



# QUIVER

Special Edition  
for New Brothers

## Upcoming Events

Summitcorps  
July 10-16, 2011

Summerfest  
July 23, 2011  
**Registration Deadline July 13**

Indian Summer  
August 1-6, 2011

LEC  
August 14, 2011

Fall Fellowship  
September 16-18, 2011  
**Registration Deadline September 7**

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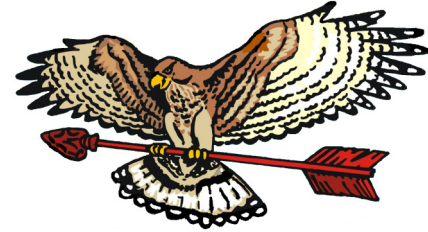
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## Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge #129

### 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 sign up for Lodge events. Three of your greatest OA resources are your OA handbook, Jumpstart online (<http://jumpstart.oa-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 2011 OA Dues and Event Registration. Click on this, print it out, fill it out, and send it in to the listed address to sign-up for an upcoming event. However, we are moving more towards online registration so check the website for any additional information on that. Some upcoming events which you should sign up for are Summerfest and Fall Fellowship. Both of these are very fun events where you can meet new people and get used to the fun 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 volun-





# 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 <a href="http://tellaquallaboundary.org/">http://tellaquallaboundary.org/</a>
Chattahoochee District	Lowanne Nimat Chapter	Every second Thursday of the month at Roswell First Baptist Church at 7:30 <a href="http://www.lowannenimat.org/">http://www.lowannenimat.org/</a>
Cherokee Pickens District	Achewon Woopalane Chapter	Every first Thursday of the month at the United Methodist Church of Canton at 7:30 <a href="http://www.cpds.org/OA.htm">http://www.cpds.org/OA.htm</a>
Cover Bridge District	Seven Springs Chapter	Every second Thursday of the month a Brunswick Zone Bowling Alley on Austell Road at 7:00 <a href="http://www.cbdistrict.org/sevensprings/index.htm">http://www.cbdistrict.org/sevensprings/index.htm</a>
Foothills District	Kenesaw Chapter	Every second Thursday of the month at Roswell St. Baptist Church at 7:30 <a href="http://sites.google.com/site/kenesawchapter/">http://sites.google.com/site/kenesawchapter/</a>
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 <a href="http://www.miltonbsa.org/oa/">http://www.miltonbsa.org/oa/</a>
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 <a href="http://www.northatlantabsa.org/id50.html">http://www.northatlantabsa.org/id50.html</a>
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	<a href="http://www.southfultonscouting.com/node/1515">http://www.southfultonscouting.com/node/1515</a>
Sweetwater & Pickett's Mill Districts	Cvmpe Vekiwv Chapter	Every fourth Thursday of the month at Bethany Christian Church at 7:00 <a href="http://www.pickettsmillbsa.org/OA/">http://www.pickettsmillbsa.org/OA/</a>
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 <a href="http://nagatamenoa.webs.com/">http://nagatamenoa.webs.com/</a>





## Some Upcoming Events You Should Sign Up For

**Summerfest** - Summerfest is an opportunity for new Arrowmen to learn about the Order of the Arrow, what activities are available in and outside the Lodge, how to train a ceremony team and how to be a ceremony judge. The Ordeal is fully explained by the Characters who performed the ceremony so new Arrowmen can have a complete understanding of everything done and said. Ideas to help build a strong Chapter and keep it active are also on hand as well as an active drum and teepee demonstration. An afternoon of craft sessions followed by a great cookout makes sure there is definitely something for everyone.

**Fall Fellowship** - Each fall the members of the Lodge gather for a weekend of fellowship and fun. Many classes, ranging from Elangomat training to moccasin making, are taught in the morning and in the afternoon an array of fun games and activities is offered. Fall Fellowship is also where the Lodge inducts new Vigil Honorees and elects new officers. In the past themes for Fall Fellowship have ranged anywhere from OA High Adventure to Highland Games.

**Fall Ordeal** - Now that you are an Arrowman, you can go to the Ordeals as a Brother. At the Ordeals you have the option of being an Elangomat or just helping out with your chapter. Elangomats are the Arrowmen who guide you through your Ordeal. If you do not wish to be an Elangomat, you can just become adjusted to the Lodge and your Chapter by helping out with your Chapter Cracker-barrel or helping set up ceremony sites.

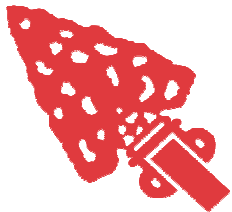
## OA Getting Started Checklist

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.aa-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 Fall Ordeal (usually as an Elangomat), Summerfest, or Fall Fellowship. Sign up for these using the Lodge website
- By early 2012 you've paid your dues (paid online) 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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