



LENAPEHOKING LODGE IX ORDER OF THE ARROW

What Does Lenapehoking IX Do?

You will hear that the Order of the Arrow is made up of elected youths, and that they come together to create an amazing program for the rest of their Lodge, and that they receive many leadership experiences through that medium. But of course, most ask themselves: "What does my lodge actually do?". And the simple answer is, all of the above. The more complex answer details all our activities and all the opportunities we bring to the member of the OA who will then bring it back to their troop.

Activities:

Induction Weekends - Throughout the year the mainstay of our Lodge Activities remains the Induction weekends. Once a troop elects Candidates, they must attend one of these weekends to prove themselves worthy of the Ordeal Honor. Simply put, Candidates and any other Arrow Member of your troop are invited to come and give their service in a weekend where we provide whatever service one of the camps in the area need. (The camp rotates with every weekend, and we have 3 weekends, in May, June, and September).

Fellowship Weekends - At least once a year we try to put on a fellowship weekend, which usually happens around Halloween. This is a weekend where all OA members are invited to enjoy the many activities put together for them, this is a fun way to embrace one of the important facets of the OA: Brotherhood.

End-Of-The-Year Beefsteak and Celebration - This long title is simply an invitation for any and all OA members to come for a late afternoon dinner where we have unlimited beefsteak and fries. This is when we come together to celebrate and recognize what the Lodge has done during the past year, and at this moment they will hear our Chief's "State of the Lodge Address". This is another opportunity for members to share in Brotherhood.

Opportunities:

OA High Adventure - Many scouts attend Philmont, but even more don't because of the cost; being an OA member allows you some help in that matter. The OA High Adventure Program allows you to attend a High Adventure Base for a third of the regular price because you spend the first half of the trip providing service to the High Adventure Base.

Conclave - This is a meeting which regroups many lodges and where you get to meet brothers from different areas of New Jersey, or even different states. There are many fun activities and sometimes (as they did in Puerto Rico) the hosts try to show off their Lodge and its surrounding areas. Usually the hosts also include training cells where you can learn some best practices to bring back to your lodge or learn some new tips on being a better leader!

NOAC - NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference) happens every 2 years and regroups members from all over the nation. This is an awesome opportunity to learn more about the OA as it's implemented in different areas of the country, to meet national leaders, provide service and learn more about Native American culture.