



Order of the Arrow and Pioneering

Session Length: 55 Minutes

Through this session, you will:

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Explain what Pioneering is and how it can benefit the OA and Scouting as a whole.

Demonstrate through video presentations and additional explanations how Pioneering furthers the Mission and Purpose of the Order of the Arrow.

Guide Arrowmen on what is required to adopt a pioneering program in their chapters and lodge.

Enable Arrowmen to see how easy it is to gain the wherewithal to institute their own pioneering program.

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Explain why certain techniques are easier and faster.

Demonstrate how they're done.

Guide Arrowmen in attendance as they try the technique.

Enable Arrowmen to perform the technique unassisted.

This session will help the Chapter and/or Lodge with the Journey to Excellence Requirement(s) #3: Membership Impact, #6: Membership Retention, #14: Council Program Support

The theme of NOAC 2015 is "It Starts With Us". This session will relay this theme in the following ways: Pioneering is fun, great for team building, nurtures self esteem, contributes to the development of planning and organizational skills, and *provides us with an opportunity to exemplify cheerful service while promoting camping*, BUT in order for a chapter or lodge to implement a pioneering program, it's incumbent upon them to START by first learning and honing the required campcraft skills, in conjunction with acquiring the necessary materials. This doesn't happen by itself. WE have to be the pioneers. It starts with us!

INTRODUCTION TO "ORDER OF THE ARROW AND PIONEERING"

20 Minutes

INTRODUCTORY SECTION

By contributing to the overall impact of a Scouting event, and by creating a positive impression about our Brotherhood of Cheerful Service, Pioneering benefits both Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. We are an honor organization that promotes camping. When the OA presents a well-built pioneering structure, it is often the first time many people are exposed to these timeless, outdoor Scouting attractions, and the OA is associated with advanced campcraft abilities that are functional and fun. Furthermore, when the project is presented by cheerful Arrowmen looking great in their sashes, symbolizing the values of our order, the OA is seen clearly in an impressive and positive light.

Trainer Instructions: Play Video 1, "Order of the Arrow and Pioneering." <https://vimeo.com/124854195>

The "Whys," the "Hows," the "When," and the "Where" Pioneering is used to Further Our Mission

WHY: inspires, impresses, evidences Scout skills in action, makes fun happen

HOW: learn the skills, make the plans, gather the materials, prepare

WHEN: during most any district or council event, and during public festivals to promote Scouting

WHERE: in an area that provides enough space and where proper anchorages can be provided

DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

10 Minutes (max)

CLARIFICATION SECTION

Questions and discussion ensues regarding the concept and specific queries.

MARK II SQUARE LASHING

10 Minutes

HANDS ON SECTION

Trainer Instructions: Play Video 2, “How to Tie a Mark II Square Lashing” All materials for the activity have been laid out prior to the session. <https://vimeo.com/119883065>

Arrowmen partner up, each pair with two 5’ Scout Staves and a 6’ lashing rope. They help one another apply the procedure and take turns tying the lashing. Those in attendance who are already skilled serve to guide others.

ENTERTAINING SPECTACLE

15 Minutes

FUN AND EXCITEMENT SECTION

Trainer Instructions: Play Video 3, “Everyone on the Tripod” <https://vimeo.com/116516507>

Two teams, with six Arrowmen each, are solicited to come forward. On signal, they race to build an 8’ tripod with a 6’ crossbar connecting each leg. The whole team needs to perch themselves off the ground at the same time, standing on the crossbars.

All Arrowmen in attendance are encouraged to choose a team to cheer for. Friendly “wagering” pertaining to the outcome is also encouraged.

Trainer Instructions: while teams build their tripods, play Video 4, “Pioneering Projects at the 2013 Boy Scout Jamboree,” (sound off). <https://vimeo.com/111300935>

If participants complete the challenge within the allotted time, they all receive a special patch.



TRAINER PREPARATION

Trainer must be experienced in providing the grounds for the appropriate instruction, planning, preparation, and construction of the pioneering structures featured in this presentation.

For information and instruction: <http://scoutpioneering.com>

For assistance: scoutpioneering@gmail.com

Appendix Resources:

- Projector
- Sound Reinforcement
- Screen
- 100 Scout Staves (based on 100 attendees)
- 50 - 6' lashing ropes (based on 100 attendees)
- 6 - 8' spars
- 6 - 6' spars
- 12 - 15' lashing ropes
- 2 - 20' lashing ropes