



2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference

Recapturing Your Lodge's History: Importance of Remembering Our Roots

Session Length: 45 Minutes

Through this session, you will:

Explain: Why information should be gathered and the Lodge history preserved

Demonstrate: Give examples showing the importance of the need to belong

Guide : Guidance will include understanding traditions

Enable: As participants leave this session, they will have a better understanding of traditions and how they relate to a lodge's history

Learning Outcomes:

- Why collecting lodge history is important
- Understanding, keeping, and making traditions
- Why is it important for scouts to feel a sense of belonging in their lodge

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:

- Recapturing the history of your lodge is a great way to show where you have come from, where your roots are.
- The other sessions in this series “Gathering and preserving lodge history” and “Putting Together a Lodge History” along with this session will assist the Lodge in capturing where it has come from and potentially discover where they may go in the future.

This session will help with lodges with their journey to excellence (JTE)

Requirement 14: help district or council events by creating a historical display about the lodge

Required Materials:

- Projector
- Screen
- Whiteboard / Pens or Flipchart / Markers



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TRAINER PREPARATION

1. Prepare an outline of topics to be discussed
2. Prepare an outline of the PowerPoint slides
3. Prepare and add additional information to the outline
4. Add the additional information to the PowerPoint slides as appropriate
5. Practice delivery of the session

Session Narrative

Introduction

3 minutes

- Session is a part of a three-session series.
 - Remembering our Roots
 - Gathering and Preserving
 - Putting it all together

Sense of belonging

9 minutes

- Create a list of questions
- How do we fit in a group relationship?
- Why is it important to know about other?

Trainer Instructions: Ask participants to write down some ways they can feel a sense of belonging in their lodge. Relate how the family can include a 3-4 year old in preparing the family supper.

traditions

9 minutes

- Traditions can range from special recognitions to particular annual events.
- The design of the lodge flap is a tradition that was created by earlier members and continued by new members.
- Many Scouts are included as members of the ceremonies team or dance team. Older members who have already served in the roles can help mentor the new arrowmen.
- How do you feel when you look at old home movies, family photo albums, or pictures of family members that may be hanging in the home.

Trainer Instructions: Ask participants to write down some traditions that they feel that their lodge has.



Memorabilia

9 minutes

- What memories are brought back when seeing old memorabilia? (Ask the participants how this can relate to family heirlooms.)

Lodge History Resources

2 minutes

- Present the URL for the “Lodge History Resource Guide”

Summary

3 minutes

Takeaway Challenge

3 minutes

- Please take out your notebook and pen.
- the final three minutes, think about the role that you will be playing next year in the OA, or the role you hope to play. Write down three key ideas related to this session that you could help improve the history within your Chapter, Lodge or Area.
- During your break time later today, share these with others in your chapter or lodge.

Questions

4 minutes

Appendix: Resources and Source Material

- Lodge History Resource Guide, available online at <https://oa-bsa.org/uploads/publications/LodgeHistoryResourceGuide2018.pdf>