

THURSDAY NIGHT CALL OUT

The Thursday night call out will be preformed prior to the Five Fires Ceremony. It will be started just before sunset. The ceremony team will make their way around the camp, stopping at every camp site that has elected candidates. They will start on the South Ridge and end on the West Ridge.

Chief:

We have traveled far in search of those who best exemplify the scout oath and law in their every day lives. Through our search we have found several scouts worthy of this great honor. When your name is called take one step forward. *(Call names of elected candidates)* My brothers you have been chosen by your troop to embark upon a long journey. Come, join your brother's, and follow us.

THE CEREMONY OF THE FIVE FIRES

The Candidates are taken to the circle of the five fires. As they enter the East Wind lines them up in lines so that they are facing the five fires. Grounds keepers should be prepared to assist in helping the candidates placed. The Chief is behind the Chief's Fire, the West Wind is behind the God Fire, the South Wind is behind the Nation Fire, the East Wind is behind the Scouting Fire, and the North Wind is behind the Family Fire.

Chief: This is the circle of the Five Fires. They are the Fire of God, the Nation Fire, the Scouting Fire, the Family Fire, and the Chief's Fire. *(The Chief points to each as he mentions them.)* As each fire is explained, a piece of cedar will be placed into each fire. As the needles of an evergreen tree are green all year 'round, so should your scouting be. You are always a scout, no matter where you are and should act like one. An Order of the Arrow Candidate is elected on his scouting behavior as a camper. He must live up to the scouting ideals, and to the Order of the Arrow ideals. You will be expected to set the example for others.

West Wind: This is the fire which represents your duty to God. A scout is reverent toward God. *(Hold up scout sign.)* ON MY HONOR, I WILL DO MY DUTY TO GOD. *(Place a piece of cedar in the fire.)*

South Wind: This is the Nation Fire. It symbolizes your duty to this great country of ours. *(Hold up scout sign.)* ON MY HONOR, I WILL DO MY DUTY TO MY COUNTRY. *(Place a piece of cedar in the fire.)*

East Wind: This is the Scouting Fire. It represents your duty to scouting and your fellow scouts. *(Hold up scout sign.)* ON MY HONOR, I WILL OBEY THE SCOUT LAW. *(Place a piece of cedar in the fire.)*

North Wind: This is the Family Fire. It represents your duty to others. *(Hold up scout sign.)* ON MY HONOR, I WILL HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES. *(Place a piece of cedar in the fire.)*

Chief: This is the Chief's Fire. It represents duty to self. The white rocks form an arrow that points north, straight and true as your course in life should be. *(Hold up scout sign.)* ON MY HONOR, I WILL KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG, MENTALLY AWAKE, AND MORALLY STRAIGHT.

You are not yet a member of the Order of the Arrow. The ceremonies through which you have just passed entitle you to be tested by undergoing the Ordeal at a later date. You will be expected to continue to live up to the ideals present in this ceremony until such time that you find yourself before me to take upon yourself the Ordeal.

You will now follow your guides' back to your campsites. As you silently retire this evening, reflect back on things you have seen and done here tonight.

Ceremonialists and torchbearers lead candidates out of Five Fires and back to their proper campsites.

After the ceremony is completed, the grounds men put out the fires, and the entire team leaves the area extinguishing all candles as they leave.

All ceremonies in this lodge book shall be conducted in accordance with the latest National Handbook.