

Here is an example of a script used for the Calling Out Ceremony. You need only the three speaking characters of Allowat Sakima, Meteu, and Nutiket. You can also have torchbearers to aid in directing those that are called out and smudge pots, a large fire, flash pots, and torches that make the ceremony magical and special to the scouts as well as their parents.

OA Call Out Ceremony

(In enters Meteu and Nutiket flanked by torch bearers)

Meteu:

The Order of the Arrow is a national Brotherhood of Honor Campers. Its purpose is to recognize and honor campers who best live up to the Scout Oath and Scout Law in their daily lives and to guide them in expanding the service that has made them outstanding. The Order of the Arrow promotes scout camping traditions and spirit. Our Brotherhood prides itself in the areas of service, fellowship, and cheerfulness.

Nutiket:

But the Order of the Arrow is not to take the place of your regular unit. It is only to highlight the ideals and goals of Scouting, and put them to practice. We recognize those individuals in front of their fellow scouts and Scouters, those who have been elected by their peers in the calling out ceremony. When your name is called, come forward and prepare to be greeted by our mighty Chief.

Meteu:

I declare the council ready. Let the ceremony begin!

(Goes to center of ring, gives call) Nemat Apachen!

(Allowat Sakima enters from the woods at front of council ring behind fire. Holds hands up back to audience and flash pots ignite)

Allowat:

Who in this group is a friend to all and a brother to every scout. Who is cheerful, even when he has many tiresome tasks to do. Who among you is ready to give unselfish and wholehearted service to others. Who, in serving others, can forget his own desires and interests. In all, ask yourselves, Who in this group, by living up to the scout oath serves your fellow scouts with such an example of Brotherhood and Cheerfulness, that you look up to him with deep respect and admiration.

Those that are called, come forward and be recognized.

Meteu:

(Reads Names, Troop Number of individual)

(Torch bearers take candidate to Allowat, after he is "Called Out" he is placed in a line behind the campfire facing the audience)

Meteu:

Is there anyone we have forgotten? (They are taken like the others to Allowat. He asks the name, troop, then calls them out)

These individuals have been elected to candidacy in the Order of the Arrow. They have lived

the Scout Oath and Law and are being recognized for something higher. Yet, to those who are not elected, I offer this challenge, continue to follow the Scouting ideals, do service cheerfully, and help your fellow brother. If you do, soon your name will be called, and you will be up here walking among us. But as you do, it will be others who reap the benefits of your actions and learn to respect and admire you.

Nutiket:

To preserve the solemn nature of this ceremony, we ask, as you leave, to keep silence until you reach the road and leave our gathering. Please do this as you follow our guides. We thank you for your cooperation. We wish you good camping, and a good night.

(Campers leave the gathering. Candidates and OA members remain until all campers have exited. OA members then proceed to ceremonies ring and candidates follow with torch bearers. Candidates are NOT to have hand on shoulder or bound by rope. They are placed in front of fire unlit.)

Allowat:

That you, my fellow campers, have been chosen by your companions to become members of our band reflects great credit upon you and I congratulate you on your election. You have impressed upon those who during the past few weeks have lived closest to you, the sincerity of your purpose to live in accordance with the high ideals of the Scout Oath and Law. The judgment of your fellows can hardly be mistaken. Yet, so solemn and so serious is the purpose of our Brotherhood that is but right that before we admit you to our circle, you should submit yourself freely to the Ordeal, by which a trial shall be made of your sincerity. More of our Order you shall learn when you have passed this Ordeal. It is sufficient to tell you now that its foundation is Service and Cheerfulness. Let me also state that NO harmful or dangerous actions shall fall before you.

Nutiket:

The council ring is ready for your use. The fire, unlit is a symbol of you in perspective of our Order, being in the dark with little or no knowledge. The characters before you are more than just people; the spirit of our Order is within them. In a short time, you will pledge to yourself another solemn obligation, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others. Your fellow Scouts elected you because they felt you would continue in your service. **DO NOT LET THEM DOWN!**

Meteu:

Mindful of your intention, here beneath the light of heaven, deep in your heart and spirit, search to find the resolution that will guide you on your journey. Be brave and strong and cheerful, as you undertake your Ordeal, with guidance from your maker. Seek to serve your fellow mortals, thus, be ever true and faithful to the high ideals and purpose of the Order of the Arrow. This is your purpose and intent, mark with silence, reverent. (Pause for at least a minute)

Allowat: (To members) My brothers in the Order of the Arrow, you have proven during the last year that the traditions of your Brotherhood are more than a collection of meaningless words. As we welcome these new candidates on their journey, let us be mindful of our obligation to help and guide them during the trials that lie ahead.

(To candidates) Fellow candidates let us go where more information on the time and place of your Ordeal shall be presented)

(Time and place are given. Information from candidates are gathered.)

Call-out Ceremony

Arrowmen #1: We gather here this evening in this Call to Brotherhood to remind ourselves of our obligation to Scouts. These Scouts in your respective Troops recognized you for your dedication to the Scout Oath and Law by electing you for eligibility in the Order of the Arrow. Then, after attending the Ordeal, you honorably served Scouting by participating in various camporee and camp staffs, providing Arrow of Light Ceremonies to local Cub Scout Packs, promoting Scout camping to local Troops, and helping with service projects at our local Council Camps.

Arrowmen #2: We've gathered here to recognize those Scouts who've recently been selected by their Troops for eligibility for membership in the Order of the Arrow. Scouts, in the last few months OA members have visited your Troop and asked you to recognize those Scouts that you believe best live up to the Scout Oath and Law and elect them for membership in the Order of the Arrow. Tonight, we will recognize those Scouts to whom you have elected in the annual Chapter Callout Ceremony.

Now begins the drum roll call. As it is performed, the ceremony team slowly walk in front of the audience and take position between the half circle of Arrowmen and the audience.

Allowat: Welcome all to the Chapter Order of the Arrow Callout Ceremony. We come here tonight to recognize those campers, Scouts and Scouters, who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant recognition.

Nutakit: The Order of the Arrow is a Brotherhood of Honor Campers. We honor those who best live by the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. We develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit. We crystallize the Scouting habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership and cheerful service to others.

Meteu: The Order of the Arrow (OA) was founded by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp of the Boy Scouts of America. It became an official program experiment in 1922 and was approved as part of the Scouting program in 1934. In 1948 the OA, recognized as the BSA's National Brotherhood of Honor Campers, became an official part of the national camping program of the Boy Scouts of America. The Order of the Arrow has more than 176,000 members in lodges affiliated with more than 327 local Boy Scout Councils.

Kichkinet: To become eligible for membership in the Order, a registered Scout must have approval by their unit leader. They must be at least first class rank, active in their troop, and be elected by members of their troop for eligibility in the order. The Order is not here to take these people from their troop, but to add to their knowledge and experience the spirit of Scouting. **All to make your troop, and the Scouting Spirit stronger.**

Allowat: Now we will expand this circle of Honor Campers to include those who have been elected by their troops for eligibility for membership in the Order of the Arrow. LET THE CALLOUT BEGIN.

The drum then gives 3 sharp beats. The half circle of Arrowmen break to open up the area for the candidates, the Arrowmen take position on the sides of the campfire area. The candidates are led up from a holding area one at a time. Each candidate is led in front of Allowat. Allowat then waves a fan over the candidate and then asks them to turn around and state their name, troop, and town/city their from. After this each candidate is led to the side of the ceremony area where they will form a half circle behind the ceremony team.

Meteu: Tonight we have recognized these honorable Scouts and Scouters, whom you have elected to be candidates for membership in the Order of the Arrow. We hope that they continue to be bright torches of the Scouting Spirit, setting an example for others to follow.

Allowat: Remember Scouts all that you have seen and heard tonight. Thrive to live by the Scout Oath and Law. Always crystallize a habit of cheerful service. For if you do, then you too may be up here to be honored of eligibility for membership in the Order of the Arrow. This concludes this Callout Ceremony.

The audience is then led out of the ceremony area while the drum performs a slow beat. The candidates are kept standing in the half circle. After the audience has been escorted out of the area the ceremony then continues.

Meteu: Bothers, it is you whom have been elected by your fellow scouts in your troop to eligible for membership in our great and honored order. It is you whom have been recognized as examples as the living embodiment of the Scout Oath and Law. Tonight, it is you whom we have honored in this public recognition.

Allowat: The purpose of this Ceremony was to honor your achievement. For even to be elected for eligibility for membership in the Order of the Arrow is considered an honor. To become a member you must now complete the Ordeal. The Ordeal is a weekend long induction beginning with Friday night and culminating with the Ordeal Ceremony on Saturday night. After the completion of the Ordeal Ceremony you will become members of the Order of the Arrow.

A this point distribute copies of the booklet "Upon a Lofty Journey" (Spirit of the Arrow booklet no. 1) and the Ordeal letters and flyers supplied by the Lodge.

Kitchkinet: What you are being handed are letters congratulating you on your achievement and giving you a further explanation of the Ordeal. Also, you will find flyers for the Ordeals and a small booklet titled "Upon a Lofty Journey". *(hold up a copy of the booklet)* We ask that you ponder the words in this booklet and to take it with you to the Ordeal. Are there any questions?

At this point candidates are given a chance to ask questions about what they 've seen and about the Order itself Further information can also be given by any adult advisers or chapter officers.

Meteu: We who wear the symbol of the Order of the Arrow
Honor those who've been elected.
Stand beside and guide them forward
On the next step of this journey,
On a long and inner journey,
And with guidance from our Maker,
We with hearts and wills united
Pledge to serve his holy purpose;
This our reason and intent,
Mark with silence reverent.

The drum gives 1 distinctive beat, waits 15 seconds, then gives another distinctive beat. Then Allowat turns to Kichkinet.

Allowat: Brother, please escort these candidates back to their units.

The candidates are then led back to an area where they can be dismissed back to their units.

UPON A LOFTY JOURNEY
(Spirit of the Arrow booklet no. 1)

My friend, I congratulate you on your election to the Order of the Arrow.

You may not realize it now, but you will look back on your ordeal as a day of beginnings.

The honor you have received is truly a great one, for it is bestowed upon you by your peers - members of your unit.

But, such an honor is not without its price.

Those who chose you are watching.

They have faith in you.

Will you be able to live up to their expectations? They have challenged you to do so.

By accepting their challenge, you embark upon a journey that many before you have taken.

Along the path lies true Brotherhood.

However, this destination is many months - maybe even years - away.

I am here to help you find your way as you travel - as an arrow driven skyward - along this lofty journey . . .

I am here to help you prove your *worthiness* for the honor your unit has bestowed upon you.

Who am I?

For the moment, that is less important than what I represent.

This is enough to say that I am a friend you have probably known a long time.

Right now, what *is* important is that you commit yourself to taking the first step.

In a short time you will be given the opportunity to undergo an Ordeal . . . your induction into the Order of the Arrow.

This will test not only your physical strength, but your inner strength.

But, by taking full advantage of this opportunity, you will find yourself better able to serve Scouting and your unit . . . *the ones who chose you.*

Ponder my words carefully.

Upon a Lofly Journey



Save this booklet for future reference, and *bring it with you to your Ordeal*.

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But, by taking full advantage of this opportunity, you will find yourself better able to serve Scouting and your unit... *the ones who chose you.*

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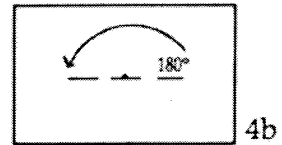
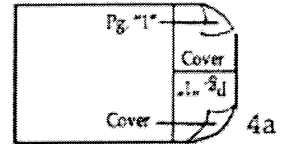
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**HOW TO ASSEMBLE
"SPIRIT OF THE ARROW"
BOOKLETS**

1. Place the desired original face-down on the [glass] screen of a high-quality copying machine so that the *rectangular shape aligns* with the direction of the paper. *Center* the original carefully. [Do not use an automatic document feed.]
2. Print *half* as many copies as you desire total booklets, plus about five extra to account for any errors that occur in the remaining steps. Adjust copy quality appropriately. [If the machine has the capability of printing on both sides of the paper, *do not* use this option.]
3. *Without touching the original further*, load the copies you have made back in the input tray of the copier so that it will print on the *remaining blank side*. Remember the orientation of the paper in the output tray, and how you loaded it back in the input tray. Print *one* copy.

4. Examine the copy you have made.
 - a. If the two "covers" of the booklets that appear on the paper have page "1" on the other side, proceed to step 5; otherwise [the two "covers" have page "5" on the other side]
 - b. Rotate the *original* 180°, and again center it on the [glass] screen. Print one more copy and repeat step 4a again. [NOTE: If you need to print other booklets, the paper should have been rotated 180° in Step 3 with respect to the orientation you were asked to remember to *avoid* having to rotate the original. Make this adjustment for the remaining booklets.]



5. Print the remaining number of pages.
6. Cut all the sheets in half along their *long* dimension.
7.
 - a. Place the half-sheet created with its "cover-side" *down* and the words on the side showing right-side up.
 - b. Fold the paper carefully in half so that the upper left-hand corner meets the upper right-hand corner. *Unfold* the paper again.
 - c. Carefully fold page "4" to the left so its right edge meets the crease you created in 7a and it covers page "3."
 - d. Then fold page "5" to the left so it covers page "2."
 - e. Lastly, fold page "1" to the right to cover page "6," completing the booklet.

