

LODGE RULES

Order of the Arrow, Nanuk Lodge 355

Great Alaska Council, BSA

ARTICLE I

NAME AND AFFILIATION

- Section 1: The name of the Lodge of the Order of the Arrow shall be Nanuk Lodge #355, W.W.W.
- Section 2: The lodge shall be affiliated with the Great Alaska Council B.S.A. and shall be under the supervision of the Scout Executive.
- Section 3: The purpose of the lodge shall be to recognize those scout and scouter campers who exemplify the Scout Promise and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves as to warrant recognition, to promote scout camping, which reaches its greatest effectiveness as a part of its units camp program, to develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit, and to convey by example the importance of helpfulness in life of leadership in cheerful service to other people.
- Section 4: The totem of this lodge shall be that of a polar bear with a single red arrow.
- Section 5: Lodge neckerchief, patches, and lodge flaps shall not be restricted in issuance. They shall meet BSA requirements and be approved by the Lodge Executive Committee.
- Section 6: This lodge shall be divided into chapters along district lines by approval of the Lodge Executive Committee and the Scout Executive. These chapters will follow the by-laws of the lodge and shall choose a chapter name and totem.
- Section 7: By October 1, 2008 chapters will have identified their name and totem. These names will be approved by the Lodge Executive Committee and be permanent.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1: Completion of Ordeal Membership shall be in accordance with current national policies.
- Section 2: Completion of Brotherhood Membership shall be in accordance with current national policies.
- Section 3: Attainment of the Vigil Honor shall be in accordance with current national policies.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

- Section 1: The elected officers of the lodge shall be the Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice Chief of Activities, Lodge Vice Chief of Membership, Lodge Vice Chief of Ceremonies and Tradition, Lodge Vice Chief of Communication and Design, and Lodge Vice Chief of Finance. The elected officers must be under 21 years of age during their entire term of office.
- Section 2: The officers of each Chapter of the Lodge shall be the same as the Lodge. Chapter Chief, Chapter Vice Chief of Activities, Chapter Vice Chief of Membership Chapter Vice Chief of Ceremonies and Tradition, Chapter Vice Chief of Communication and Design, and Chapter Vice Chief of Finance. The elected officers must be under 21 years of age during their entire term of office.
- Section 3: Lodge officers shall be elected during the Annual Fall Meeting by secret ballot. Chapter officer elections shall follow the precedent of the lodge. The terms of all officers shall start no later than 30 days after the Annual Fall Meeting. These officers shall be installed at the next Lodge Executive Committee. The duration of the term shall be until the next officers are installed.
- Section 4: The Lodge Executive Committee shall be composed of the elected Lodge Officers, the Lodge Advisor, Lodge Associate Advisor(s), Chapter Chief and Chapter Advisor of each chapter, the past Lodge Chief, Staff Advisor, Scout Executive, and the chairman of the operating committees. Each elected lodge officer under the age of 21 years shall have one vote. The lodge chief votes only in the case of a tie. Each chapter shall have one vote and is represented by the Chapter Chief. In the event the chapter chief is not present, another person may be delegated by the chapter chief to vote in his place at the meeting.
- Section 5: The Key Four shall be composed of the Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice Chief of Activities, Lodge Advisor, and the Lodge Staff Advisor. The Lodge Executive Committee shall meet as needed, but at least every other month, to plan the agenda for the Lodge Executive Committee meeting and to review the activities of the lodge.

Section 6: The Scout Executive shall appoint annually the Lodge Advisors and the Chapter Advisors.

Section 7: All operating committees, as recommended by the Order of the Arrow Handbook, will be appointed or reaffirmed at the beginning of each term of office by the Lodge Chief as required. The Lodge Chief shall appoint special committees, as may be required. All committee chairmen shall be under 21 years of age during their entire term of office.

Section 8: In the event the office of Lodge Chief becomes vacant, the Lodge Vice Chief of Activities shall assume the title and position for the remainder of the term of office. In the event the position of Chapter Chief becomes vacant, the Chapter Vice Chief of Activities shall assume the title and position for the remainder of the term of office.

Section 9: In the event that any of the other lodge offices becomes vacant, the remaining lodge officers shall elect a replacement from any active youth in the lodge that would like to fill the position.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

- Section 1: The lodge shall schedule lodge events as needed
- Section 2: The Lodge Executive Committee shall meet at least every other month and conduct at least four general lodge membership meetings each year.
- Section 3: The Lodge Chief, as needed may call special meetings for the Lodge Executive Committee and suspend meetings for the summer months.
- Section 4: Each general membership meeting shall be opened with the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow, and closed with the song of the Order of the Arrow.
- Section 5: Members of the Order of the Arrow, 21 years of age or older, shall have no vote in any decision of the lodge.

ARTICLE V

DUES

- Section 1: Each new candidate will pay a one-time induction fee at the time of his or her registration for an Ordeal weekend. The amount of this induction fee will be reviewed and approved by a vote of the Lodge Executive Committee at a regularly scheduled meeting. The induction fee will include the cost of the following items.
- A. Dues paid through December of the current year.
 - B. An Order of the Arrow Ordeal Sash.
 - C. A current Order of the Arrow handbook.
 - D. A lodge pocket flap.
 - E. Food for the weekend.
 - F. Membership card.
 - G. An Order of the Arrow Brotherhood Sash when member is eligible and attains
- Section 2: Dues for the lodge shall be collected annually by the Lodge Vice Chief of Finance and recorded by the Lodge Vice Chief of Membership. Annual dues will cover the period January 1 through December 31 of each year. The annual dues shall include the annual re-charter fee to the National Council of the Order of the Arrow for each member and such other income necessary to cover expenses of the Lodge programs. The amount of the dues to be collected shall be reviewed and approved annually by the Lodge Executive Committee at the Annual Fall Meeting.
- Section 3: Members who have not renewed their dues by March 1 will be stricken from the active Lodge membership list.
- Section 4: Inactive members may be restored to active membership by paying their current year's dues in full.
- Section 5: In the development of the annual lodge budget, funds will be made available for activities and service projects and their ensuing expenses. Chapters must obtain approval from the Lodge Chief and the Lodge Advisor before incurring expenses. All approved bills will be paid through the lodge account by the Great Alaska Council office.
- Section 6: All Order of the Arrow funds shall be handled through the Great Alaska Council office and go through all normal accounting procedures prescribed and used by the Great Alaska Council.

Section 7: An accounting of the lodge finances will be available at all LEC meetings, and will be available to the Lodge Chief, Lodge Advisor, Lodge Finance Vice Chief, and Lodge Finance Adviser when requested.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENT OF RULES

Section 1: Amendments to these Rules are to be proposed and discussed at a Lodge Executive Committee meeting before presentation at a general lodge membership meeting. For an amendment to pass, a majority of members under 21 years of age present at the general lodge membership meeting must vote in favor of the amendment at a General Lodge Membership meeting is required.

ALL PREVIOUS LODGE BY LAWS ARE OBSOLETE

THESE BY LAWS AMENDED IN THEIR ENTIRETY ON MAY 30, 2008

Approved by Lodge Executive Committee on June 4, 2008

Approved by vote of the general membership on June 8, 2008