



Chopping Through Cuyuna G11 Section Conclave 2023 Ceremony Evaluation Outline

Ceremony Evaluations

The pre-Ordeal ceremony and the Brotherhood Ceremony will be evaluated by trained, expert evaluators for the purpose of inspiration, validation, feedback, and scoring for the ICE Award and the Section Honor Lodge Award. Emphasis will be on helping ceremonialists learn and grow by receiving actionable feedback by experienced adult Arrowmen who are well-versed in the ceremony texts and the skills of ceremony delivery.

Arrowmen are strongly encouraged to have both their entire team (with all principals) and have all lines memorized. Those who have not accomplished these can not be recognized as an Honor Team, but can still benefit from Ceremony Evaluation and coaching.

Pre-Ordeal Ceremony

The pre-Ordeal ceremony will begin with the ceremonialists outside the circle, as shown on page 3 of [Ceremony for the Ordeal](#) and conclude with the principals returning to the firelay, per Diagram 12 on page 10. Elangomats and candidates are not required for the pre-Ordeal ceremony evaluation, but they can be helpful for ceremonialists and evaluators alike

The pre-Ordeal ceremony will be evaluated using the evaluation form at:
<https://oa-bsa.org/resources/inductions/ceremony-coaching-evaluation>

Brotherhood Ceremony

The Brotherhood ceremony will begin with page 2 of [Ceremony for the Brotherhood](#); lodges should plan to have a Nimat with the line memorized. The evaluation will include the closing that ends on page 14.

The pre-Ordeal ceremony will be evaluated using the evaluation form at:
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Rules for Ceremony Evaluation

1. The lodge must have a current year's charter from the national service center.
2. All team members must be from the lodge entering the team with their current year's lodge dues paid and be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America.
3. Each team participant must be younger than 21 on the day of the evaluation.
4. Ceremonialists may only conduct one ceremony for each category. An individual may, however, participate in more than one category (e.g., a ceremonialist may participate in both a pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood team but not in two pre-Ordeal teams).



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5. All ceremonialists must wear approved attire: American Indian attire, The Scout Field Uniform, with ceremonial medallion, or the *Alternative Ceremonial Clothing* consisting of black shirt with black pants, with ceremonial medallion. All principals must wear the same attire.
6. If wearing American Indian clothing, all principals must be of the same tribe and time period.
7. The use of face paint, body paint, endangered animal parts, wigs, or any type of U.S. flag are prohibited. Any display of disrespect, carelessness, and/or gross inappropriateness for American Indian customs may be cause for disqualification of the team.
8. Appropriate undergarments must be worn under costumes. Each participant must wear shorts for modesty. For safety reasons, appropriate footwear must be worn.
9. The Boy Scouts of America policy regarding firearms and knives as stated in the Guide to Safe Scouting must be followed.
10. Ceremony teams will provide the required tokens and any additional items they wish to use. The conclave staff will provide markers to indicate the locations of the firelay and firepots in the performance area. A “burden” will be provided for the Brotherhood ceremony. No other tokens or materials will be provided.
11. Teams are strongly encouraged, but not required to have at least two Arrowmen act as candidates for the ceremony evaluation. “Candidates” during an evaluation can help evaluators better as certain focus on and respect for candidates; however, teams without these stand-in candidates will not be penalized. Extra personnel may be used to enhance a team’s demonstration limited only by conformity with the appropriate Order of the Arrow ceremony (e.g., Arrowmen serving as the voices during the investiture of the pre-Ordeal ceremony).
12. All parts must be fully memorized using the latest edition of the appropriate Order of the Arrow ceremony, found at the [Inductions Portal](#) on the Order of the Arrow website to be recognized as Honor.