

MITIGWA LODGE

*ORDER OF THE ARROW
MID-IOWA COUNCIL #177*

New Arrowman Resource Book



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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

Phone:(____) _____ Troop: _____

Mid-Iowa Council, BSA #177

My personal Order of the Arrow Record:

Ordeal Date: _____

First Work Weekend: _____

Service Award Dates: _____

Brotherhood Date: _____

First Year Award: _____

Served as Troop Representative: _____

Jim Goodding Arrowman Award: _____

Vigil Honor Date: _____

Vigil Honor Name: _____

Meaning: _____

Arrowman of Achievement: _____

Founder's Award: _____

WELCOME!

Congratulations, you have just become one of the newest members of the Mitigwa Lodge and the Order of the Arrow. You have been selected by your fellow scouts for membership in this honored order because of the leadership you have given them. By electing you to the OA, your troop honors you for the



cheerful spirit you show when a tough task is at hand, when you help another scout even if it is at your own expense, and most importantly for being a leader in

the eyes of your fellow scouts.

This Resource Book can not, and will not, explain all the answers to all the questions you may have about the OA. It is meant for you to be able to know what is going on, what has happened so far, what you can do in the OA, and what it takes for you to seal your membership in the Order. This Resource Book is in no way a replacement for the Order of the Arrow Handbook you will receive in your Ordeal Packet. The OA Handbook is by far the best resource to explain the organization and operation of the national

program. It is not an exciting edge of your seat thriller, or a suspenseful mystery, but it is an incredible guide to understanding all that we do in the OA, so please read it.

As with all information, books, newsletters, and other items of Order of the Arrow, you will need to take special care in safeguarding this Resource Book. The Order of the Arrow recognizes and utilizes a form of mystery surrounding our organization. The curiosity develops in those scouts who are not members about the unknown secrets of the OA. If you were to tell them all they wanted to know or allow them to read everything they want, then the mystery and excitement for them is lost. Please safeguard this and everything, not with intent to be mean, but simply to allow the mystery and excitement the others deserve.

HISTORY OF MITIGWA

LODGE

The Order of the Arrow began in the summer of 1915 at Treasure Island a Boy Scout Summer Camp of eastern Pennsylvania on the Delaware River. Founded by the Camp Director, Dr. E. Urner Goodman, and Assistant Camp Director, Carroll A. Edison, as a way to honor those members who best displayed the scout oath and law in their scouting lives and to recognize them in an honored order.

The honor society of Camp Mitigwa, The Old Guard Honor Society, began in 1931 by Scout Executive J.C. Underwood. The stated purpose of the Old Guard was to assemble veteran and qualified campers to maintain and perpetuate the ideas and traditions of Camp Mitigwa.

In 1951, the Council Executive Board approved the petition for membership into the Order of the Arrow, which was integrated into the Boy Scout movement in 1948. So began Mitigwa Lodge #450. The members of the Old Guard were first inducted in the summer of 1951 by special ceremonies per-

formed by an Illinek Lodge #132. Our summer inductions at camp have continued to this day.

In 1970, BoQui Lodge, of the former Southern Iowa Council merged with Tall Corn Area Council to form the Mid-Iowa Council, merged into Mitigwa lodge and formed what was then Golden Eagle Chapter to make Mitigwa Lodge as it is today.

In 1998 and 2004, Mitigwa Lodge served as the Service Lodge for the National Order of the Arrow Conference held at Iowa State University in Ames Iowa. In 2004, The National Order of the Arrow discontinued using numbers to designate lodges thus while we can still use #450 it has no meaning. The Mitigwa Lodge is recognized as serving the Mid-Iowa Council #177.

In 2001, the Mitigwa Lodge celebrated its 50th Anniversary of existence. It was celebrated with a commemorative gold lodge flap.

LODGE ADMINISTRATION

Mitigwa Lodge is run by five youth Lodge Officers under the age 21, Chief, Vice-Chief of Ceremonies, Vice-Chief of Election and Promotion, Vice-Chief of Communications and Vice-Chief of Membership, and To understand their responsibilities please read the Lodge By-Laws at www.mitigwa-lodge.org. You can download the file and print it if you want.

To help run the Lodge Program, the Chief appoints youth Arrowmen to be a Chairperson of an event and program committees. These Chairpersons handle the necessary details and planning to hold successful events for the lodge and the successful programs like Elangomat, Dancing and Drumming and others. Check out the Lodge Leadership Roster in the appendix to see what committees there are and what you can help do as an Arrowman.

Mitigwa Lodge is separated into three geographical areas, equal to the council's districts, called Chapters. The three chapters also take the name for the district that they serve; the three are Prairie Winds, Twin Rivers, and Woodland Trails. Each of the chapters is lead by a slate of officers with a Chapter Chief and a number of Chapter Vice-Chiefs. Each chapter usually holds monthly meetings from fall to late spring, and holds a few Chapter Work Weekends each year to help camp. Contact your Chapter Chief to see when and where they meet and how you can

become involved. You can find the entire list of Chapter officers in the appendix.

For every position of leadership in the Order of the Arrow, there is an Adviser, over the age of 21, ready and willing to help the youth to make a quality program. At the Lodge level there are two Advisers. The Lodge Adviser works with the Lodge Chief to help operate the functions of the OA. The Lodge Adviser is a member of the Council Camping committee and volunteers their time to the Lodge. The Lodge Staff Adviser is a member of the council professional staff and participates in OA functions to represent the council in giving guidance.

LODGE PROGRAM

Mitigwa Lodge holds several events throughout the year to promote brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

Snowflake Pow-Wow – An event to celebrate and educate on the customs and traditions of the Native American aspect and ceremonial portion of the OA. As well as providing a good environment to get some basic classroom training in a variety of subjects and participating in a number of activities, we gather in an evening of fellowship and entertainment with Pow-Wow.

Spring Conclave – Held right before the start of the camping season of Camp Mitigwa. This weekend of service for our local council camp gives us a time to get the camp ready to serve the Scouts in our council. This one weekend of service makes a difference in the camps, as well as gives the camp staff a break from all of the hard work that is necessary in preparing for summer. This is also a great time to go through the Brotherhood ceremony as well.

Fall Fellowship – This weekend held at the end of summer before schools gives us a great

chance to gather in the spirit of brotherhood. The purpose of the event is to have a good time. During Fall Fellowship we hold our Annual Business meeting to discuss lodge business and elect officers for the next year. We also call out the Vigil Honor for those selected brothers during an impressive ceremony.

Winter Banquet - Our lodge's annual awards and recognition event held at the early part of January. We recognize the accomplishments of our brothers during the past year, including new Eagle scouts, a variety of other awards (some are stated in the awards section later in this book), and we will even recognize you for your completion of Ordeal membership in the OA. Many chapters will hold their own end-of-year banquets, so be sure to check with your Chapter Chief.

CHAPTERS

Just as a very large troop depends on the patrol method to organize their scouts, so too, does Mitigwa Lodge depend on chapters to execute the program of the OA. In this way, more youth are given an opportunity to develop and demonstrate leadership ability and to share in the responsibility of giving cheerful service to their units and district. OA projects, ceremonies, and activities can be carried out at the chapter level much more efficiently than at the Lodge level. The chapter does many things throughout the year with ceremonies in the summer, service projects in the fall and spring, meetings through the winter months, and most importantly, elections and promotions in the spring.

You can contact your Chapter by going to the Lodge website at www.mitigwa-lodge.org and click on the Chapters link.

Chapter information on the back side.

Prairie Winds Chapter

2nd Tuesday, 7:00pm at City Church of Ames,
Oakwood Road, Ames
Adviser: Renee Maloney
Cell: 515-291-6535
Email: prairie.winds.oe@gmail.com

Twin Rivers Chapter

2nd Thursday, 7pm at Maytag Scout Center
Adviser: Pete Lies
Cell: 515-707-6027
Email: twinrivers.oe.chapteradvisor@gmail.com

Woodland Trails Chapter

2nd Thursday, 7pm at Indian Hills C.C-Advanced Tech-
nology Center, Ottumwa
Adviser: Eric Miller
Cell: 641-777-2497
Email: baritoneblaster@hotmail.com

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

There are many awards given out each year by Mitigwa Lodge to Arrowmen for extraordinary service and devotion to the OA and to the Lodge.

Lodge Service Award – To those Arrowmen who have participated in three Lodge events and completed a number of tasks between consecutive Fall Fellowships. The award is a diamond shaped pin to be attached to the Lodge flap

Jim Goodding Arrowman Award – Recipients are Lodge members under the age of 21 who are nominated by their Scoutmasters for exhibiting the purposes and spirit of the Order of the Arrow in their troop activities. The Arrowman must be active in the Lodge for at least one-year prior.

Arrowman of Achievement – The award can be presented to any Arrowman who has demonstrated continued service to Scouting and/or the Lodge. The award was made in 1980, and up to five awards are made each year.

Quality Chapter Award— This award is given to every chapter meeting a set of predetermined standards.

Founder's Award – The Founder's Award, given by the national Order of the Arrow, was created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to the lodge. The award is reserved for those Arrowmen who memorialize in their everyday life, the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Urner Goodman. The Lodge may petition the national Order of the Arrow to present up to three awards annually. If the Lodge presents more than one award, one must be to a youth under the age of 21.

SECTION, REGION, AND NATION

The National Order of the Arrow is broken down into many geographical areas. You can learn more about the different levels and their programs from your OA handbook. Mitigwa Lodge is in Section, C-5b, which extends south from Mitigwa Lodge and includes in Iowa; Mitigwa Lodge (Mid-Iowa-Des Moines); in Missouri, Nampa-Tsi (Great Rivers-Columbia), Tamegonit (Heart of America-Kansas City), Wah-Sha-She (Ozark-Springfield); in Kansas, Dzie-Hauk-Tonga (Jayhawk-Topeka).

The Section meets in a Conclave once a year, normally in April. Each of the five Lodges of the Section work together to plan and operate the Section Conclave. The Conclave is a great time to just relax, take in some great training, and meet other Arrowmen from around the Midwest. The highlight of the event is the elections of Section officers for the next year. The Section Chief from our section attends the National Planning Meeting.

Mitigwa Lodge is in the Central Region as denoted by the first letter in the name of the section, C. There are no annual events for the Region, but the Region plays an important role in planning and operating

the national program and the biennial National Order of the Arrow Conference.

Each of the Section Chiefs gathers at the Annual National Planning Meeting to elect the National Chief, National Vice-Chief, and the Region Chief, and plan the National Order of the Arrow Conference or other event on a national scope.



YOUR NEXT STEP!

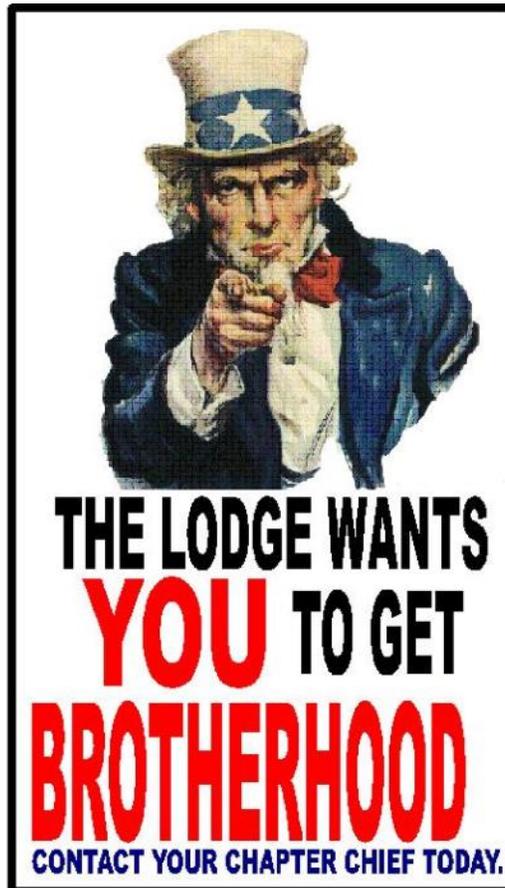
You must meet five challenges before you can become a Brotherhood member. The first of these you should meet now. The next three require steady effort over a period of months. The last challenge you must meet after you are satisfied that you are meeting the first four.

1. **Memorize the sign of Order of the Arrow membership.** Memorize the Obligation of the Order, which you received from Allowat Sakima (printed on the back of your membership card and in your handbook). Also, memorize the Order of the Arrow Official Song, the Admonition, the sign of the Ordeal membership, and the Arrow handclasp.
2. **Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal.** Gain a thorough understanding of the Ordeal through which you have passed.
3. **Serve your unit.** Retain your registration in Scouting. During a period of at least 6 months, strive to fulfill your obligation by continuing and expanding your service to your own troop.
4. **Plan for service in your lodge.** Retain your registration in the lodge and keep your dues paid. Be aware that acceptance of Brotherhood membership involves a pledge of

service to the lodge. Develop a concrete idea of how you plan to fulfill this pledge.

5. Review your progress. When you earnestly feel that you have met the four challenges above, write a letter to your Lodge Vice-Chief of Communications. In this letter:

- Explain what you think the Obligation means.
- Describe how you have been fulfilling this obligation in your troop and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to aid in this service.
- Describe your specific plans for giving service in the lodge program.



Appendix

Lodge Calendar

August 12, 2022	Fall Fellowship
Sept 23, 2022	Vigil Weekend
October 1, 2022	Cub Fun Day
Nov 5, 2022	Lodge Leadership Development
Jan 7, 2023	Winter Banquet
Feb 24, 2023	Snowflake PowWow
April 14, 2023	Section Conclave
May 6, 2023	Ring Blitz
May 19, 2023	Spring Conclave
June 4, 2023	Trail Crew
August 18, 2023	Fall Fellowship

Please keep the calendar included in your packet for specific dates of this year's events.

OA High Adventure

Wilderness Voyage-an experience like no other. For two weeks, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience all that the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness has to offer.

Philmont Trail Crew- one of the best ways to experience Scouting's premier high adventure base, Philmont Scout Ranch. For two weeks, participants see and experience all that Philmont has to offer.

Ocean Adventure-In cooperation with the Florida Sea Base, offers an opportunity to provide cheerful service while experiencing the adventure and fun of one of the greatest ecosystems on our planet—the Florida Keys and the water which surround them.

Canadian Odyssey - Like it's U.S. counterpart you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience the wild beauty of the Quetico Provincial Park in Ontario, Canada.

Summit Experience - For 8 days you will join other OA members from around the country experiencing all that the Summit in West Virginia has to offer.

More information and applications can
be found at
<https://oa-bsa.org/high-adventure>

First Year Award



The First Year Award can be earned by a new Ordeal Member who completes these requirements during the next calendar year after their induction.

Requirements

1. Remain an active member of the Lodge and a Scouting Unit.
2. Obtain Brotherhood Membership during the next calendar year after Ordeal.
3. Attend one of your regular chapter meetings. Work days do not qualify.
4. Attend one lodge event other than those required for Brotherhood.
5. Attend another Ordeal Ceremony.
6. Complete a scheduled work day.

The award consists of a special lodge flap with a silver border. It may be purchased upon completion of the requirements for \$5.

Mitigwa Lodge
The First Year Award
Unit no. _____



Name: _____

Scoutmaster/Unit Leader

Work Weekend: _____

Brotherhood Date: _____

Another
Ordeal Ceremony: _____

Chapter Meeting Date: _____

Chapter Officer signature

Lodge Event date: _____

Lodge Officer signature

Completed:

Lodge Vice Chief of Membership

Lodge Service Award



This award is to recognize outstanding Arrowman who by their participation and leadership show great devotion to the principles of the Order of the Arrow and the Mitigwa Lodge.

In order to qualify, an Arrowman must attend three Lodge functions and complete six of the projects listed **between** consecutive Fall Fellowships.

1. Fall Fellowship _____
2. Winter Banquet _____
3. Snowflake Pow Wow _____
4. Spring Conclave _____
5. Section Conclave/LLDC _____
6. National Conference/NLS _____

(attend three of the above)

1. Serve on or help with ceremony team _____
2. Serve as an Elangomat, adviser or help with Ordeal _____
3. Advance to or mentor another to Brotherhood _____
4. Serve as a Nimat _____
5. Help conduct an OA Unit Election _____
6. Help give a Camp Promotion _____
7. Serve as Troop/Team Representative, liaison, or adviser _____
8. Attend 50% of Chapter Functions _____
9. Serve on a Lodge Committee _____
10. Participate in a workday at Camp or One Day of Service _____
11. Serve on a Lodge or chapter Service Corps _____
12. Serve on a Camp Staff _____
13. Camp for a week at a Mid-Iowa Council Summer Camp _____
14. Attend a ceremony other than your own _____

(complete six of the above section)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Lodge Officer

**Mitigwa Lodge
Order of the Arrow
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Brotherhood Scorecard

Name: _____
Address _____
City : _____ Zip: _____
Chapter: _____ Phone: _____
Email Address: _____

Mitigwa Lodge
Order of the Arrow W W W

Brotherhood Qualifications

_____ is an active member of Unit
_____ in the Mid-Iowa Council B.S.A.

Signed: _____
Unit Leader date

This Arrowman has proven that they have been a dues pay-
ing member of the Lodge and has completed at least 6
months service as an Ordeal Member.

Signed: _____
Chapter Officer date

Having completed the requirements of Brotherhood Mem-
bership, I wish to seal my membership in the Order of the
Arrow and the Mitigwa Lodge.

Signed _____
Arrowman

date

Leadership Roster

Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief— Alex Harris
VC Ceremonies— Hannah Massey
VC Elections & Promotions— Dylan McKinley
VC Membership— Josie Lewis
VC Communications— Carter Halsey

Chapter Officers

Prairie Winds 2021 Officers

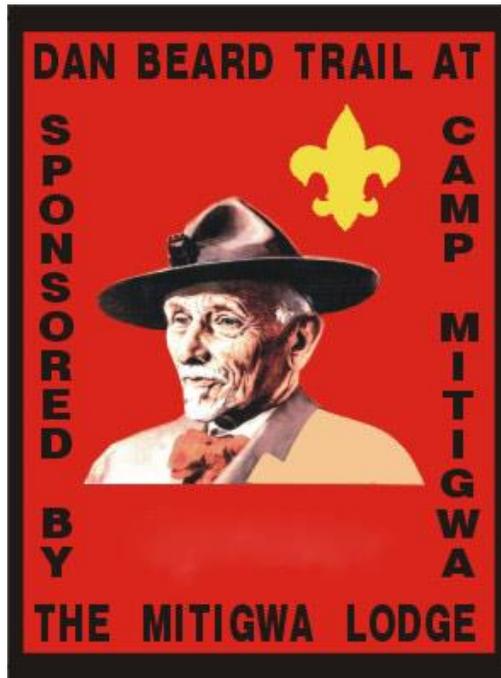
Chapter Chief— Wyatt Lewis
VC Ceremonies— Derek Ketcham
VC Elections & Promotions—
VC Communications— Logan Woosley
VC Membership— Quinn Harbison

Twin Rivers 2021 Officers

Chapter Chief— Jakob Storey
VC Ceremonies— Gage Stephanson
VC Elections & Promotions— Cameron Harms
VC Elections & Promotions— Nate Worthington
VC Elections & Promotions— Tom Zinn
VC Communications— Tierney Riederman
VC Membership— Josh Pohl

Woodland Trails 2021 Officers

Chapter Chief— Blake Owens
VC Ceremonies— Noah Massey
VC Elections & Promotions— Taylor Drost
VC Communications— Jasper Owens
VC Membership— Brayden Hartman



In 2005, Mitigwa Lodge began development of the Dan Beard Trail at Camp Mitigwa. Some of you may have had the opportunity to work on the Trail during your Ordeal. Some of you may have the opportunity to work on the Trail during Chapter Work Weekends or Spring Conclave. There will also be opportunities to work on the Trail during the one or two weeks of Trail Crew you will see on the calendar. The application can be found on the lodge website. There may be additional Trail Crew weekends throughout the year. See the website for up to date information.

Have questions?

Talk to your
Chapter Adviser

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Go to

www.midiowacouncilbsa.org
or www.mitigwa-lodge.org

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Check out Mitigwa Lodge on
Facebook
www.facebook.com/MitigwaLodge

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Email questions to
mitigwachief@gmail.com