

NOAC 2009 Vigil Ceremony Evaluation and Competition Details

When entering the Vigil Ceremony evaluation, you will perform in front of a maximum of nine other participants and one or more NOAC Evaluation Staff Facilitators. All participants will arrive at the beginning of the evaluation period at the designated venue, check in with their Facilitator, and meet the other participants. One participant will perform the ceremony while the other participants and the Facilitators observe and evaluate. There will then be a short break so that all participants and the Facilitator have an opportunity to make comments and recommendations about the participant's performance.

We ask all participants to offer open, honest critiques of each participant's performance under the guidance of the Facilitators. This is the most valuable part of the process. All ceremonialists who fully participate in this process will leave NOAC prepared to inspire others with their new knowledge and deepened commitment to the ceremonies.

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.

Vigil Ceremony Evaluation Procedures at NOAC 2009:

1. Vigil Evaluations will take place Sunday afternoon, August 2nd, from 1:00 - 5:30 pm.
2. One or more Facilitators will oversee each venue and coordinate the entire process from start to finish.
3. A maximum of ten teams will be assigned to each venue.
4. Only Vigil members will be permitted to view the Vigil Evaluations.
5. Although some teams will be selected as Honor Teams, the focus of the Evaluation will be education and training.
6. Teams must participate in the evaluation process at a venue for the entire evaluation period (1:00 - 5:30 pm) in order to be eligible to be an Honor Team.
7. You will be expected to perform the Pre-Vigil ceremony (pages 6 - 7) of the most current printing of the *Ceremony for the Vigil Honor*, BSA Number 34043A.

Vigil Ceremony Competition Procedures at NOAC 2009:

1. Participants interested in entering the Vigil 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 afternoon.
2. Participants entering the Competition portion will have their Pre-Vigil ceremony taped as they perform it for the Evaluation portion.
3. The taped Pre-Vigil 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 afternoon, 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-Vigil 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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