

# **MIGISI OPAWGAN LODGE #162**

## **ORDER OF THE ARROW**

1776 West Warren Ave.  
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To the candidate's parents:

Congratulations! Your son was elected by his peers as a candidate for the honorary camping society of the Boy Scouts of America, the Order of the Arrow (O-A). The O-A is a national brotherhood of honor Scouts that originated in 1915. The purposes of the O-A are: to recognize those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives; to develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit within Scouting units; to promote Scout camping; and, to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Candidates for the Order of the Arrow are chosen not only for what they have done, but also for what they are expected to do in serving the welfare of others. Because your son was selected for candidacy by the unique method of being elected by his peers, we are sure that he is well worthy of this honor.

Your son must now participate in an induction Ordeal weekend (conclave) within one year of the date of his election. Our Lodge has three induction conclave weekends per year: spring at D-bar-A, summer at Cole Canoe Base, and fall at D-bar-A. The induction conclaves offer a unique opportunity for him to reflect on his personal commitment to the principles of the Scout Oath and Law. The weekends will also allow him to become acquainted with the principles and purposes of the Order of the Arrow. The induction conclave must be completed by each new candidate and is a meaningful and inspiring experience that will not be soon forgotten.

Induction into the Order of the Arrow will open many new doors for your son. Our Lodge participates in many events every year such as the Lincoln Pilgrimage, O-A section conclaves, National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), and various fellowship weekends. In addition, the O-A provides some of the most valuable youth leadership training and opportunities available. These opportunities will build upon the knowledge your son has already received during his Scouting experience. This is truly an exciting time for you and your son. Once again, congratulations. If you have any questions, please have your son contact his appropriate Chapter Chief (listed on your son's letter).

Sincerely,  
Joe Retzbach  
Lodge Adviser

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Dear Candidate for the Order of the Arrow:

Congratulations on your election! You are now eligible to take upon yourself the induction Ordeal (conclave) experience. The induction conclave must be completed within one year from the date of your election. The induction conclaves are:

<b>April 23-25, 2010</b>	<b>D-bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora, MI</b>
<b>June 4-6, 2010</b>	<b>Cole Canoe Base, Alger, MI</b>
<b>September 17-19, 2010</b>	<b>D-bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora, MI</b>

The induction weekend starts with registration at Trout Lake Cabin at D-bar-A Scout Ranch between 7:00 and 8:00 pm on Friday night. Registration at Cole Canoe Base is between 7:30 and 8:30 pm on Friday night. Each event concludes at 10:00 am on Sunday morning, so plan your pick-up accordingly.

For the induction, you will need:

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| • Complete Boy Scout Field Uniform | Work clothes (wear to camp): **     |
| • Sleeping Bag                     | • Heavy footwear (boots)            |
| • Ground cloth / tarp              | • Work pants (jeans)                |
| • Rain gear / poncho               | • Work shirt (t-shirt, long sleeve) |
| • Toilet and shower articles       | • Old jacket                        |
| • Change of clean clothes          | • Work gloves                       |

### **THE JUNE AND SEPTEMBER EVENTS REQUIRE A TENT. PLEASE BRING ONE.**

\*\* Please wear work clothes that can get paint, dirt, or grease or other not easily removed stains on them. Many of our projects involve painting and working on fence lines.

The cost for the induction weekend will be \$45 and includes an Order of the Arrow sash, O-A Handbook, Lodge flap, Lodge dues for one year, and food. A "Candidate Registration Form" (attached) with the payment should be received at the Great Lakes Council NO LATER THAN THE FRIDAY (7 days) before the induction weekend. Send the money and form to: Great Lakes Council, 1776 West Warren Avenue, Detroit, MI 48208.

If you have any questions, please contact your appropriate Chapter Chief:

<b>Chapters</b>	<b>Respective Districts</b>	<b>Chapter Chiefs</b>	
Achowalogen Chapter	Motor City	Dean Moore	248-252-7678
Lowanue Kuwe Chapter	North Trails, Northridge	Andrew Larkin	248-879-3594
Mahican Chapter	Huron, Three Rivers	Josh Herrmann	313-285-4916
Wapaneu Chapter	Lakeshore, Michigami	Jonah Conner	586-453-7662
Wsigau Chapter	Sunset	Kyle Rosiek	734-844-2638

Sincerely,  
D.C. Wheaton  
Lodge Chief

## **Order of the Arrow For Scouting's Honor Campers**

### **Purpose of the Order**

- To recognize those campers – Scouts, Varsity – who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition that causes other campers to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant recognition.
- To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.
- To promote Scout camping, which reaches its greatest effectiveness as a part of the unit's camping program, both year-round and in the summer camp, as directed by the camping committee of the council.
- To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life of purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

### **History**

The Order of the Arrow was founded in the summer of 1915. It grew out of a desire to emphasize that the good Scout camper is not only proficient in the skills of Scoutcraft, but also practices the principles of the Scout Oath and Law. It was intended to make these Scout principles more effective in the lives of Scout campers. It focuses particular attention on making cheerfulness, service, and brotherhood realities to a boy. A unit chooses from their camping members, those who best exemplify these traits, to become a member of the Order of the Arrow.

### **What is the Order of the Arrow?**

It is a society of Boy Scouts that functions as a part of the regular camping program of the Boy Scouts of America. Its foremost purpose is to promote and enrich Scout camping.

The Arrow members in a local Scout council form a Lodge (used as in Indian tradition in the sense of the hunting lodge of the council lodge).

Elements of Indian tradition are used in the Order of the Arrow ceremonies for the dramatic effect. However, the Indian aspects of the Order should never obscure its objectives.

One becomes a member not so much for what he has done, but for what he is expected to do.

### **Eligibility**

To become a member, a young man (under the age of 21) must be a registered Scout in a unit, have experienced 15 days and nights of camping, which includes one long term camp (summer camp), have achieved the rank of First Class, and be approved by his Scoutmaster. For an adult to become a member, he/she must be nominated by the unit committee.

### **Questions on the Order of the Arrow?**

Please visit our lodge website at [www.migisi.org](http://www.migisi.org) and select the "Candidates" link. Take time to read the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) and share them with your parents.

Any questions to the Lodge Adviser can be addressed to [adviser@migisi.org](mailto:adviser@migisi.org)

**Ordeal Candidate Registration**  
**ORDER OF THE ARROW – MIGISI OPAWGAN LODGE 162**

**Print Legibly!**

Adult Candidate: (  ) 21 years old +

**Adult candidates require Lodge Adviser approval to attend.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

BSA Person ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop #: \_\_\_\_\_

Select your OA Chapter/District:

- (  ) Achowalogen – Motor City District  
(  ) Lowanue Kuwe – North Trails/Northridge Districts  
(  ) Mahican – Huron/Three Rivers Districts  
(  ) Wapanee – Michigami/Lakeshore Districts  
(  ) Wsigau – Sunset District

**Ordeal Induction Dates**

(Please ck the event you will be attending)

- (  ) **D-A Ordeal Spring** – April 23-25, 2010      \$45  
(  ) **CCB Ordeal Summer** – June 4-6, 2010      \$45  
(  ) **D-A Ordeal Fall** - September 17-19, 2010      \$45

**NOTE: June and September Ordeal weekends are tent events. Candidates MUST bring a tent!**

Event fee includes event food, housing, O-A sash, the O-A Handbook, Lodge flap and paid dues.

**OA Accounting**

Sellwise = 16204    **\$45.00**

**Emergency Information:**

Person to contact if no one is home:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Health Comments:**

**(Medications, allergies, physical constraints, etc)**

**Insurance Information:**

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of the benefits to be derived, and in view of the fact that the B.S.A. is an educational organization, membership in which is voluntary, and having full confidence that every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety and well-being of person attending during this activity or trip, I hereby agree to his participation and waive all claims against the leaders of this activity or trip and officers, agents, and representatives of the B.S.A. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by a designated representative of the Boy Scouts of America to authorize routine, emergency, or surgical treatment; hospitalization; proper anesthesia; and/or injections. The person herein described is in good health and physical condition has all required immunizations, and I assume the health responsibility for the individual.

I hereby assign and grant to the Migisi Opawgan Lodge the right and permission to use and publish photographs of me or my son as part as part of their communication effort. I understand they will not provide identifying information with any of the photos. I hereby release the Lodge and the Boy Scouts of America from any and all liability from such use and publication. I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for use of the images.

X \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Guardian, if candidate under 18,  
or Adult signature if 18 years old or older**

Print Name Legibly

**Make checks payable to and send to:**

“Great Lakes Council, BSA”  
1776 West Warren Avenue.  
Detroit, MI 48208

**Please write Driver’s License number on your check!**