



TO Arrowmen, Namassakett Chapter
FROM Frank Sotrines, Chapter Adviser, Namassakett Chapter
DATE 01 April 2024
SUBJECT **2024 Order of the Arrow Spring Fellowship**

When is it?

The Spring Fellowship will be on the weekend of Friday, May 10th to Sunday, May 12th.

How Much Is the Fellowship Weekend?

The cost for Arrowmen will be \$40.00, for Brotherhood Candidates the cost will be \$65.00 to cover the cost of the Brotherhood Sash. If you are intending to seal your membership in the order, please read the attached information on Brotherhood. Please complete registration via link on scouting event website.

Which Meals Are Provided?

The cost will be mainly for the food for all of Saturday including a feast for the dinner with cake and ice cream to finish. It will also include a Sunday Breakfast and Snack for Friday on arrival, there will be no Friday Dinner or Sunday Lunch.

How Do I Register?

To register for the weekend please complete the registration using the link on the Councils scouting event website in addition to contacting the Chapter Adviser via the e-mail address below by May 5th.

What Do I Need to Bring?

You need to bring all of your normal personal camping gear, plus **a tent**, work clothes, work gloves, hand axe/hatchet if you have one, **scout uniform** and your cheerful spirit, preserved even in the midst of irksome tasks!

What Time Will the Weekend Start and Finish?

Arrowmen should arrive between 6:00pm and 7:00pm on Friday, May 10th. The Weekend should be over by around 10:00am on Sunday, May 12th. If ceremony team members and chapter officers should make sure they arrive for 6:00pm.

What are the Rules for the Weekend?

There are four basic operating instructions for the Ordeal. Anyone seriously breaking these operating instructions will be asked to leave Dorneywood Scout Camp.

1. **Hazing:** Hazing is defined as anything that places undue mental and physical strain on any candidate, youth or adult. This includes trying to get a candidate to talk or break any part of the Ordeal tests. No notching of the "Neck Arrow" is permitted.
2. **Respect:** Respect will be given to any youth or adult, whether Ordeal candidate or not. At no time will practical jokes be played on any candidate. This is a solemn time for the candidates and members should therefore conduct themselves accordingly.
3. **Rest:** Every candidate will be allowed eight hours rest before beginning the day of the Ordeal. Candidates are not to be disturbed during their "Night Alone" unless express permission is given by the Chapter Chief or the Chapter Adviser. During the work period candidates and members should take five minutes rest for every hour worked.
4. **Work:** Work accomplished during the Ordeal will be meaningful and useful. There will be no "make-work projects". All members will also be expected to work. You took upon yourselves an Obligation of Cheerful Service and you are expected to fulfill the obligation.

How Do I Complete My Brotherhood?

After 6 months of service as an Ordeal member, all Arrowmen have an opportunity to reaffirm their belief in the high purposes of the Order. An Ordeal member may become a Brotherhood member when he has completed the five Challenges of Brotherhood Membership below:

1. **Memorize the Signs of OA Membership**
2. **Advance in your Understanding of the Ordeal**
3. **Serve your Unit**
4. **Retain your Registration in your Lodge**
5. **Review your Progress (Letter to Lodge Secretary)**

Who Do I Contact If I Have Further Questions?

If you have further questions, please contact your Scoutmaster or:

Chapter Adviser:

Frank Sotrines

Tel: 07540-984358 (Cell)

e-mail: namassakettadvisor@gmail.com

Where will it be held?

Well End Activity Centre

Site Address: Well End Activity Centre, Well End, Borehamwood, WD6 5PR

Closest Train Stations: Elstree & Borehamwood (served from St Pancras International) – approx. Two miles of the campsite.

Also, there is Stanmore Underground Station (Jubilee Line) at 5½ miles of campsite and High Barnet (Northern Line) at 4½ miles of campsite.

If you plan on travelling by train, please contact Frank Sotrines on 07540-984358 by May 6th so that arrangements can be made if require to be picked up from the train station.

From the A1:

From the A1 Borehamwood junction (midway between Stirling Corner and the M25) take the A5135 towards Borehamwood. As you pass the BP garage, bear right following the signs for Shenley, then immediately left as you pass the Elstree Tower, signs for Well End and Shenley. Go straight on at the small roundabout and follow the road as it bears right then sharp left into Well End Road. Continue past Potters Lane and look for the entrance to the Centre on the Left after about 300m.

If lost call Frank Sotrines on 07540-984358

We look forward to seeing you at the Weekend.