

# OA Callout Script

This is a short script designed for a camporee setting where a group of three speakers and their escorts walk around the camp, stopping at each troop to call out scouts from each. If you are performing a callout for a single troop, a more lengthy and detailed script is recommended.

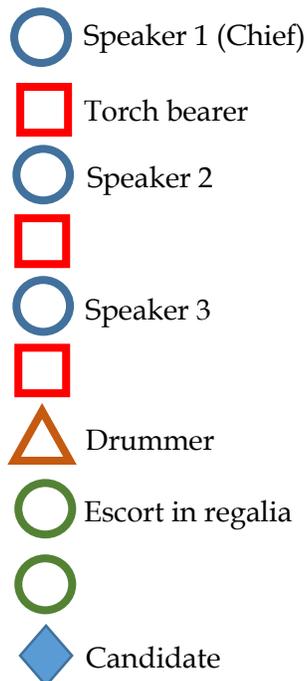
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**Preparation:** Ceremony should be held after dark. Three main characters should be dressed in regalia, all with headgear, including a feather headdress for the chief. Then, 4-8 additional volunteers in regalia should accompany the three speakers, at least two holding tiki torches. One person should carry a hand drum. All volunteers must have their OA sash. A list of all the scouts to be called out from each troop should be prepared, and arranged in the order of troops you will visit.

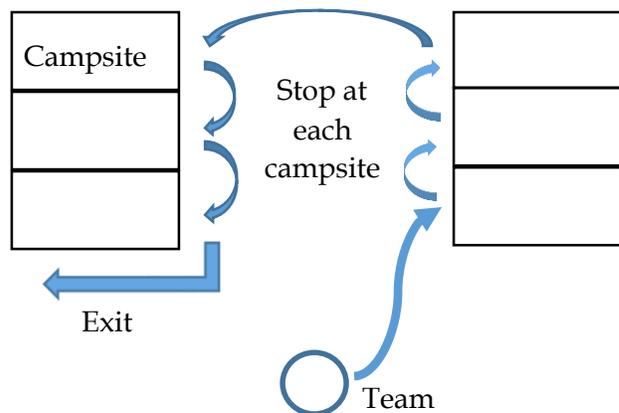
**Process:** The members of all participating troops will line up or form a crowd in front of their campsite. Then, the ceremony team, in formation, walks out to each campsite, recites the script, and then moves to the next troop until all are completed. The drummer should play a slow, loud beat while the team is walking, and stop when the procession is not moving. When people are called out, they should fall in line behind the team, placing their hands on the shoulders of the person in front of them. Once all the candidates have been called out, the procession should go to a secluded place to distribute letters, answer questions about the OA, and encourage them to go to an Ordeal.

## Diagram:

Formation Example:



Movement:



# Script

\*Drummer stops, speakers and team face audience\*

**SPEAKER 1(CHIEF):** Scouts, we are the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society.

**SPEAKER 2:** Our purpose is to recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law, and to use their abilities in cheerful service for the betterment of our organization and the world.

**SPEAKER 3:** Our organization is unique, in that inductees are elected by members and non-members alike.

**SPEAKER 1:** The scouts of Troop \_\_\_\_ have selected the following people as ones who are best qualified to join us in Brotherhood:

(Speaker 1 reads the names)

**SPEAKER 3:** Scouts, take note of those you have chosen. Follow their example, and in the years to come, you may have a chance to enter our Order.

\*Drummer immediately resumes, and the procession walks to the next campsite.\*

Repeat for every troop.