



QUIVER

Special Edition for
New Brothers
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Upcoming Events

LLD and LEC
December 4, 2011
Volunteer Service Center

LEC and Winter Banquet
January 9, 2011
Volunteer Service Center
**Registration Deadline
December 29, 2010**

Spring Pow Wow
March 11th-13th
**Registration Deadline
March 2, 2011**

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Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge #129

Official Newsletter



Congratulations!

Congratulations! You have now completed the Ordeal! You are officially an Order of the Arrow Brother. So what now?

Now that you are an OA Brother you have unlocked a door of opportunities in your Scouting career.

Whether you want to be on a ceremony team, go to a High Adventure base at a far reduced cost, or get involved in patch trading, you are at the right place. Please note that no other OA events are like the Ordeal; all other OA events are very exciting and fun. In this special issue of the Quiver you will find information on the Order of the Arrow and a timeline of how to get started on your OA path.

About the OA

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is Scouting's National Honor Society. *It sets out to recognize those youth and adult 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, and to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.* The Order of the Arrow was founded in 1915 by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson. The membership levels of the Order of the Arrow are Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Honor.



Ordeal



Brotherhood



Vigil Honor

Some Key OA Terms:

LEC– Lodge Executive Committee. The “PLC” of the Lodge is held each month.

Elangomat– The Arrowman who guides candidates through the Ordeal.

LLD– Lodge Leadership Development. Leadership training held in December specifically for the OA Lodge.





Now that you are in the OA, what to do? A recommended timeline for you.



Now – You have completed the Ordeal. Congratulations! Next, you need to know which Chapter you are in. You are all in Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge, which makes up the Atlanta Area Council, but each District is made up of a separate Chapter. So, the Chapter is the smaller unit and the Lodge is the larger one. A lodge is composed of many chapters. Look on the next page to identify which Chapter you are in and to see where and when they hold their Chapter meetings.

In the next few weeks- Go to your chapter's meetings and go to Lodge events (read below for directions on how to sign up for Lodge Events). Three of your greatest OA resources are your OA handbook, Jumpstart online (<http://jumpstart.aa-bsa.org/>), and our Lodge Website at <http://www.aacegwa.org/>. Skim these to learn some valuable information on the OA. On the left hand side of our website you will see something called 2010 Membership Renewal and Event registration Form (or perhaps 2011 depending on when you check the website). Click on this, print it out, fill it out, and send it in to the listed address to sign-up for an upcoming event. Some upcoming events which you should sign up for are Spring Pow Wow and Conclave. Both of these are very fun events where you can meet new people and get used to the action of OA events. Descriptions of these events can be found on page 4 of this edition of the Quiver. In addition, make sure you get signed up with your Chapter's email list along with the Lodge's email list. To get email updates from the Lodge, go to our website and enter your email on the right hand side of the page. Any more information you may need can be found on our Lodge Website. This includes a Lodge calendar, history of the OA, and Officer contact information.

In the upcoming weeks you need to find out what you are interested in. If you are interested in improving communication in our Lodge, run for your Chapter Secretary position. If you would like to be on a ceremony team join your Chapter's team and if your Chapter does not have one you can make one. If you want to make regalia, dance, or drum, you can do that too by joining or starting a team. One person can make a difference in how successful a lodge is. You can be that person.

10 months from now- Sign-up and go through Brotherhood if you feel you are ready to take this next step in the Order of the Arrow. This, unlike the Ordeal, only takes a few hours. The requirements for Brotherhood can be found in your OA Handbook or on our Lodge website. By now you can forge your own trail in the OA. Only you know what you really want from the Order of the Arrow.

By getting involved now you can greatly increase the productivity of your Chapter and our Lodge for years to come. If your Chapter is weaker than you would like, YOU can take charge and work with your Chapter Advisor and come to events and get others interested. If your Troop does not have an OA Representative, you can become that Scout. You can bring your Chapter to the forefront of the Lodge if you just work for it.





Chapter Identification



Find your district below to identify your chapter and when and where they meet each month.

District	Chapter	Chapter Meetings Time and Place
Button Gwinnett District	Tella Qualla Boundary Chapter	Every third Tuesday of the month at Christ Church Episcopal in Norcross at 7:30 http://tellaquallaboundary.org/
Chattahoochee District	Lowanne Nimat Chapter	Every second Thursday of the month at Roswell First Baptist Church at 7:30 http://www.lowannenimat.org/
Cherokee Pickens District	Achewon Woopalane Chapter	Every first Thursday of the month at the United Methodist Church of Canton at 7:30 http://www.cpds.org/OA.htm
Cover Bridge District	Seven Springs Chapter	Every second Thursday of the month a Brunswick Zone Bowling Alley on Austell Road at 7:00 http://www.cbdistrict.org/sevensprings/index.htm
Foothills District	Kenesaw Chapter	Every second Thursday of the month at Roswell St. Baptist Church at 7:30 http://sites.google.com/site/kenesawchapter/
Hightower Trail District	Etowah Chapter	Every first Wednesday of the month Scout Hut behind Chamblee First UMC at 7:30
Milton District	Soquili Gvnagei Chapter	Every third Thursday of each month at Alpharetta Presbyterian Church at 7:30 http://www.miltonbsa.org/oa/
Mt. Lake District	Wachtsu Chuppecat Chapter	Every second Thursday of each month at Kenesaw UMC
North Atlanta District	Echota Chapter	Every third Thursday of the month at Peachtree road UMC behind the church in the scout hut http://www.northatlantabsa.org/id50.html
Soapstone Ridge District	Thennethlofkee Chapter	Every second Monday of the month at the First Baptist Church of Decatur at 7:30
South Fulton District	Quinigisi Chapter	http://www.southfultonscouting.com/node/1515
Sweetwater & Pickett's Mill Districts	Cvmpe Vekiww Chapter	Every fourth Thursday of the month at Bethany Christian Church at 7:00 http://www.pickettsmillbsa.org/OA/
Tara District	Creek Chapter	Every third Thursday of the month at Jonesboro UMC at 7:30 pm in the Troop 136 scout hut
Three Rivers District	Lockchau Talofau Chapter	Every fourth Tuesday of the month at the Carrollton Agricultural Center at 7:00
West, East, & South Atlanta Districts	Wesadicha Chapter	Every third Tuesday of the month at Christ Church Episcopal in Norcross at 7:30
Yellow River District	Nagatamen Chapter	Every second Wednesday of the month at Shiloh United Methodist Church http://nagatamenoa.webs.com/



Some Upcoming Events You Should Sign Up For

Winter Banquet- Each year, the Arrowmen of Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge gather for a evening of food and fellowship to recognize those officers and chairmen that have contributed to the success of our lodge. Honor Chapter, Founder’s, and Chapter of the Year are also awarded.

Spring Pow Wow- Each spring the members of the Lodge gather for a weekend of fellowship and fun. The program for Spring Pow Wow focuses on Native American culture, involving, crafts, dance, and drum with instructors and evaluators. Spring Pow Wow is also used as preparation time for the upcoming Conclave. Ceremonies evaluations are offered for Pre-Ordeal, Brotherhood, and even Arrow of Light, Crossover, and Tapout ceremonies. The judges comments and suggestions help all ceremony teams rise up to their full potential for the real competitions at Conclave and for the upcoming Ordeals.

Conclave- One of the primary purposes of Southern Region, Section 9, Order of the Arrow is to conduct an annual meeting for delegates of its member Lodges. This annual meeting is the SR-9 Section Conclave. The aim of Conclave is to provide a central place for arrowmen throughout the Section to gather for a weekend of fun and fellowship. The event includes leadership development training, as well as various competitions and games.

OA Getting Started Checklist

These are some things which would be helpful to do to get started, but of course you are not limited to these.

- You have visited the Lodge website, read your OA handbook, and browsed <http://jumpstart.oa-bsa.org/>
- You have your Lodge Flap sewn onto your uniform
- You have attended your chapter meetings
- You are getting involved with your chapter; either ceremonies, drum, dance, a position of leadership etc.
- You have become your Troop’s OA representative if your troop does not have one
- You have attended Lodge Events such as Spring Pow Wow and Conclave. Sign up for these using the Lodge website under “2010 Membership Renewal and Event Sign-Up Form”
- Each year you pay your dues (“2010 Membership Renewal and Event Sign-Up Form”) to remain an Arrowman in good standing with the Lodge. Your Ordeal registration paid for your dues for this year
- You have attained the membership level of Brotherhood

About Our Organization

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting’s national honor society, its purpose, to serve the scouts, troops, and communities it is associated with. As you read this letter keep in mind that it is your obligation to keep cheerful service in mind.



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