



Colonneh Lodge

Ordeal Candidate Pre-Registration 2010

www.colonneh.org

The cost of the Ordeal covers 2010 dues, Lodge flap (patch), OA sash, OA handbook, meals, and free Brotherhood sash (\$15 value) after completing your Brotherhood ceremony which you are eligible to attend 10 months after your Ordeal. Attendance is limited at each Ordeal. Registration is based on a first-come first-serve basis to candidates with their complete registration, medical form, and fee submitted to the OA Secretary. A bus option (\$25) is available for the Cima I & II Ordeals if there is enough interest. All candidates **MUST ATTACH** a completed Medical Form (www.samhoustonbsa.org/home/forms).

Late registrations: There is a late registration fee of \$25. Food is ordered one week before each Ordeal based on pre-registration numbers; as a result, late registrations are not guaranteed Saturday night dinner. Refunds are not given; however, rescheduling to another 2010 Ordeal is allowed if requested at least one week before the Ordeal.

Questions: Contact your Chapter Adviser: www.colonneh.org/chapters

Maps: www.colonneh.org/maps

Confirmation of registration (posted weekly): www.colonneh.org/ordeals

Forms and FAQ's: www.colonneh.org/ordeals

First Name _____	Last Name _____	Nickname _____	DOB _____
Cell Phone _____	Home Phone _____	Gender _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth or <input type="checkbox"/> Adult
Address _____		City _____	Zip _____
E-mail _____			
District _____	Unit Type _____	Unit # _____	BSA Scoutnet ID # _____

Parent/Guardian _____	Work Phone _____
Cell Phone _____	E-mail _____

Ordeal Dates ✓ 2010	Location	Ordeal Type	Check-in	Dismissal	Cost		Late Fee	
					✓	or	✓	
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 19-21	Baytown NC	Chapter: Raven	8:00 - 10:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60		<input type="checkbox"/> \$85 after 2/13	
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 26-28	Strake I	Lodge (all Chapters)	8:00 - 10:00 pm	Sunday 11:00 am	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60		<input type="checkbox"/> \$85 after 2/19	
<input type="checkbox"/> April 9-11	Armand Bayou NC	Chapters: Bayshore/Eagle Trail	see www.ani-lati.org		<input type="checkbox"/> \$60		<input type="checkbox"/> \$85 after 4/2	
<input type="checkbox"/> April 16-18	Brosig I	Chapter: Texas Skies	8:00 - 10:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60		<input type="checkbox"/> \$85 after 4/9	
<input type="checkbox"/> May 7 - 8	Strake II	Chapters: George Strake, Tall Timbers, Flaming Arrow, Golden Arrow	8:00 - 10:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60		<input type="checkbox"/> \$85 after 4/30	
<input type="checkbox"/> May 7 - 8	Brosig II	Chapters: Brazos, David Crockett, Tomahawk, Mustang	8:00 - 10:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60		<input type="checkbox"/> \$85 after 4/30	
<input type="checkbox"/> May 14 - 16	Cima I	Chapters: Big Cypress, Copperhead, Soaring Eagle	8:00 - 10:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45		<input type="checkbox"/> \$70 after 5/7	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cima I Bus (optional)	meet at Cockrell Center at 6:00 pm sharp (if enough interest)				<input type="checkbox"/> \$25			
<input type="checkbox"/> June 5 - 7	Cima II	Lodge (all Chapters)	9:00 - 11:00 pm	Sunday 11:00 am	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45		<input type="checkbox"/> \$70 after 5/29	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cima II Bus (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/> meet at Cockrell Center at 6:00 pm sharp or <input type="checkbox"/> meet at Location TBD (Katy) at 6:15 pm sharp				<input type="checkbox"/> \$25			
<input type="checkbox"/> Week of: June 13 - 19	Cima - 1	SHAC Summer Camp (Call Out and Ordeal only for those attending camp)	see Camp schedule		<input type="checkbox"/> \$45			
<input type="checkbox"/> Week of: June 20 - 26	Cima - 2							
<input type="checkbox"/> Week of: June 27	Cima - 3							
<input type="checkbox"/> Week of: July 4 - 10	Cima - 4							
<input type="checkbox"/> Week of: July 11 - 17	Cima - 5							
<input type="checkbox"/> Sept 10-12	Strake III	Lodge (all Chapters)	8:00 - 10:00 pm	Saturday 10:00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60		<input type="checkbox"/> \$85 after 9/3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nov 19-21	Strake IV	Chapters: Iron Horse, Orion, Phoenix	8:00 - 10:00 pm	Saturday 10:00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60		<input type="checkbox"/> \$85 after 11/12	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec 10 - 11	Strake V	Lodge (all Chapters)	8:00 - 10:00 pm	Saturday 10:00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60		<input type="checkbox"/> \$85 after 12/3	

<input type="checkbox"/> Cash or <input type="checkbox"/> Check (payable to SHAC): Mail to: OA Secretary, PO Box 924528, Houston, TX 77292-4528	
Credit: <input type="checkbox"/> Amex <input type="checkbox"/> MC <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Disc:	Email (delores.mcgee@shac.org) or Fax (713-865-9150)
Card Holder Name: _____	# _____ Exp. Date _____
Signature <u>not required if emailed</u> _____	

*Note: Email is preferred method.
Do not fax twice or send info more than one way or you will be charged twice*

For office use:
Acct: 1-2371-755-00
____ Payment Processed
____ Amount ____ Date
____ Medical
____ Completed Ordeal
____ Packet ____ LM

Annual BSA Health and Medical Record

Part A

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Date of birth _____ Age _____ Male Female
 Address _____ Grade completed (youth only) _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone No. _____
 Unit leader _____ Council name/No. _____ Unit No. _____
 Social Security No. (optional; may be required by medical facilities for treatment) _____ Religious preference _____
 Health/accident insurance company _____ Policy No. _____

ATTACH A PHOTOCOPY OF BOTH SIDES OF INSURANCE CARD (SEE PART C). IF FAMILY HAS NO MEDICAL INSURANCE, STATE "NONE."

In case of emergency, notify:

Name _____ Relationship _____
 Address _____
 Home phone _____ Business phone _____ Cell phone _____
 Alternate contact _____ Alternate's phone _____

MEDICAL HISTORY

Are you now, or have you ever been treated for any of the following:

Yes	No	Condition	Explain
		Asthma	
		Diabetes	
		Hypertension (high blood pressure)	
		Heart disease (i.e., CHF, CAD, MI)	
		Stroke/TIA	
		COPD	
		Ear/sinus problems	
		Muscular/skeletal condition	
		Menstrual problems (women only)	
		Psychiatric/psychological and emotional difficulties	
		Learning disorders (i.e., ADHD, ADD)	
		Bleeding disorders	
		Fainting spells	
		Thyroid disease	
		Kidney disease	
		Sickle cell disease	
		Seizures	
		Sleep disorders (i.e., sleep apnea)	
		GI problems (i.e., abdominal, digestive)	
		Surgery	
		Serious injury	
		Other	

Allergies or Reaction to:

Medication _____
 Food, Plants, or Insect Bites _____

Immunizations:

The following are recommended by the BSA. Tetanus immunization must have been received within the last 10 years. If had disease, put "D" and the year. If immunized, check the box and the year received.

Yes	No	Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tetanus _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pertussis _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diphtheria _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Measles _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mumps _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rubella _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Polio _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chicken pox _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hepatitis A _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hepatitis B _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Influenza _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (i.e., HIB) _____

Exemption to immunizations claimed.

MEDICATIONS

List all medications currently used. (If additional space is needed, please photocopy this part of the health form.) Inhalers and EpiPen information must be included, even if they are for occasional or emergency use only.

(For more information about immunizations, as well as the immunization exemption form, see Scouting Safely on Scouting.org.)

Medication _____ Strength _____ Frequency _____ Approximate date started _____ Reason for medication _____ _____ Distribution approved by: _____ Parent signature _____ MD/DO, NP, or PA Signature Temporary <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/>	Medication _____ Strength _____ Frequency _____ Approximate date started _____ Reason for medication _____ _____ Distribution approved by: _____ Parent signature _____ MD/DO, NP, or PA Signature Temporary <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/>	Medication _____ Strength _____ Frequency _____ Approximate date started _____ Reason for medication _____ _____ Distribution approved by: _____ Parent signature _____ MD/DO, NP, or PA Signature Temporary <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/>
Medication _____ Strength _____ Frequency _____ Approximate date started _____ Reason for medication _____ _____ Distribution approved by: _____ Parent signature _____ MD/DO, NP, or PA Signature Temporary <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/>	Medication _____ Strength _____ Frequency _____ Approximate date started _____ Reason for medication _____ _____ Distribution approved by: _____ Parent signature _____ MD/DO, NP, or PA Signature Temporary <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/>	Medication _____ Strength _____ Frequency _____ Approximate date started _____ Reason for medication _____ _____ Distribution approved by: _____ Parent signature _____ MD/DO, NP, or PA Signature Temporary <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/>

NOTE: Be sure to bring medications in the appropriate containers, and make sure that they are NOT expired, including inhalers and EpiPens. You SHOULD NOT STOP taking any maintenance medication.

Emergency contact No.:

Allergies:

DOB:

Last name:

Part C

Informed Consent and Hold Harmless/Release Agreement

I understand that participation in Scouting activities involves a certain degree of risk. I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent for myself and/or my child to participate in these activities. I understand that participation in these activities is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by applicable rules and standards of conduct. I release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all claims or liability arising out of this participation.

I approve the sharing of the information on this form with BSA volunteers and professionals who need to know of medical situations that might require special consideration for the safe conducting of Scouting activities.

In case of an emergency involving me or my child, I understand that every effort will be made to contact the individual listed as the emergency contact person. In the event that this person cannot be reached, permission is hereby given to the medical provider selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for me or my child. Medical providers are authorized to disclose to the adult in charge examination findings, test results, and treatment provided for purposes of medical evaluation of the participant, follow-up and communication with the participant's parents or guardian, and/or determination of the participant's ability to continue in the program activities.

Without restrictions.

With special considerations or restrictions (list) _____

Talent Release Form

I hereby assign and grant to the local council and the Boy Scouts of America the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me or my child by the Boy Scouts of America, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America from any and all liability from such use and publication.

I hereby authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage, and/or distribution of said photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the Boy Scouts of America, and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

Yes No

I understand that, if any information I/we have provided is found to be inaccurate, it may limit and/or eliminate the opportunity for participation in any event or activity.

Participant's name _____

Participant's signature _____

Parent/guardian's signature _____

(if under the age of 18)

Date _____

Attach copy of insurance card (front and back) here. If required by your state, use the space provided here for notarization.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, Texas 75015-2079
<http://www.scouting.org>



2008 Printing

Part C Last name: _____ DOB: _____



Colonneh Lodge

www.colonneh.org

February 2010

Dear Ordeal Candidate,

Congratulations! You have been elected as a candidate for membership in the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America's National Honor Society. Its purpose to:

Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrant similar recognition.

Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.

Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.

Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

As you are aware, you must complete an Ordeal in order to become a member of the Colonneh Lodge Order of the Arrow. If you do not attend one of the 2010 Ordeal opportunities, then you will have to be re-elected by your Unit next year. Please keep in mind that weekends in the Fall are full of football games, band competitions and other outside obligations, so please plan to attend one of the earlier Ordeal if possible. Note that some are two days and some are three days. A Candidate can only complete his Ordeal in our Lodge.

Ordeal Dates ✓ 2010	Location	Ordeal Type	Check-in	Dismissal
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 19-21	Baytown NC	Chapter: Raven	8:00 - 10:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 26-28	Strake I	Lodge (all Chapters)	8:00 - 10:00 pm	Sunday 11:00 am
<input type="checkbox"/> April 9-11	Armand Bayou NC	Chapters: Bayshore/Eagle Trail	see www.ani-lati.org	
<input type="checkbox"/> April 16-18	Brosig I	Chapter: Texas Skies	8:00 - 10:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am
<input type="checkbox"/> May 7 - 8	Strake II	Chapters: George Strake, Tall Timbers, Flaming Arrow, Golden Arrow	8:00 - 10:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
<input type="checkbox"/> May 7 - 8	Brosig II	Chapters: Brazos, David Crockett, Tomahawk, Mustang	8:00 - 10:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
<input type="checkbox"/> May 14 - 16	Cima I	Chapters: Big Cypress, Copperhead, Soaring Eagle	8:00 - 10:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am
<input type="checkbox"/> Cima I Bus (optional)	meet at Cockrell Center at 6:00 pm sharp (if enough interest)			
<input type="checkbox"/> June 5 - 7	Cima II	Lodge (all Chapters)	9:00 - 11:00 pm	Sunday 11:00 am
<input type="checkbox"/> Cima II Bus (optional)	meet at Cockrell Center at 6:00 pm sharp or <input type="checkbox"/> meet at Location TBD (Katy) at 6:15 pm sharp			
<input type="checkbox"/> Week of: June 13 - 19	Cima - 1	SHAC Summer Camp (Call Out and Ordeal only for those attending camp)	see Camp schedule	
<input type="checkbox"/> Week of: June 20 - 26	Cima - 2			
<input type="checkbox"/> Week of: June 27	Cima - 3			
<input type="checkbox"/> Week of: July 4 - 10	Cima - 4			
<input type="checkbox"/> Week of: July 11 - 17	Cima - 5			
<input type="checkbox"/> Sept 10-12	Strake III	Lodge (all Chapters)	8:00 - 10:00 pm	Saturday 10:00 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Nov 19-21	Strake IV	Chapters: Iron Horse, Orion, Phoenix	8:00 - 10:00 pm	Saturday 10:00 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec 10 - 11	Strake V	Lodge (all Chapters)	8:00 - 10:00 pm	Saturday 10:00 pm

Questions: Contact your Chapter Adviser: www.colonneh.org/chapters

Confirmation of registration (posted weekly): www.colonneh.org/ordeals

Maps: www.colonneh.org/maps

Forms and FAQ's: www.colonneh.org/ordeals

A complete Scout Field Uniform (Class A) is required for the Ordeal and you should show up at registration in uniform. You will change into work clothes on Saturday morning and will be given an opportunity to clean up and change back into your field uniform for the Ordeal Ceremony.

Equipment for the Ordeal:

Field and Activity Uniform	Insect repellent
Work clothes (jeans, long sleeve shirt, boots, work gloves, hat)	Sunscreen
Sleeping Bag	Flashlight
Mosquito netting	Rain Gear
Ground Cloth	Water Bottle
Backpack [to hike gear (except tent)]	Personal Hygiene Items (soap, towel, shampoo, toothbrush/paste, IvyBlock)
Foam Pad (for sleeping on ground under stars Friday night)	
Tent (for Saturday night – may share with other Candidates from same unit)	

You will need to carry all of your gear in a backpacking type bag except for your tent that will be used on Saturday if your Ordeal is a three day event. We encourage Candidates from the same Troop to attend the Ordeal together in order to share rides and tents.

For Health and Safety purposes, work clothes, consisting of long sleeve shirts, long pants, boots, gloves and a hat, are required for participation in the service projects. Service projects will include brush clearing and camp clean-up (and may include painting). Several locations have poison ivy or thorns. Consider applying IvyBlock lotion on Saturday morning. Plan on drinking plenty of clear fluids during your Ordeal.

You should eat a hearty meal BEFORE arriving at the Ordeal. You should not bring food unless it is part of a medically prescribed diet detailed on the medical form. Directions to the camps can be found at www.colonneh.org/maps.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

The cost of the Ordeal is \$60, except for the Ordeal at Cima which is \$50. The Ordeal fee covers 2010 dues, Lodge flap (patch), OA sash, OA handbook, meals, and a free Brotherhood sash (\$15 value) after completing your Brotherhood ceremony which you are eligible to attend 10 months after your Ordeal. A candidate must attend the complete Ordeal process to become a member of the Order of the Arrow. **If you do not attend one of the 2010 Ordeal opportunities then you will have to be re-elected by your unit next year.**

Registration is based on a first-come, first-serve basis to candidates with their complete registration information and fee submitted to the OA Secretary no later than one (1) week prior to the Ordeal. Confirmation of registration will be posted on www.colonneh.org/ordeals. The website will be updated weekly with a list of Candidates registered for each Ordeal. Walk-ins and late registrations (less than one week before the Ordeal) should take all registration and medical forms to the Ordeal. Due to camp limits, walk-ins and late registrations may not be able to participate in the Ordeals and Ordeal materials may not be available. These materials will be available following the Ordeal by visiting a Chapter meeting.

There is a \$25 late registration fee for registrations received less than one week before an Ordeal. Since food is ordered one week before the Ordeal, late registrations are not guaranteed a Saturday night meal. Refunds are not given; however, rescheduling to another 2009 Ordeal is allowed if requested at least one week before the Ordeal.

After you complete your Ordeal, you are encouraged to attend Chapter meetings and to take full advantage of all that the OA has to offer. Colonneh Lodge has many opportunities for service, leadership development, Native American dancing, drumming, and ceremonies. As a member of the Order, you will be able to participate in exclusive Lodge events (e.g., Fall PowWow, Spring Fellowship), Regional events (e.g., Section Conclave), and National events (e.g., National Order of the Arrow Conference). You can even serve a valuable role both to your Unit and Chapter at the same time by serving as OA Troop/Team Representative. This role counts as a "Position of Responsibility" toward the rank of Eagle. The OA has something for everyone!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your District's Chapter Adviser (www.colonneh.org/chapters). Copies of this information will be posted on the Lodge Website (www.colonneh.org/ordeals).

Again, congratulations on your selection. We are looking forward to welcoming you into the Order of the Arrow.

Yours in the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service,

Charlie Harbin IV
Lodge Vice Chief-Inductions
vc.inductions@colonneh.org

Tom Huttenhoff
Lodge Chief
chief@colonneh.org

Don Dunbar
Lodge Ordeal Adviser
ddunbar3@gmail.com

Scott Scheffler
Lodge Adviser
scottscheffler@yahoo.com



Colonneh Lodge

www.colonneh.org

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Why all the secrecy around the OA activities?

Answer: The Order of the Arrow recognizes that an aura of mystery not only stimulates interest in the OA, but also helps new members feel proud of an accomplishment that is not achieved by every Scout. Most candidates receive fewer benefits if they know about the induction in advance. Knowledge of the Ordeal events lowers expectancy, and dulls the edge of experience. In other words, you hurt candidates by telling them about the "Ordeal." Parents should feel free to discuss the experiences their children had at the Ordeal, after it's completion. The Order of the Arrow is happy to share any pertinent information about our activities with parents who are not members.

The OA is not a secret society, and does not support hazing in any form. BSA has officially stated: *"The induction is not a hazing or an initiation ceremony. The Order is not a secret Scout organization, and its ceremonies are open to any parent, Scout leader, or religious leader. There is an element of mystery in the ceremonies for the sake of its effect on the candidates. For this reason, ceremonies are not put on in public. The ceremonies...are not objectionable to any religious group."*

Question: Can parents or non-OA Members attend Ceremonies?

Answer: Parents and non-OA siblings are strongly discouraged from attending OA Ceremonies. Our concern is that the future experiences of participants who may one day have an opportunity to join the Lodge will be spoiled.

Question: What happens during the Ordeal?

Answer: The Ordeal starts with an inspiring ceremony, where the candidate is presented with four activities to help him understand the obligations of a member of the Order: brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. Once the four activities are completed, the member takes an obligation of service, and becomes an Ordeal member in the OA. Note that nothing in the Ordeal is considered hazing; the Ordeal activities are intended to promote self-discovery and inspiration while providing service to our Scout camps. All ceremonies are reviewed regularly by Scouting and religious leaders. The experience of the Ordeal is to challenge the candidate to understand an obligation of life-long cheerful service.

Question: How do Scouts benefit from the OA?

Answer: In 2009, over 2,000 Arrowmen in Colonneh Lodge gave more than 60,000 hours of service to their Units, Districts, Council and communities. The Order of the Arrow program provides additional opportunities for a Scout to develop leadership talents and motivational skills; improve speaking, planning, and motivational skills; fellowship with older Scouts; and achieve a deeper understanding about cheerfully and unselfishly giving of himself in the service of his fellow Scouts.

Question: What is expected of a new OA member?

Answer: OA members are expected to stay active in their Troop, set an example by living the Scout Oath and Law, promote camping, and provide service to Scouting and the community. In addition, OA members should attend monthly Chapter meetings in their District, attend Lodge events, pay annual dues, and provide service to future Ordeals.

Question: How do new OA members get involved?

Answer: Besides the personal experience of being part of an Honor Society, Arrowman can sharpen their leadership skills, work with others to solve problems, and brainstorm with others to help make the organization as strong as it can be. Getting involved is easy. OA programs provide a variety of innovative leadership opportunities and fun events not found anywhere else in Scouting. New Arrowman should first find out when and where their Chapter meets in their District by visiting www.colonneh.org.

Arrowman can serve as an **Elangomat** or "friend" at Ordeals to make new candidates feel welcome. Serving as an Elangomat is a wonderful leadership experience as well as an opportunity to make new friends. Serving as an Elangomat can also help youth achieve the Leadership in Service Award as well as the Service Clan Sash.

Scouts can help their unit and earn credit for rank advancement leadership by becoming a **Troop OA Representative**. The Troop OA Representative serves as a link between the Lodge or Chapter and the Unit. In the Unit, the Troop OA Representative makes sure that fellow Arrowmen know about upcoming OA events. In addition, the Troop OA Representative takes information back to the Chapter and Lodge on how the OA can help the Unit. The OA Troop Representative is a very important role to the OA. It is a way to serve the Lodge and Unit at the same time, and fulfill a leadership requirement for advancement towards Eagle.



Chapter **Ceremony Teams** conduct inspirational Arrow of Light Ceremonies, Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal Ceremonies and Brotherhood Ceremonies. In addition, ceremony teams have many exciting opportunities to participate in competitions at the Lodge, Section, and National level events. Joining a ceremonial team is a rewarding experience. Workshops on **Native American Dancing and Drumming** are available at Fall PowWow and Spring Fellowship. Colonneh's Native American Committee promotes cultural education through song, authentic dance, crafts, and more. Individual dancing and drumming competitions occur at many Lodge, Section, and National events.

The OA was founded upon camping traditions. Each Chapter has a **Camp Promotions Team** to improve interest in our local camps and promote the excitement of camping and adventure. Serving on **Summer Camp Staff** at one of the Sam Houston Area Council camps is an outstanding opportunity to serve Scouting.

Every year there are lots of awesome opportunities for Arrowmen to participate in **Lodge and Section events**:

- **Fall PowWow** is Colonneh's premier Lodge event held at Camp Strake. It is a combination of Native American activities such as ceremony and dance classes, crafts, competitions and PowWows; sports; exciting games; shows; expos; and more.
- **Spring Fellowship** is a one-day event full of fun and service and Lodge elections held at Camp Strake. The day starts with Arrowman giving back in cheerful service to the camp. The afternoon includes fun events, exciting activities, ceremony competitions, dance competitions, crafts, singing, drumming, regalia building, and a few surprises too!!!!
- **David Hinds Memorial Training** is a dynamic annual training event, to learn more about the OA and Colonneh Lodge and how to become a better leader. Youth and Adult training classes include leadership development, event planning, tools needed to improve chapters, and communication skills to name a few. This important training is open to all Arrowman.
- **OA Banquet** is a night of celebration to recognize award winners and celebrate the past year's accomplishments. Arrowman gather to look back at all of fun that was had over the past year.
- **Section Conclave**—Scouts from Lodges all over South Texas have a blast participating in the numerous special events, games, food, fun, ceremony and dance competitions, awesome shows, LOTS of patch trading and so much more.



Being a member of the OA has many benefits beyond Colonneh. Here are just a few of the **National programs and events** available to members of the Order:

- **Northern Tier OA Wilderness Voyage**— One of the last untouched wilderness areas lies on our nation's northern border--the Northern Tier Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base. OA members between the ages of 16-20 can participate in the OA Voyage program for just \$150, plus the cost of transportation. Participants spend two weeks on the waters of northern Minnesota; performing service the first week, and taking part in a crew-designed voyage the second week.
- **Philmont OA Trail Crew**— an inexpensive, fun way to visit Philmont? OA members ages 16-20 can participate in the OA Trail Crew program for just \$150, plus the cost of transportation. Participants spend two weeks in the Philmont backcountry; performing service the first week, and taking part in a crew-designed trek the second week.
- **Florida Sea Base Crew**— The OA Ocean Adventure (OAOA) is a unique opportunity to experience the programs at the Florida Sea Base, while providing a new type of service to the Atlantic Ocean for just \$150, plus the cost of transportation. In a two-week period, participants will complete PADI SCUBA certification, as well as interact with undersea wildlife like no other Scouts do, take wildlife samples in the Florida Keys, and performing island restoration.
- **National Boy Scout Jamboree**— The OA provides leadership to several areas of the National Jamboree—Scouting's largest event including a Service Corps that gives cheerful service throughout the event. Youth OA members receive a significant discount on the registration fee. (2010)
- **National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)**— Held every three years at a major university, over 7,000 Arrowmen gather for this awesome week-long premier Order of the Arrow event. (2012)