

## Ransburg Scout Reservation Call-Out

**The Guard:** Let there be silence! Let anyone who breaks this silence be driven away. You are about to witness the call-out ceremony of Ransburg Scout Reservation.

**The Mighty Chief:** In every unit, there are those who stand out among us as leaders by exemplifying the points of the Scout Law and the Scout Oath. Some of these individuals have already been inducted into our Order. Yet, there are still others who are worthy of this high honor, and we will honor them tonight. Let us prepare to welcome these Scouts and Scouters into our brotherhood.

**The Medicine Man:** You have served as an example to other Scouts in your unit, and therefore, you should be recognized tonight. Your peers in your unit agree and have asked that we invite you into our brotherhood. Tonight, we honor their request and invite you to join the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's Honor Society. Now has come the time of recognition.

(Slow, steady drumming begins: 1/1)

**The Guide:** As Scouting's National Honor Society, we strive in our 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 warrants 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.

**The Guard:** Brother Arrowmen, prepare yourselves for the call-out ceremony. (2 drum beats)

*(All Arrowmen separate from their units to form a semi-circle on the other side of the ceremonialists.)*

**The Mighty Chief:** Tonight, as you are in the great circle of Western Tribe, you are stirred by the thrilling memories. Many of you have stood here before. Many of you stand here for the first time. We welcome you to our circle tonight.

Tonight, some of you will be called to begin a long and toilsome trail. Those called may be compared to the Oak seedling, crowded and grown through the years, nurtured by Mother Nature, and have survived the great winds of the north, the snows of winter, and the rains of spring, and have grown into the mighty Oak. Tonight, some of you will begin growing as the mighty Oak has grown. To those of you who do not hear your name called, hear me now and listen well. The reason for your not being called is no reflection upon you, for you too are seedlings, sheltered by the mighty Oak, and in time, as you return to this, your hearts

reservation, as you spread your leadership as the mighty Oak spreads its branches, as you continue to advance in rank as the mighty Oak advances in stature, as you continue to serve younger and weaker Scouts, you too will hear your name called to join our Brotherhood.

Now we will expand our circle 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 Medicine Man:** As each new candidate for membership in the Order of the Arrow is selected by the Arrow, come forward to join your brothers.

**Voice in Woods:** (Calls name, troop, and district – also lodge name if out-of-council)

**The Mighty Chief:** These Scouts and Scouters have been elected to candidacy in the Order of the Arrow. They have lived by the Scout Oath and Law. To those who are not elected, I offer this challenge: Continue to follow the Scouting ideals, do service cheerfully, and help your fellow brothers. If you do, soon your name will be called, and you will be here walking among us, but as you do, it will be others who reap the benefits of your actions.

**The Guard:** This concludes the call-out ceremony of Ransburg Scout Reservation. Senior Patrol Leaders, take charge of your troops and lead them back to your campsites.

*(The audience is then led out of the ceremony area. The candidates are kept standing in the half-circle. After the audience has been escorted out of the area the ceremony then continues.)*

**OA Camp Chief (or proxy):** (Leads conversation regarding next steps in OA, and “Those who chose you need you, don’t let them down.”)

**The Medicine Man:** 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 Mighty Chief:** Brothers, let us keep the traditions of the Order of the Arrow close in our hearts, until we meet again.