

# Welcome to Mowogo Lodge

New Member Guide

2024



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My name is Alex Sutter, and I am the Lodge Chief - the youth lead of Mowogo Lodge. I would like to personally congratulate you on making it thus far into your induction process. Later tonight, you'll get to experience full membership in the Order of the Arrow. I promise you, the hype is worth the trials and tribulations you have gone through up until this point.

This guide will help you understand all of the opportunities available to you after the completion of your Ordeal. Some of the amazing opportunities include (but are not limited to) Elangomatting, Ceremonies, Patch Trading, Conclave, Fun, Fellowship, and your Brotherhood Conversion (all will be explained in further detail later in this guide). All of these events and opportunities are available to you because of your membership in the Order of the Arrow. I strongly urge you to take a chance and to try one, if not all of these activities. Once again, congratulations on the completion of your journey thus far. I eagerly look forward to watching you complete your Ordeal later tonight, and then joining you all on your journey to Brotherhood later this year!

Yours in Brotherhood, Alex Sutter Lodge Chief

# ORDER OF THE ARROW New Member Guide

## What's Next?

In wearing your sash you are identified among the the ranks of honored Scouters dating back to 1915, when Dr. E. Urner Goodman founded the Order of the Arrow. You'll find plenty of information out there about the Order of the Arrow (OA). This is more of a practical guide.

## The Sash

Your OA sash and pocket flap are not merit badges. They are not rank patches, nor are they a recognition of any achievement. By wearing your flap, you are calling yourself a servant—someone with a giving heart who enjoys helping others with no thought of payment or recognition. Your peers saw enough of this spirit in your daily life to grant you the honor of calling yourself an Arrowman. Wear your sash and flap with honor pride, and humility.

## We Work Hard

When you ask members what the OA is, the most common answer is, "We're a service organization." So what does that mean? Whom do we serve? To put it briefly, we serve wherever help is needed. We also facilitate and participate in annual events around North East Georgia and the country.

## We Play Hard

Despite your impressions of Ordeal, we aren't all about service work. You will hear the term "fellowship" thrown around. Generally, that translates to "party." Remember Saturday night after your Ordeal? Big-time fellowship.

Mowogo Lodge and your Chapter host many fun-centric events throughout the year. We also participate in Section Conclave and National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) — the OA version of the National Jamboree.

Like most things in life, what you get out of OA depends on what you put into it. You'll find that simply joining in OA activities fosters a sense of camaraderie and usually ends up being a lot of fun.

Visit www.mowogo.org to learn more.

## Ordeal – Brotherhood – Vigil

All lodge members are considered equal. There is no "rank advancement" within the OA. When you completed your Ordeal, you became a full member with all the rights, privileges, and expectations of any other member.





That being said, however, there is a membership sequence. As an Ordeal Member, you are given time to develop an understanding of the true nature of servant leadership so that it may become a natural part of your daily living. After 6 months, you are eligible to become a Brotherhood Member; one who has completed their induction into the OA. There is a simple questioning process through which you attain Brotherhood status. The Vigil Honor is just that, an honor. It cannot be earned by meeting a list of requirements, but rather is a recognition bestowed upon those who have given exceptional service to the lodge. It is important to note that Brotherhood is the only membership status that you can earn on your own.

## We Need Leaders We Need Followers

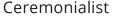
So, you want to get involved, but you don't know how. Mowogo Lodge can use your time and talent! Here are some ways you can help out.

#### Elangomat

This is the Lenni Lenape word for "friend." These are the guides who helped and served with you throughout the Ordeal. Both youth and adults can be elangomats. If you're interested contact the VCM at: lodge.vcm@mowogo.org

#### Food Service

If you have a passion for the culinary arts and preparing meals try serving with other Arrowmen as a food service worker. You will be responsible for cooking and cleaning to ensure a memorable experience at camp. If you are interested contact the VCA at lodge.vca@mowogo.org



This job is great for any aspiring performer or backstage worker. As a ceremonialist, you get to make a great impact on ordeal candidates as they prepare to join our lodge. It's your job to teach the principles of the OA and provide an amazing experience either speaking in front of an audience or working behind the scenes. Contact The VCIA if you're interested at: lodge.vcia@mowogo.org

#### Chapter Leadership

As a youth-led organization, youth can run for Chapter Chief or any of the vice chief positions. Adults can serve as chapter advisers or associate chapter advisers.

#### Lodge Committees

Again, these are all run by and comprised of youth. Many committees handle the day-to-day operations of the lodge. These include Ceremonies, Photography, Elangomat, Service, Dance, Museum, and more!

#### Lodge Leadership

Youth who have served in other positions and have learned the ropes may run for lodge chief or any of the vice chief (VC) positions. The adult in charge is the lodge adviser, and there are many associate adviser positions available.

### **Getting Started**

Are you ready to become active in our lodge? If so all you need to do is reach out to one of our lodge or chapter officers for information on how to get involved. While we highly encourage you to get involved in a committee, just coming to a fellowship or conclave can be a great way to start out.

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## What Chapter Are You In?

Mowogo Lodge is broken up into seven Chapters. The county in which your Troop is located is also located in a Chapter, see the map below. You will camp at CRM with your Chapter at all OA events, see campsite assignments below.

- Ani-Gatogewi (AGG) -Powell Campsite
- Canatutlaga (CAN) -McRae Campsite
- Japeechen (JAP) -Monroe Campsite
- Jutaculla (JUT) -Jutaculla Campsite
- Lau-in-nih (LAU) -Bridges Campsite
- Machque (MCH) -Winchester Campsite
- Yona-hi (YHI) -Cornelia Campsite

Each Chapter has their own Chief and Adviser, these two people are the ones running the chapter. If you have any questions about your chapter you can email the Chief or Adviser at one of these emails below:

AGG Chief: agg.chief@mowogo.org

AGG Adviser:

agg.adviser@mowogo.org

CAN Chief: can.chief@mowogo.org

CAN Adviser:

can.adviser@mowogo.org

JAP Chief: jap.chief@mowogo.org

JAP Adviser: jap.adviser@mowogo.org

JUT Chief: jut.chief@mowogo.org

JUT Adviser: jut.adviser@mowogo.org

LAU Chief: lau.chief@mowogo.org

LAU Adviser:

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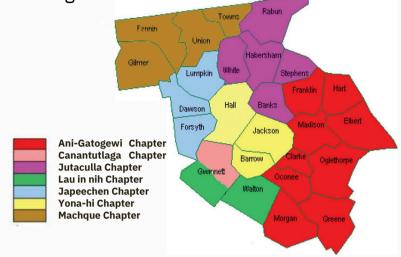
MCH Chief: mch.chief@mowogo.org

MCH Adviser:

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YHI Chief: yhi.chief@mowogo.org

YHI Adviser: yhi.adviser@mowogo.org



Each chapter meets once a month at different locations. Attending these chapter meetings is the best way to learn about and become more involved with our lodge. You can find your chapter's meeting location, time, and day below:

AGG: Meets the second Thursday of every other month at 7 PM at St Stephen's Anglican Catholic Church 800 Timothy Rd, Athens, GA 30606

CAN: Meets the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM at Mckendree UMC, 1570 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Rd Lawrenceville, GA 30043.

JAP: Meets the second Thursday of every month at 7 at The Horizon Christian Academy, Sawnee Drive, Cumming, GA 30040

JUT: Meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 PM at 163 Llewellyn St, Clarkesville, GA 30523

LAU: Meets the third Thursday of every month at 7 PM at American Legion Post 232 3163 Main St W Snellville, GA 30078

MCH: Meets the second Saturday of every month at Trinity Church at 1695 Blue Ridge Dr, Blue Ridge, GA, 30513

YHI: Meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 7 PM at the YMCA, 50 Brad Akins Drive, Winder, GA 30680

# Chapter GroupMe's

Every Chapter in our lodge has a group chat on GroupMe. GroupMe is a simple and easy-to-use texting app. You can find it in your phone's app store for free.

Joining your Chapter's GroupMe will allow you to easily talk to members of your chapter, ask any questions about the OA, and find out when the latest meetings and events are. It's an easy way to start interacting and becoming active in your chapter.

You can join your chapter's GroupMe by scanning the code below with a QR scanner.

**Ani-Gatogewi** 



Canantutlaga



**Japeechen** 



Jutaculla



Lau-in-nih:



Machque:



Yona-Hi:



## **2024 Mowogo Lodge Events**

## **Spring Fellowship**

March 15th-17th @ CRM **Conclave** 

April 19th -21st @ Gerald Lawhorn Scout Base

**Pre-Camp** 

May 17th-19th @ CRM

#### **Pow-Wow**

September 20th-22nd @ CRM

### **Fall Fellowship**

November 15th-17th @ Scoutland

#### **Winter Banquet**

January 18th 2025 @ CRM

Check the calendar at mowogo.org to make sure no changes have been made to our events.