dinner. We have noticed that new members are tired and hungry for some reason after the Ordeal, and so we are inviting them all back to camp for one day on Saturday, Sept. 18 for a picnic and orientation session to the lodge. This would also be an excellent opportunity for others, such as parents or any transfer members, to attend and get to know us and see what we can offer the youth and the troops. The event is held at Camp Butler's Baden-Powell Pavilion from 5:00pm to 7:00pm and is free of charge! More details about this event will be in the Summer Sachem.

### ***Out of Council Units***

There are a good number of units from outside of Great Trail Council attending Camp Manatoc for Summer Camp. We encourage out-of-council OA members to attend the Marnoc Lodge events throughout the week. However, the Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremonies are not open to units outside of the council **for inductions purposes**, although you are welcome to come and watch or help. This decision was made by the Central Region Section C-4a Council of Chiefs and cannot be overturned or disregarded. Marnoc Lodge apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause and we are willing to answer any questions regarding this issue through the Ambassador's Office.

### ***OA Camp Participation Award***

Complete the following and your unit will receive the coveted OA Camp Participation Award. The award is a ribbon that can proudly be displayed on your unit's flag:

- Schedule a Troop Visitation.
- Have at least 2 youth and 2 adults from unit participate in Service Corps. (if that many are present at camp)
- Have your OA Troop Rep present at Sunday Meeting.
- Have at least 2 youth and 2 adults attend the ice cream social and be sociable.

Please see the OA Ambassador when you have completed the requirements.

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***Active Arrowman Award***

The Active Arrowman Award is open to all Marnoc Lodge Members. It is a special lodge flap that can be worn on the uniform. To receive yours you must fill out the form available at [www.marnoc.org](http://www.marnoc.org), or in our trading post, and return it to the trading post chairman with \$2.00. The requirements are as follows:

***For Youth under 21 years of age:***

1. Serve in a leadership position in your troop.
2. Pay your lodge membership dues annually.
3. Attend one major lodge event (One of the Fellowships OR the Winter banquet).
4. If eligible, seal your membership in the Order through the Brotherhood ceremony.
5. Attend a Marnoc Lodge ceremony as an observer (not as a candidate).
6. Promote the OA program within your troop and to other troops.
7. Participate in a Lodge Service project, either at a Lodge sponsored Service Day, as part of a Fellowship or Service Corps.
8. Assist in the physical arrangements (setup and takedown) for a Marnoc Lodge OA ceremony.

***For Adults 21 and over (in addition to the above):***

Help a youth Arrowman attend a lodge event by arranging for their transportation to and from the event.

**OR**

Serve as an Advisor to a Lodge Officer or Committee Chairman.

***Elangomat Award***

The Elangomat award is a special lodge flap attainable only by Elangomats for the Ordeal. To obtain this award, you must attend the Elangomat training and be an Elangomat. The award is available for purchase for \$2.00 from our trading post.