

Tisquantum Lodge 2008 Fellowship

Arrow of Light Ceremony Competition

General Information for all Ceremony Evaluations

The goal of the 2008 AoL Ceremony Team Evaluations is to improve ceremonial performances and to maximize the quality of the experience. **Since the purpose of these evaluations is purely points for the trophy, and bragging rights, there is no need for teams to be highly experienced to participate.** Inexperienced teams should benefit significantly from participating in the evaluations. Experienced teams will be able to improve their performances as well by their association with the other teams, and the quality feedback offered by the judges. Evaluations are being offered to help prepare the lodge for NOAC 2009 competition, and encouragement for individuals to continue on to the Call Out, Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Brotherhood Hike Ceremonies.

General Guidelines

The following general guidelines apply to all ceremony evaluations:

1. **The chapter representative registering the team MUST be under 21 years of age on April 12, 2008**
2. All ceremony team members must be from the same chapter. Ceremonialists may perform with only one team.
3. All participants MUST be under 21 years of age on April 12, 2008 and be a member of the lodge.
4. Chapters can enter as many ceremony teams as they wish. Ceremonialists may perform with only one team.
5. Chapter teams must submit a legible paper copy of the ceremony script they are performing.
6. In accordance with the policies of the National Order of the Arrow Committee, the use of face and body paint is prohibited at all Ceremony Team Evaluations. The use of face or body skin coloring, or wigs in simulation of ethnic traits is also not acceptable.
7. All ceremonial parts should be memorized, but is not a requirement. Parts should follow the script you use, but adlibbing the main point is recognized.
8. All participants must wear appropriate American Indian style dress. The judges and advisers will assist teams by critiquing the appropriateness of their outfits during the evaluation session. Dress will be evaluated as a part of the performance evaluation. Teams are reminded not to show any disrespect, carelessness, or gross inappropriateness in American Indian dress.
9. Ceremonial teams can provide whatever props they need to make their ceremony performance as realistic as possible. The lodge will provide extra people such as cub scouts and parents, and the lodges drum. The judges will provide markers to indicate the locations of the bridge in the performance area. No other props or materials will be provided.
10. All participants should have fun.

Registration

All chapter ceremony teams should register by signing up for Arrow of Light ceremony evaluations Friday night with Andrew MacDougall. Ceremony teams will need to verify their performance schedule and verify the name of each team member, and turn in a script of the ceremony they plan to perform before lunch Saturday morning. Last minute changes may be available, but will SLOW the down the process. Please make every effort to ensure that all members are registered for ceremony evaluations.

Ceremonial teams that do not register by 11:00 AM Saturday April 12, 2008 cannot compete for trophy points, but will be evaluated by the judges.

Only registered ceremony teams will be guaranteed a place in the Ceremony Team Evaluation.

These rules and guidelines are based on the NOAC Induction Ceremony Evaluation Guidelines