

Order of the Arrow Questionnaire for Brotherhood Candidates, BSA

1. Who founded the Order of the Arrow and in what year? Dr. E Uner Goodman in 1915.
2. Where was it founded? Treasure Island, located north of Trenton, NJ, in the Delaware River.
3. What is the purpose of the Order of the Arrow?
To recognize those Campers, Scouts, Explorers and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives; To maintain and develop camping traditions and spirit; To promote Scout camping and to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life of purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.
4. Give the handclasp, of our Order.
5. How must the admonition always be given?
Whispered in the ear.
6. What is the admonition? (Give it)
7. What does it mean? To love one another.
8. What is the sign of the Ordeal? (Give it)
9. What is the full name of the Order? Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui.
10. What is its meaning in English? The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.
11. What are the four parts of the Ordeal and their respective purposes? A night of camping alone under the heavens, to prove self-reliance; A day of arduous toil, to indicate willingness to serve others; Twenty-Four hours of scant food, to demonstrate the power of self denial; and a like period of silence, to turn one's thoughts inward.
12. How were you prepared for the Ordeal? You were led by Kichkinet to the north end of the camp where the significance of the Arrow was first revealed as you tested the bow.
13. Repeat the Obligation. I do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout, that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk, Winglolauchsik, Witahemui. I will always regard the ties of Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit, even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as my power lies, to be unselfish in the service and devotion to the welfare of others.
14. What is the symbol of the Order? The Arrow whose undeviating course, when aimed high, is a token of leadership.
15. How is it worn? Pointed over the right shoulder.
16. Give (or sing) the words to the song of the Order.
Firm bound in Brotherhood, gather the clan,
That cheerful service bring to fellow man,
Circle our council fire, weld tightly every link,
that binds us in Brotherhood, Wi-mach-ten-dienk.

17. In what language is the full name of the Order given? The language of the Delaware Indians, the Lenni Lenape.
18. What is the initial membership in the Order called? Ordeal Membership.
19. Why is it so called? Because it is preceded by a four-fold ordeal.
20. When you had completed the Ordeal, how were you dealt with? You were placed on the trail which leads to the circle of the lodge.
21. By whom were you first stopped when you approached the circle? By Nutiket, the guard, who asked if you had passed the Ordeal without flinching.
22. Who next barred your further progress? Meteu, who inquired if you had been given the admonition.
23. Had you been given the admonition? No, but your guide, Kichkinet gave it for you.
24. Before whom then did you last arrive? Before Allowat Sakima, the chief of the fire, who asked if you had been completely prepared to receive the Obligation.
25. What was Kichkinet's reply? Only in the binding of them together.
26. How did Kichkinet call the attention of all these officers to your attention? By three taps on the left shoulder.
27. What do these three taps signify? The three parts of the Scout Oath.
28. How did each of these officers respond to Kichkinet's taps? One tap, followed by two, on the left shoulder.
29. What did their taps signify? The 12 points of the Scout Law.
30. How was your preparation for the Obligation completed? Nutiket directed you to hold my right hand in the Scout sign and repeat it after Allowat Sakima.
31. In what did Meteu the instruct you? In the legend in which our Order was founded.
32. Who are the central figures of that legend? The aged Chieftain, Chingachgook, and his son Uncas, who by their cheerful and self-sacrificing service, are said to have saved the Delaware lodges from annihilation.
33. What did Allowat Sakima then impart to you? The symbol and the Handclasp of the Order, the admonition and the sign of the Ordeal membership.

Write a letter to the Lodge. In this letter, Explain what you think the Obligation means; Describe how you have been fulfilling the Obligation in your troop or unit and in your daily life and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal in your service; Describe how you will give future service in the Lodge program.