

**CALL-OUT CEREMONY
ALIBAMU LODGE 179**



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CALL-OUT PREPARATIONS:

The Call-Out ceremony is usually accomplished at the district camporee. Members of the Order of the Arrow team visit each Scoutmaster/ Coach during the afternoon. They give him a card with the names of elected members of his troop/team. For the ceremony, the unit leader is instructed to stand behind the candidate and raise his hand over the candidate's head as a form of identifying correct Scouts. The team also finds out which candidates are at the camporee and which are not. A master list is made of call-out candidates attending the camporee. The chapter adviser or designee stands in the back of the audience during the ceremony and checks the list of names as candidates are called-out to ensure all candidates have been called-out and recognized. He lets the Seekers know when they have found all who are worthy.

CALL-OUT SCRIPT ALIBAMU LODGE 179 TUKABATCHEE AREA COUNCIL

(Flute music is played for three or four minutes to quiet the audience and set a dignified mood for the ceremony)

THREE PRINCIPALS ENTER

(THE THREE PRINCIPALS FORM A STRAIGHT LINE FACING THE AUDIENCE. THE CALL-OUT CHIEF IS IN THE MIDDLE. AS EACH PRINCIPAL SPEAKS, HE STEPS FORWARD AND CENTERS HIMSELF BEFORE SPEAKING. UPON COMPLETION HE RETURNS TO HIS ORIGINAL POSITION.)

CALL-OUT CHIEF: My friends, we come tonight as members of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society. In a few moments we will identify our newest candidates for membership.

SEEKER 1 : The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is to recognize those campers - Scouts and Scouters - who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant recognition; to develop and maintain camping traditions; to promote Scout camping; and to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

SEEKER 2: The Order of the Arrow began in the Philadelphia Council at Treasure Island Scout Camp. Two young men, E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson wanted some long term form of recognition for those Scouts at summer camp who best exemplified the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. After much research and study, plans for establishing the Order of the Arrow were explained to camp leaders and approved. Members of the troop would elect those who would be inducted into the Order of the Arrow. The Order would be founded on the principles of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service.

Historical records tell us that the Treasure Island area had been the camping grounds of the Lenne Lanape tribe of the Delaware Indians. It seemed only natural to base the Order of the Arrow on the traditions and legends of the Lenne Lanape tribe.

On July 16, 1915 the first induction of the Order of the Arrow was held. By 1917, news of the success of the Order of the Arrow had spread across the country. More lodges were soon established. The movement grew rapidly. Today, 89 years later, Well over one million Boy Scouts and Scouters have been inducted in the Order of the Arrow.

SEEKER 1: In 1939, Alabama Lodge was created in the Montgomery Area Council, the former name of the Tukabatchee Area Council. The first lodge induction was held on June 26, 1940 at Camp Rotary on Lake Jordan. In 1948, the lodge changed its name to Alibamu, in honor of the Alibamu tribe of Indians who lived in this area.

Our lodge has played a vital role in the construction of our new camp. Members have helped in constructing the trading post, clearing the athletic field, building the council ring, and installing lights and a sound system. We most recently built a large central bathroom near the athletic field. This spring our lodge earned several honors at the Section Conclave at Camp Ala-Flo, Dothan, Alabama. We were designated Best All-Around Lodge and won the Spirit Award for the second year in a row. We look forward to the upcoming Ordeals in May and August, The National Order of the Arrow Conference at Ames, Iowa, Fall Fellowship in November, and our annual recognition banquet in January.

CALL-OUT CHIEF: We gather here tonight to call-out those Scouts who were selected through their troop or team elections for membership in the Order of the Arrow. Scouter selection was completed by nomination from unit committees.

Requirements for Scout Order of the Arrow membership are:

Receive approval of the unit leader; be under the age of 21; be at least a First Class Scout; have at least 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping in the last two years including one but only one long term camp of 6 days and 5 nights, such as a summer camp; be elected by the members of your unit under the age of 21.

After being elected and called-out, a Scout must undergo an Ordeal experience - a series of challenges of his dedication to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow.

My friends, I would like to introduce, current Lodge Chief of Alibamu Lodge 179 who will welcome our new candidates.

(Lodge Chief walks forward and stands beside the Call-Out Chief as the Call-Out Chief continues)

Brothers, it is now time to find those deemed worthy as a candidate.

(A drummer beats the drum softly every 6 or 7 seconds.)

(Seekers carry a large feather. They touch the candidate on the shoulder with the feather and say, "Your fellow troop members have chosen you. Come walk with me." He escorts the candidate to the Call-Out Chief.)

CALL-OUT CHIEF: *(Announce Scout's name, unit number, and community. Give the candidate the Scout handshake.)*

(The drummer beats two rapid loud beats after each candidate is announced - then continues with one soft beat every 6 or 7 seconds.)

LODGE CHIEF: *(Presents the Scout with a letter of congratulations and welcome. The letter is presented rolled up as a scroll and tied with a ribbon. He gives the candidate the Scout handshake. Have Scouts form a line facing the audience.)*

(Refer to instructions for ensuring all candidates have been called-out.)

(The Seeker to return to the front first)

SEEKER 1 or 2: I have found all that are worthy.

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(Drumming ceases.)

CALL-OUT CHIEF: Becoming a member of the Order of the Arrow is one of the highest honors a Scout can receive. Its principles of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service are the foundation on which the Order of the Arrow is based.

Scouts who are not yet eligible and Scouts who were not elected ...(pause)... These candidates standing before you have impressed their fellow troop members with their sincerity of purpose to live in accordance with the high ideals of the Scout Oath and Law. I say to you, Look into a mirror. What do you see? What is your direction? Determine your future. Work for something better. From life outdoors comes self-reliance; from the Scout Oath and Law comes personal integrity and character. The leadership and sense of honor you develop will enrich your life and the lives of others around you. Recognition will come your way through perseverance and ability.

All Scouts and Scouters, please join me in repeating the Scout Oath.

(Everyone recites the Oath)

We challenge you to live your life to the highest ideals of Scouting. Spread your wings - reach for new heights - fly higher and farther than you have before.

(Pause a few seconds.)

CALL-OUT CHIEF: Candidates, follow my brothers and me.

(The Call-Out Chief, Seekers, Lodge Chief and candidates are led to a private area. The Lodge Chief reintroduces himself and other lodge officers and adviser. Candidates are given an information sheet concerning the upcoming ordeals. Candidate's appropriate questions are answered. The Call-Out team and Lodge Chief congratulate each candidate individually again before dismissing the group.)

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CONGRATULATIONS

MEMBERS OF YOUR TROOP HAVE SELECTED YOU AS A CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, THE ORDER OF THE ARROW.

YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ORDEAL WEEKEND ACTIVITIES ON EITHER **MAY 21-23** OR **AUGUST 27-29** AT CAMP TUKABATCHEE IN ORDER TO BE INDUCTED AS AN ORDEAL MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE ARROW.

IN EARLY APRIL YOU WILL RECEIVE A LETTER EXPLAINING DETAILS OF WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING AND FEES REQUIRED FOR THE WEEKEND.

CONGRATULATIONS! WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOU BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE ARROW.

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