

NOAC 2009 Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremony Evaluation and Pre-Ordeal Competition Details

When participating in the Pre-Ordeal or Brotherhood Evaluations, your team will perform in front of a NOAC Staff Evaluator and an adult from your lodge who will serve as a memory judge. Evaluation sessions will last approximately one hour for the Pre-Ordeal and the Brotherhood. The team and their adult memory judge will arrive at least 15 minutes early at the Evaluation Office to receive their venue assignments. They will report to their assigned venue and check-in with their Evaluator. The team will perform the ceremony for the Evaluator and the memory judge. The Evaluator will then make comments and suggestions about the team's performance.

All teams participating have the option to have their costumes evaluated after their performance by representatives of the American Indian Activities Staff. Participation in costume evaluation is strongly encouraged, but not required to participate in the Ceremony Evaluations or to receive recognition as an Honor team.

All teams that fully participate in this process will leave NOAC prepared to inspire candidates with their new knowledge and deepened commitment to the ceremonies.

Audio and videotaping equipment will be permitted in the venue. We encourage you to bring your own audio or videotaping equipment to NOAC so that you can record your team's performance for future review back home. Please safeguard any tapes of your performance as if they were ceremony publications.

Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremony Evaluation Procedures at NOAC 2009:

1. Evaluations will take place between 1:00 – 4:45 pm on Monday and 1:00 – 5:30 pm on Tuesday, August 3-4.
2. A NOAC Staff Evaluator will oversee each venue and coordinate the entire process from start to finish.
3. The Evaluator will view the team's performance and deliver the comments and suggestions afterwards.
4. One adult from the lodge of each team participating will be required to serve as a memory judge. A copy of the script will be provided to the memory judge so that he can make notations and give it to the team.
5. Teams whose performances are exceptional will be recognized as Honor Teams.
6. Only Brotherhood and Vigil members will be allowed to view the Brotherhood Evaluations.
7. There will be a costume evaluation performed by Staff from American Indian Activities. Honor Costume recognition will be available.
8. Pre-Ordeal Ceremony: Your team will be expected to perform the entire Pre-Ordeal Ceremony, including the investiture (pages 3 - 10), in the 2000 printing of the Ceremony for the Ordeal , BSA Number 34993A. Please note that 1999 and earlier printings have incorrect movement diagrams. The most current version of the ceremony is available from the BSA National Supply Division through your council.
9. Brotherhood Ceremony: Your team will be expected to perform the Brotherhood Ceremony (pages 5 - 13), in the 2000 printing of the Ceremony for the Brotherhood , BSA Number 34994A. Please note that the Lodge Closing Ceremony will not be performed. The most current version of the ceremony is available from the BSA National Supply Division through your council.

Pre-Ordeal Ceremony Competition Procedures at NOAC 2009:

1. Participants interested in entering the Pre-Ordeal Competition will have pre-registered online, as well as expressing their intent when they check in at the ICE table on Saturday and at the Evaluations Office on Sunday morning.
2. Participants entering the Competition portion will have their Pre-Ordeal ceremony taped on Sunday morning, August 2nd.
3. The taped Pre-Ordeal ceremonies will serve as the preliminary round that will be reviewed by the judging panel.
4. The top ten teams in the Order will be invited back on Wednesday morning, August 5th, to present their ceremony live in the final round before the judging panel.
5. The top three teams in the Order will be recognized for their achievement.
6. In order to participate in the Competition, your Pre-Ordeal ceremony must be presented in the Evaluation portion as described above.

Please also refer to the General Information for Ceremony Evaluations and Competitions.

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