

# **NIMAT PROGRAM**

## **JACCOS TOWNE LODGE**

**ORDER OF THE ARROW - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**



**CROSSROADS OF AMERICA COUNCIL**

7125 FALL CREEK ROAD NORTH, INDIANAPOLIS, IN, 46256



## Introduction

The word Nimat is derived from the Lenni Lenape word 'brother'. That is exactly what a Nimat is.

New members of the Order of the Arrow (OA) leave their Ordeal feeling proud of themselves but are still tired. Even after orientation, new members have a lot to learn before understanding what it means to be an Arrowman. That is why Nimats are assigned to new members; supporting and encouraging them so they ultimately seal their membership in the OA.

*The Nimat program is available to both youth and adults.*

## Expectations

### 1. Be a Member in Good Standing

A Nimat should be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America and current dues paid member of Jaccos Towne Lodge.

### 2. Get to Know Your Arrowmen

A Nimat should introduce themselves to the new members they are assigned, get to know them, answer any questions they may have, and show them the importance of OA's ideals. A Nimat should also encourage their new Arrowmen to continue serving their unit while also deepening their understanding of Order of the Arrow.

### 3. Invite Your Arrowmen to Events

A Nimat should invite their new Arrowmen to meetings and events at the Chapter and Lodge level, while also setting a good example by attending themselves. Events would include but are not limited to: Chapter meetings, Winter Gathering, Spring Fellowship, Section Conclave, Area and Lodge Ordeals, Lodge Leadership Development (LLD), and Lodge Banquet.

### 4. Prepare Your Arrowmen for Brotherhood

A Nimat should help prepare their new Arrowmen for the Brotherhood ceremony by assisting them with the start of their Brotherhood letter and helping them learn the Obligation, song, etc.

### 5. Follow Training & Safety Protocols

A Nimat—youth or adult—should complete Youth Protection Training (YPT) before receiving their member assignments to protect themselves and their fellow Arrowmen. A Nimat should also attend the Lodge's Nimat training session before, or while, serving in the role. Following YPT, a Nimat should limit one-on-one communication as much as possible. The Lodge has set up a Google Voice number or Nimats to copy on all text communications and it is expected to be us



## Recognition Application

Thank you for serving in the role of Nimat! Those Arrowmen who serve as part of the Nimat program for Jaccos Towne Lodge and **complete the following items in bold and one additional item** will be recognized accordingly at the annual Lodge Banquet.

Please submit the completed form to the Brotherhood & Membership Committee or Lodge Trading Post.

### YOUR INFORMATION

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

- Register and be in good standing with the BSA, Council and Order of the Arrow Serve in the role of Nimat for a minimum of nine (9) months \***
- Be a Brotherhood member while serving in the role of Nimat, or have a plan to obtain Brotherhood approved by the committee**
- Contact your new Arrowmen at least once a month via email, text, or any other form of communication you deem useful**
- Complete Youth Protection Training (YPT) within 30 days of Nimat term**
- Attend a Nimat training session before, or while, serving in the role of Nimat**
- Attend your Area or Lodge Ordeal**
- Attend at least 50% of Chapter meetings while serving in the role of Nimat
- Attend at least 50% of Lodge events while serving in the role of Nimat
- Attend an additional Ordeal in the same year
- Serve in the role of Elangomat at least once
- Serve as OA Troop Representative for at least a single term

\*Those that Nimat for East and Central Ordeals are exempt as the ordeals have passed as long as they fulfill duties from now on.

By signing below, you certify that you have fulfilled all requirements.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Committee or Lodge Chief Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Meets Requirements? Y/N Date Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_