



2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference

Discerning Your Destiny: The Path to Success: What Are You Passionate About?

Session Length: 45 Minutes

Through this session, you will:

Explain This discussion is meant to guide the participants to better understand what they are passionate about or guide them into being better OA members.

Demonstrate Showing how to have a better understanding of life's lessons.

Guide Each participant will be guided to show their passions.

Enable Each participant will be able to understand a way forward in their life's end goal.

Learning Outcomes:

- Defining passion
- Varied routes to success
- Your destiny is always in your hands

Theme Connection:

The theme of NOAC 2018 is "Decide Your Destiny," emphasizing the message that today's decisions shape tomorrow's reality. This session will relay this theme in the following ways:

- Hundreds of decisions shape your everyday reality, but failure often teaches you more than success. What you learn from that failure is critical to your individual success
- Attitude is everything, choose to succeed

This session will help the Lodge with the Journey to Excellence Requirement(s): 16

Required Materials:

- Extra Paper/Writing Utensils



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TRAINER PREPARATION

1. Review course material
2. Review discussion topics, this is intended to be a guided discussion course
3. Be prepared to rephrase questions as needed

Session Narrative

Introduction

5 minutes

- A. Intro: Introduce yourself briefly
- B. Discussion: Passion for the subject at hand is often the key to success. Hundreds of examples can be cited throughout history of people who choose a different path from others even though it was not popular or even believed to be possible. However success is often derived more from learning from your failures than your successes. Thomas Edison, perhaps one of America's greatest inventors, said about creating the lightbulb "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." We can use Mr. Edison's example throughout this lesson as a guide for today's discussions. Today we are going to discuss what you are passionate for.

First topic

10 minutes

- A. Discussion: Some of you are young adults, some slightly less so. Life will lead you in multiple paths, sometimes what you plan to do as a child is very different from adulthood. How many of us wanted to be a cop or fireman as a kid, but end up being a stockbroker instead? Often a guide to what you want to do in life is what you enjoy most for hobbies or interests. These can often evolve throughout your life, but in this case let's think about your current deepest desire.

Question: Please take out a notepad and write down what you would love to be able to do if money, time and capability were no object.

- B. Discussion: Getting to our life's greatest desire can take time, money or talent to achieve. While talent on the subject does help, most things can be learned with enough practice. Take



a moment to think on your passion, in your mind review your current skills, knowledge on the subject and what you think it will cost to get there.

Question: In your notepad write down the classes, travel or materials would it take to accomplish your passion?

Second topic

15 minutes

- A. Discussion: Obstacles both real and imagined are often what stops people from fulfilling their most important desires. Now that you have thought of what you would like to do and what it would take to complete it, take some time to think of what obstacles are in the way.

Question: Think of three things that would stop you from accomplish your deepest passion. Does anyone want to share?

- B. Discussion: Your attitudes about your dreams can often either help you succeed or fail at your life’s endeavors. Many times the steps taken will seem to be insurmountable, however it is critical to think in a step by step basis to any major problem. In other words, how do you eat an elephant?... One bite at a time.

Question: What solutions can you think of to make you successful in your passion?

- C. Discussion: In addition to attitude, a network of friends and associates is needed to accomplish most goals.

Question: Do you have any friends or friends of friends that could assist you with your passion?

Third topic

10 minutes

- A. Discussion: In your experience in the OA each of us has been faced with multiple challenges designed to make you look inward and reflect upon yourself. The Ordeal process asks you to “strictly keep a pledge of silence”. This is intended to make you think on the labors you are accomplishing and work with your brothers.

Question: With the Ordeal process in mind what lessons do you think you have learned in the Order or Scouts in general which better prepared you to be more successful? Have you ever avoided a challenge because you felt you were unprepared or incapable of the task?



- B. Discussion: During the pre-Ordeal ceremony Kitchkinet fires an arrow challenging you to sleep alone on your ground cloth. However in his speech, it provides a great example to the current topic. “It is not an easy journey. Sometimes even friends will mock you, tempt to betray your promise, test your resolution often, often try to make you faithless. All the world may seem against you and the path may seem dark and lonely.” What Kitchkinet is trying to prepare you for outwardly is the challenge of the Ordeal, however I think this can be a greater lesson in life. All challenges that are worthwhile will take hard work and dedication to accomplish.

Question: In OA lore, Kitchkinet is often thought of as the youngest and most untested of the principles. What lessons do you think you can take from his example? As Scouts we are often asked to perform extraordinary tasks well outside the norm of your age group. Have you ever felt empowered from your experiences in the Order or Scouts in general?

Takeaway Challenge

5 minutes

Each training session is asked to challenge you in some way. The challenge during this session is to think about your passion and how it can help the overall Order, Lodge or Chapter. Share these ideas with your contingent and attempt to implement them over the next year.

Appendix: Resources and Source Material

- Chapter Journey to Excellence Workbook, available online at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/printable-forms>
- OA Ordeal Ceremony