

LODGE EXCELLENCE AWARD

The following criteria that shall be used in measuring the performance of a Lodge in judging that Lodge for the presentation of the Section "Lodge Excellence Award" presented annually to that Lodge which achieves the highest standard in relation to the resolution establishing this award.

Lodge Name: _____ Lodge Number: _____

Council Name: _____ Council Number: _____

This form is a combination of application and guideline layout. The following procedures should be followed in applying for this award:

1. Each Lodge should complete a notebook containing all reports to make a basis or rating on all parts of this application.
2. Contents of each notebook can only include material from May of the previous year through May of the current year.
3. Each Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser should affix their signatures to the cover page certifying that all the information presented is true and correct.
4. The Awards Committee will judge parts one (1) through fourteen (14) on the basis of material presented.
5. All numbers presented in the criteria must be from the most recent charter.

Procedures to be used in judging will be as follows:

1. The Awards Committee shall consist of all Lodge Vice Chiefs. The Section Vice Chief will serve as Chairman and the Section Associate Adviser will be the committee adviser.
2. Each Lodge Vice Chief will rate each Lodge except his own. The score will then be averaged by the Section Officers, marked and tallied on this form. A copy of this form will then be forwarded to each Lodge respectively.
3. The Lodge receiving the most points will be awarded the "Lodge Excellence Award".
4. The decision of the Awards Committee shall be final.
5. The results will be announced at the Sunday Closing Assembly.
6. Any question concerning the proper interpretation of the Section procedures shall be left to the Section Chief.
7. In the result of a tie, the Section Vice Chief, after consulting with the Section Chief, will choose a winner.
8. Each Lodge will be given a maximum of thirty (30) minutes to present their notebook.
9. Points given rate zero (0) as the lowest possible score for a given section.

Note: Each part of the Award Application is given a title, after which several questions are listed. These questions are listed as a guide to the information which is needed to rate this area. Please try to answer these questions as completely as possible, expounding when you feel it will be to the benefit of your Lodge. Proof of each question must be included in the Notebook.

Lodge Excellence Award Judging Criteria

Judge's Name: _____ Judge's Lodge: _____

I. Received National Quality Lodge Recognition (include a copy of your current charter).

A. The National Order of the Arrow Committee has awarded your Lodge the National Quality Lodge Recognition within the present program year.

II. Attainment of the E Urner Goodman Camping Award (include a completed copy)

A. The National Order of the Arrow Committee has awarded your Lodge the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award for this present program year. _____ (5)

B. If your Lodge did not receive the award, complete the items below:

Five points for an affirmative answer and zero points for a negative answer:

1. The Lodge's Camping Promotion Committee was effective in helping to carry out the Council Camping Promotion plan? _____ (5)

2. The Lodge, during the calendar year, planned and executed annual Camp Promotion visits to at least 50% of the troops registered on June 30? _____ (5)

3. The Lodge prepared and distributed to all units a current "Where to go Camping Guide"? _____ (5)

4. The Lodge conducted at least one service weekend at camp, to carry out Council Camp Improvement Plans? _____ (5)

5. The Lodge was active in the Council summer camping program as an integral part of that program as leaders and campers? _____ (5)

The following performance shall be measure on the basis of 10 points.

1. The effectiveness of the Lodge in promoting long-term camping.

A. Total Council Long-Term Campers: _____

B. Total Registered Scouts: _____

A/B X 10 = _____ (10)
(round to nearest whole .5 or greater up)

IX. Lodge Administration

- A. Explain your Lodge's administration and how it is successful in your area. Tell what extras you do.
- B. Rate on a scale from zero (0) to five (5), five being the highest possible. _____ (5)

X. Service

- A. List service projects which your Lodge has done for your council and community during this past year.
- B. List any special or long range projects your Lodge is now doing.
Number of Arrowmen in the Lodge _____
Number of Man hours completed _____
One (1) point for each Hour per Arrowmen (max 10) _____ (10)

XI. Training

- A. List and explain all of your Lodge's Training Conferences that you lodge participated in or put on during the past year.
- B. Rate on a scale from zero (0) to five (5), five being the highest possible. _____ (5)

XII. N.O.A.C. Promotions

- A. Tell what your lodge has done to promote the National Order of the Arrow Conference in previous years and what it plans to do for the upcoming year. Also include, if on an even year, the number of members signed up for N.O.A.C., or if in an odd year, the number from the previous N.O.A.C.:
 - A. Number of Lodge Youth members attended: _____
 - B. Number of Lodge Youth Members Allotted: _____One(1) point for each ten percent of youth members attended to youth memebbers allotted, $(A/B \times 100\%)$
(0.5% and over, round up; max 10) _____ (10)

XIII. Oral Presentation (not scored)

- A. Explain why your lodge deserves the Lodge Excellence Award (5 minutes max)

XIV. Overall Presentation and Notebook

- A. How did the presenter do overall? Did he seem knowledgeable of his lodge? Did he give enough information? Was the notebook organized? _____ (5)

TOTAL SCORE

_____ **(125)**

III. Lodge Mortality Rate

- A. Your Lodge was successful in reducing its mortality rate.
1. Previous year's Charter Membership _____ = A
 2. Current Charter Membership _____ = B
 3. Total number of new members in previous year _____ = C
 4. Total membership from previous year registered _____ = $B - C = D$
 5. Total membership lost _____ = $A - D$
 6. Total lost divided by previous year membership _____ = % lost
- 0% - 20% = five (5) points
21% - 40% = four (4) points
41% - 60% = three (3) points
61% - 80% = two (2) points
81%-100% = one (1) point _____ (5)

IV Lodge Membership Election Program

- A. In detail, give an outline of your lodge membership election program.
- B. Explain the type of program used; to inform unit leaders of elections, to train election teams, and to promote the Order at unit elections.
- C. Rate on a scale from zero (0) to five (5), five being the highest possible. _____ (5)

V. Lodge Membership Statistics Number of Units Council Serves

- A. Percentage of Units Contacted _____ (5)
- B. Percentage of Units Receiving Elections _____ (5)
- C. Brotherhood Retention for the previous year _____ (5)
- 81 % -100%= five (5) points
61% - 80% = four (4) points
41% - 60% = three (3) points
21% - 40% = two (2) points
0% - 20% = one (1) point

VI. Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, and Brotherhood Ceremonies

- A. Explain your lodge ceremonies, how they are done and any additions your lodge does to make the ceremonies as inspiring and interesting as possible.
- B. Rate on a scale from zero (0) to five (5), five being the highest possible. _____ (5)

VII. Lodge Indian Affairs Program

- A. Show evidence of a successful Indian Affairs Program in your Lodge, Do you have a Dance Team? What extras do you do?
- B. Rate on a scale from zero (0) to five (5), five being the highest possible. _____ (5)

VIII. Lodge Publications

- A. Include copies of your Lodge's publications for the past year, and how and who publishes it. Also include copies of any publications your Lodge has put out, or revised recently. Is the newsletter effective? Who does it go to? How many times a year is it published?
- B. Rate on a scale from zero (0) to five (5), five being the highest possible. _____ (5)