

**Caddo Area Council
Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232
Lodge Operational Rules
Policies and Procedures**

Caddo Area Council Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232 Operational Rules, Policies and Procedures are effective this 23 day of April, 2007 by action of the Caddo Area Council Executive Committee and ratified by the Caddo Area Council Executive Board of Directors. These Operational Rules, Policies and Procedures replace any and all previously adopted documents governing the administration and operation of Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232.

Mission

The mission of this Lodge is to achieve the purpose of the Order of the Arrow as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America in the Caddo Area Council through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected, capable adults.

Name and Affiliation of Lodge

- A. The name of this Lodge will be the Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232
- B. The Lodge shall be affiliated with the Caddo Area Council, Boy Scouts of America and will be under the supervision of the Council Camping Committee and the administrative authority of the Council Scout Executive.
- C. Attendance at all Lodge functions is restricted to individuals actively registered with the Boy Scouts of America.
- C. The annual year for the Lodge runs from Pow Wow to Pow Wow.

Election to Membership

- A. The requirements for membership in this Lodge are as stated in the current printing of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook*, the *Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers* and as outlined herein.
- B. The procedure for the Ordeal Membership shall be as stated in the current printing of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook* and the *Guide to Inductions*. There will be no summer camp staff members called-out as an Ordeal Candidate who are not elected by the scouting unit in which they are registered.

- C. Brotherhood Membership. Completion of Brotherhood membership shall be in accordance with the requirements in the current printing of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook*, the *Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers* and as outlined herein.

In addition, the Lodge Executive Committee shall establish a Brotherhood Requirements Test. Said Brotherhood Requirements test shall at a minimum require the memorization of the Obligation, the Order of the Arrow Official Song, the Admonition, the sign of Ordeal membership, and the Arrow handclasp. A thorough understanding of the Ordeal through which Ordeal members have passed must also be demonstrated.

Brotherhood Candidates must carve an arrow of at least six (6) inches in length from the heart of cedar wood. Candidates must also write an essay of at least 100 words regarding their rededication to the principles of service.

The Brotherhood Requirements Test as prepared by the Lodge Executive Committee shall be subject to review by the Lodge Advisor and the Council Camping Committee and be administered in a consistent and uniform manner.

Brotherhood Candidates will make ready the Ordeal rings for all ceremonies at Lodge functions.

- D. The Vigil Honor. The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following:

1. Their Lodge
2. The Order of the Arrow
3. Scouting
4. The Scout Camps of the Caddo Area Council

The following procedures are established by the National Order of the Arrow Committee and the Caddo Area Council Boy Scouts of America to maintain a consistent, high standard in the selection of Vigil Honorees in Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232:

1. The Lodge Secretary shall submit to the Council Scout Executive, and keep current, a list of Order of the Arrow Lodge 232 members who have been Brotherhood for at least two (2) years.
2. To be considered for the Vigil Honor an individual must be nominated using the Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232 Vigil Honor Nomination Form.

Scouts and Scouters are eligible to nominate Scouting Youth and Adults to be considered for the Vigil Honor. The deadline for the submission of a Vigil Honor Nomination Form shall be noon Sunday at Spring Arrowee of any given year.

Vigil Honor Nomination Forms shall be submitted through the Council Service Center to the Council Scout Executive and the Chairman of the Camping Committee of the Caddo Area Council. Vigil Honor Nomination Forms may also be submitted to the Lodge Adviser at Spring Arrowee who shall then submit said Forms to the Council Scout Executive at the conclusion of Spring Arrowee.

The Council Scout Executive shall verify each Vigil Honor Nominee is currently registered in the Boy Scouts of America through the Caddo Area Council, Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232, and meets the two (2) year Brotherhood requirement.

Only Vigil Honor Nomination Forms submitted to the Lodge Adviser at Spring Arrowee or through the Caddo Area Council Service Center shall be considered properly submitted and eligible for consideration.

3. The Lodge Chief shall present for discussion at the Spring Arrowee Vigil Meeting a list of members of Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232 who have been Brotherhood for at least two (2) years and are registered with Boy Scouts of America through the Caddo Area Council.
At the Spring Arrowee Vigil Meeting no formal action to endorse or reject any individual presented by the Lodge Chief may be taken as voting on Vigil Honorees is reserved for the Vigil Honor Voting Committee.
4. The Vigil Honor Voting Committee shall consist of the following members:
 - a. Vigil Honor Recipients who are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America through the Caddo Area Council and Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232 who have not yet attained twenty-one (21) years of age.
 - b. One (1) Ordeal Member and one (1) Brotherhood member of Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232 who are registered with the Boy Scouts of America through the Caddo Area Council, who have not yet attained twenty-one (21) years of age and are not eligible to receive the Vigil Honor for that year.
 - c. The Ordeal and Brotherhood members of Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232 serving on the Vigil Honor Voting Committee shall be selected by a random drawing from a pool consisting of all Ordeal and Brotherhood members of Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232 registered with the Boy Scouts of America through the Caddo Area Council, in attendance at Pow Wow, who have not yet attained twenty-one (21) years of age and who are not eligible to receive the Vigil Honor for that year.

The random drawing of the Ordeal and Brotherhood members to serve on the Vigil Honor Voting Committee shall be conducted annually at Pow Wow under the joint supervision of the Lodge Chief, the Lodge Adviser and the Council Scout Executive.

- d. The Lodge Adviser and the Council Scout Executive shall serve as the sole adult advisers to the Vigil Honor Voting Committee. The adult advisers shall have no vote in committee proceedings. No other adults shall attend the Vigil Honor Voting Committee meeting.
- e. Vigil Honor Nomination Forms declined by the Vigil Honor Voting Committee shall not be carried over to future years.

Inasmuch as the Vigil Honor does not connote a separate membership or grouping, it is inappropriate for the Vigil Honor Voting Committee to be a “committee of the whole” involving all or substantially all Vigil Honor members of the Lodge. Nor is the Vigil Honor nominating process to be one in which the Vigil Honor members of the Lodge, as a group, determine who is selected.

5. The Vigil Honor Voting Committee shall use the following step-by-step procedure in determining Vigil Honorees from Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232:
 - a. Voting on Vigil Honor Nomination Forms shall only take place at Pow Wow.
 - a. The Council Scout Executive and the Chairman of the Council Camping Committee shall deliver to the Lodge Chief the Vigil Honor Nomination Forms to be considered by the Vigil Honor Voting Committee.
 - b. The Vigil Honor Voting Committee shall only consider Nominees whose name appears on an Akela Wahinapay Lodge Vigil Honor Nomination Form received at Pow Wow through the Council Scout Executive and the Chairman of the Council Camping Committee.
 - c. There will be no posthumous, honorary or grandfathered Vigil Honor Nominations.
 - d. The Lodge Chief and Lodge Secretary shall determine the number of Vigil Honorees that the Lodge is eligible to submit to the National Committee according to National Order of the Arrow guidelines.
 - e. When weighing the distinguished service of a Nominee, a Scout is measured on a youth’s standard and an adult on an adult’s standard.
 - f. The Vigil Honor Voting Committee shall strive to fill the entire complement of available Vigil Honorees for submission to the National Committee as based on National Order of the Arrow guidelines.

- g. The National Committee has established a policy that at least fifty (50%) percent of the Lodge's Vigil Honorees must be younger than twenty-one (21) years of age, including those, as outlined below, that do not count against the quota for any given year. All Vigil Honorees may be younger than twenty-one (21) years of age, but no more than fifty (50%) percent may be for persons twenty-one (21) years of age or older.
Professional Scouters, the Council President, Council Camping Committee Chairman or Camp Rangers will not count against the Lodge quota for Honorees. However, these Honorees will count toward the policy limiting total adults honored to a maximum of fifty (50%) percent of the total submitted in a given year. Adults in this group must meet the requirement of at least two (2) years of service as Brotherhood members.
- h. Select an honorable Indian name and its English equivalent for the Honoree. The American Indian name should be selected in a serious manner, based upon each person's qualities, talents or traits.

Lodge Officers

- A. Elected officers of this Lodge must be registered in the Boy Scouts of America through the Caddo Area Council, a member of Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232 and younger than twenty-one (21) years of age during their entire term of office. Serving on summer camp staff at Camp Pioneer is not a requirement for holding an office in Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232.
- B. All individuals running for a Lodge office must complete a Declaration of Candidacy form to be signed by the leader of the Scouting Unit in which they are registered. All Declaration of Candidacy forms must be submitted to the Lodge Adviser at least 30 days prior to Lodge elections.
- C. All Lodge officer terms are for a one (1) year period running from Pow Wow to Pow Wow.
- D. The election procedure for any vote in Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232 shall be that of a percentage system giving each Clan ten (10) votes. If conditions warrant a secret ballot as determined by the Lodge Advisor or if a secret ballot is requested by a candidate, the Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser, in consultation with the Council Scout Executive, shall establish the appropriate procedures.
- E. In the case of an inactive Lodge or Clan Officer a substitute may be named to serve in their place. The substitute officer shall be appointed by the Lodge Executive Committee with the approval of the Lodge Adviser, the Council Camping Committee Chairman and the Council Scout Executive.

- F. The Lodge Chief, First Vice-Chief, Second Vice-Chief and Secretary must have attained Brotherhood prior to their election as a Lodge Officer. All other officers including Dance Team Chairman, Clan Officers and Committee Chairman who have not attained Brotherhood are encouraged to do so.

- G. Clan Officers must reside in the Council District / Clan in which they serve as an officer.

- H. The officers of this Lodge shall be as follows:
 - 1. Lodge Chief: The Chief is responsible for carrying out the overall operation of the Lodge and conducting meetings during the year.
 - 2. First Vice-Chief: The First Vice-Chief is responsible for distributing parts and preparation of all ceremonies, overseeing unit elections, and answering to duties given the by the Chief.
 - 3. Second Vice-Chief: The Second Vice-Chief is responsible for camp promotion to be set up with Clan Chiefs, organizing banquets, and carrying out other duties delegated by the Chief.
 - 4. Secretary: The Secretary is responsible for maintaining accurate membership records, updating books, distributing new member materials at Pow Wow, Spring Arrowee and Fall Arrowee, as well as writing and distributing *The Gorget*. The Lodge Secretary is responsible for updating the official Lodge records and annual membership roster at the Council Service Center. In addition, the Lodge Secretary is responsible for the finances of the Lodge.
 - 5. Quartermaster: The Quartermaster is in charge of ordering new material and keeping old supplies.
 - 6. Dance Team Chairman: The Dance Team Chairman is responsible for coordinating all dance activities in the Lodge.
 - 7. Clan Officers: Clan Officers administrate all Clan activities, attend Lodge Executive Committee meetings, and head a committee to encourage Brotherhood advancement. Clan boundaries will be the District boundaries of the Caddo Area Council.

- I. The Lodge Executive Committee shall be composed of the following:
 - 1. Elected Lodge Officers
 - 2. Immediate Past Lodge Chief
 - 3. Lodge Advisor and all Assistant Lodge Officers
 - 4. A representative of the Council Camping Committee
 - 5. Clan Officers
 - 6. All Clan Advisors
 - 7. Council Scout Executive
 - 8. Council Lodge Staff Advisor

- J. Lodge and Clan officers shall be given preference to available attendance space at Order of the Arrow Conferences.

- K. Any adult serving as an adviser, consultant, mentor, counselor or in any such capacity to Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232 or its members must be approved by the Lodge Adviser, the Council Camping Committee and the Council Scout Executive.

Lodge Finances

- A. Finances. All Order of the Arrow funds shall be deposited and administered through the Caddo Area Council service center and be subject to all normal Council accounting procedures.
- B. Induction Fee. An induction fee for new members will be set annually by the Lodge Executive Committee. For such, each member will receive:
1. Membership Card
 2. An Ordeal Sash
 3. *An Order of the Arrow Handbook*
 4. A Lodge pocket flap
 5. Pow Wow patch (for attending Pow Wow)
 6. Lodge neckerchief
- C. Dues. Dues of this Lodge will be set annually by the Lodge Executive Committee to be collected by the Lodge Secretary.
- D. Expenses. Financial expenditures on behalf of the Lodge must be pre-approved by a current Lodge Officer in consultation with the Lodge Adviser and the Lodge Staff Adviser.
- E. Conference Expenses: Provided sufficient funds as determined by the Lodge Advisor, the Lodge Chief, Lodge Secretary, and Lodge Advisor will have their registration fee paid to the area conference.

Lodge Records

The official records of Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232 shall be maintained solely at the Caddo Area Council Service Center. It is the responsibility of the Lodge Secretary to update the official records and roster of membership.

Voting

Only Arrowmen younger than twenty-one (21) years of age may vote in matters of Lodge business. To be eligible to vote in matters of Lodge business an individual must be registered and in good standing with the Caddo Area Council Boy Scouts of America and Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232.

Colors, Neckerchief, Patches and Insignia

- A. The Totem of Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232 will be the Caddo Water Bottle.
- B. Colors: The standard set of colors for Lodge neckerchiefs and flaps will be yellow, green, red, and black.
- C. Lodge Neckerchiefs: A Lodge neckerchief will only be issued to new, incoming Ordeal members. Lodge neckerchiefs are one for life unless accidentally destroyed. If a Lodge neckerchief is destroyed, the remnants of the old one may be traded in on the purchase of a new one. The remnant has to include the majority of the old one.
- D. Lodge Flap: Lodge members will receive two (2) flaps during their first year of membership with one (1) issued each year thereafter so long as they remain a member in good standing.

Flaps may be purchased only at Lodge functions, and a running inventory of total flaps sold is to be reported by the Lodge Secretary at the conclusion of each Lodge function.

The Lodge Chief is responsible for the safekeeping of all un-issued Lodge flaps.

- E. Vigil Water Bottle Patch: Incoming Vigil Honor members will be awarded a Caddo Water Bottle patch. Vigil Water Bottle Patches are issued one (1) per life.
- F. Only the Lodge Chief, First Vice-Chief, Lodge Adviser or a Vigil Honor member may cut a notch in an Ordeal candidates Gorget.
- G. Vigil Honor Gorget: The Vigil Honor Gorget will be made by an individual appointed by the Lodge Adviser in accordance with one pattern. The pattern will be the following: One side of the Gorget will have the bearer's name and the reverse side will display the "triangle of arrows" and the year the honor was bestowed.
- H. The design, colors and insignia of Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232 may only be changed under the rules for procedural changes found herein.

Drug, Tobacco and Alcohol Policy

The Boy Scouts of America Caddo Area Council prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members. Arrowmen learn from the examples set by their advisers. Advisers should support the attitude that young adults are better off without alcohol or tobacco and

may not allow the use of alcohol or tobacco products by anyone at any BSA activity involving youth participants.

Code of Conduct

All members of Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232, regardless of age or registered position in the Boy Scouts of America will on an annual basis execute and adhere to Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232 / Caddo Area Council's Code of Conduct.

The Lodge Executive Committee and the Lodge Advisor, under the authority of the Council Camping Committee and the Council Scout Executive, are responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of the Code of Conduct.

Violations of the Code of Conduct may result in an individual's expulsion from a Lodge event, Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232 and/or the Caddo Area Council Boy Scouts of America.

All decisions regarding violation of the Code of Conduct will be at the discretion of a review Committee established by the Council Executive Committee and the Council Scout Executive.

Youth Protection Policy

Leadership:

The Boy Scouts of America takes great pride in the quality of our adult leadership. Being a leader in the BSA is a privilege, not a right. The quality of the program and the safety of our youth members call for high-quality adult leadership. The Caddo Area Council Boy Scouts of America work closely with our chartered organizations to help recruit the best possible leaders for their units.

The adult application requests background information that should be check by the unit committee or the chartered organization before accepting an applicant for unit leadership. While no current screening techniques exist that can identify every potential child molester, we can reduce the risk of accepting a child molester by learning all we can about an applicant for a leadership position – his or her experience with children, why he or she wants to be a Scout Leader, and what discipline techniques he or she would use.

Barriers to Abuse Within Scouting:

The BSA has adopted the following policies to provide additional security for our members. These policies are primarily for the protection of our youth members; however, they also serve to protect our adult leaders from false accusations of abuse.

- Two Deep Leadership: Two registered adult leaders or one registered leaders and a parent of a participant, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required on all trips and outings. The chartered organization is responsible for ensuring that sufficient leadership is provided for all activities.
- No one-on-one contact: One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is not permitted. In situations that require personal conferences, such as a Scoutmaster's conference, the meeting is to be conducted in view of other adults and youths.
- Respect of privacy: Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp, and intrude only to the extent that health and safety require. Adults must protect their own privacy in similar situations.
- Separate accommodations: When camping, no youth is permitted to sleep in the tent of an adult other than his own parent or guardian. Councils are strongly encouraged to have separate shower and latrine facilities for females. When separate facilities are not available, separate times for male and female use should be scheduled and posted for showers.
- Proper preparation for high-adventure activities: Activities with elements of risk should never be undertaken without proper preparation, equipment, clothing, supervision, and safety measures.
- No secret organizations: The Boy Scouts of America does not recognize any secret organizations as part of its program. All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents and leaders.
- Appropriate attire: Proper clothing for activities is required. For example, skinny-dipping is not appropriate as part of Scouting.
- Constructive discipline: Discipline used in Scouting should be constructive and reflect Scouting's values. Corporal punishment is never permitted.
- Hazing prohibited: Physical hazing and initiations are prohibited and may not be included as part of any Scouting activity.
- Junior leader training and supervision: Adult leaders must monitor and guide leadership techniques used by junior leaders and ensure that BSA policies are followed.

Reporting Responsibilities:

Every state, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories have different reporting requirements. As part of youth protection training, you will receive reporting instructions for the Caddo Area Council. People are often concerned about being sued for reporting child abuse. You are not required to know for certain that a child has been abused. All that the law requires is that you have a reasonable suspicion and are reporting in "good faith." When these requirements are met, all states provide immunity from liability for child abuse reporters.

Youth Protection Educational Materials:

“How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide” is a tear-out booklet in with BSA youth books. It is designed for parents and guardians and young people to use together for youth protection training. The BSA also has separate age-appropriate videos for Cub Scout-age and Boy Scout-age boys to address the problems of sexual abuse. The video for Cub Scouts, “It Happened to Me,” should be used annually by packs or dens, but only for Cub Scouts accompanied by a parent, guardian or other adult family member. The video for Boy Scouts, “A Time to Tell” introduces the “three Rs” of Youth Protection, and should be viewed by troops annually.

Three Rs of Youth Protection:

The three Rs of Youth Protection convey a simple message that the BSA wants its youth members to learn:

- Recognize situations that place him at risk of being molested, how child molesters operate, and that anyone could be a molester.
- Resist unwanted and inappropriate attention. Resistance will stop most attempts at molestation.
- Report attempted or actual molestation to a parent or other trusted adult. This prevents further abuse of himself and helps to protect other children. Let the Scout know he will not be blamed for what occurred.

Youth Member Behavior Guidelines:

The Boy Scouts of America is a values-based youth development organization that helps young people learn positive attributes of character, citizenship, and personal fitness. The BSA has the expectation that all participants in the Scouting program will relate to each other in accord with the principles embodied in the Scout Oath and Law.

One of the developmental tasks of childhood is to learn appropriate behavior. Children are not born with an innate sense of propriety and they need guidance and direction. The example set by positive adult role models is a powerful tool for shaping behavior and a tool that is stressed in Scouting.

Misbehavior by a single youth member in a Scouting unit may constitute a threat to the safety of the individual who misbehaves as well as to the safety of other unit members. Such misbehavior constitutes an unreasonable burden on a Scout unit and cannot be ignored.

Member Responsibilities:

All members of the Boy Scouts of America are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with principles set forth in the Scout Oath and Law. Physical violence,

hazing, bullying, theft, verbal insults, and drugs and alcohol have no place in the Scouting program and may result in the revocation of a Scout's membership in the unit.

If confronted by threats of violence or other forms of bullying from other youth members, Scouts should seek help from their unit leaders or parents.

Leadership Requirements for Trips and Outings:

1. Two-deep leadership:
Two registered adult leaders, or one registered adult and a parent of a participating Scout, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age or older, are required for all trips or outings. There are few instances, such as patrol activities, when no adult leadership is required. Coed overnight activities require male and female adult leaders, both of whom must be 21.
2. During transportation to and from planned Scout outings:
 - a. Meet for departure at a designated area
 - b. Prearrange a schedule for periodic checkpoint stops as a group.
 - c. Plan a daily destination point.
A common departure site and a daily destination points are a must. If you cannot provide two adults for each vehicle, the minimum required is one adult and two or more youth members – never one on one.
3. Safety Rule of Four:
No fewer than four individuals (always with the minimum of two adults) go on any backcountry expedition or campout. If an accident occurs, one person stays with the injured, and two go for help. Additional adult leadership requirements must reflect an awareness of such factors as size and skill level of the group, anticipated environmental conditions, and overall degree of challenge.
4. Male and female leaders must have separate sleeping facilities. Married couples may share the same quarters if appropriate facilities are available.
5. Male and female youth participants will not share the same sleeping facility.
6. Single-room or dormitory-type accommodations for Scouting Units:
Adults and youth of the same gender may occupy dormitory or single-room accommodations, provided there is a minimum of two adults and four youth. A minimum of one of the adults is required to be youth-protection trained. Adults must establish separation barriers or privacy zones such as a temporary blanket or sheet walls in order to keep their sleeping area and dressing area separated from the youth area.
7. When staying in tents, no youth will stay in the tent of an adult other than his or her parent or guardian.
8. If separate shower and latrine facilities are not available, separate times for male and female use should be scheduled and posted for showers. The buddy system should be used for latrines by having one person wait outside the entrance, or provide Occupied and Unoccupied signs and/or inside door latches.
Adult leaders need to respect the privacy of youth members in situations where the youth are changing clothes or taking showers, and intrude only to the extent that

health and safety require. Adults also need to protect their own privacy in similar situations.

9. Two-deep adult leadership is required for flying activities. For basic orientation flights, the adult licensed pilot in control of the aircraft is sufficient for the flight, while two-deep leadership is maintained on the ground.

Member Reporting Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of all members of Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232 to report any knowledge of a violation of the Code of Conduct or the Youth Protection Guidelines to the Professional Staff Advisor, District Executive or to the Scout Executive.

Lodge Operational Rule Changes

Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232 Operational Rules, Policies and Procedures are subject to amendment at any time by the Caddo Area Council Executive Committee.

Lodge Operational Rules, Policies and Procedures are subject to amendment at any regular or special meeting of the Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232 provided such amendment has been submitted in writing to the Lodge Secretary, Lodge Chief, the Lodge Adviser and the Chairman of the Council Camping Committee at least 30 days prior to such meeting and that due notice has been given to all registered Lodge members at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting. A two-thirds vote is required of the members present at said meeting to change or amend the Operational Rules, Policies and Procedures of Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232.

Any proposed amendment to the Lodge Operational Rules, Policies and Procedures must be submitted to the Caddo Area Council Executive Committee for final approval.

CODE OF CONDUCT
Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232 / Caddo Area Council

- Required for Membership and Participation -

1. I will abide by the Scout Oath and Law while at Lodge Functions, and will set a positive example for other Scouts and Scouters through my actions.
2. The Scouting program in America has always included uniforms for its members and volunteers to identify members and show they are part of the Boy Scouts of America. I acknowledge that the various OA ceremonies undertaken at Lodge Functions are important steps for members in their Scouting lives. Accordingly, I agree to be in Class A Uniform at evening meals and ceremonies, including Ordeal Ceremony, Brotherhood Ceremony, and Vigil Call-Out Ceremony, unless I am performing a role in the ceremony requiring Native American attire.
3. I will stay on approved Camp Property during events and will designate for emergency purposes the location where I sleep. This is standard Camp policy in the event of an emergency.
4. I will be a registered dues-paid member of Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232, Order of the Arrow and with the Caddo Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.
5. I will abide by the substance abuse and tobacco use policies of the Boy Scouts of America and the Caddo Area Council. I understand that if I am under suspicion of using alcohol or drugs, I give permission to Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232 and the Caddo Area Council, acting by and through its duly authorized agents, to perform drug and /or alcohol tests.
6. Hazing has no place in Scouting, nor do running the gauntlet, belt lines, or similar actions involving physical punishments or abuse. I will prevent, to the best of my abilities, any participant from being “initiated” into the OA.
7. Violation of this Code of Conduct may result in expulsion from the event and from future events. All decisions regarding violation of the Code of Conduct will be at the discretion of a review committee established by the Council Executive Committee and the Council Scout Executive. All decisions will be final.

I agree to follow this “Code of Conduct.”

Participant’s Signature
Dated: _____

Parent’s Signature
(If Participant is under age 18)

Participant’s Printed Name: _____



Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232

Caddo Area Council Vigil Honor Nomination Form

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that a Lodge can bestow upon a member. It dates back to 1915 when our Founder, Dr. E. Umer Goodman became the first Vigil Honor Member. It is a mark of high distinction and is reserved for those arrowmen who have given exceptional service and who help others above and beyond the call of duty. The Vigil Honor requires unselfish dedication to one or more of the following: the Lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or the Scout Camp. The Vigil Honor is a recognition of one's commitment to altruistic leadership and proper example of Brotherhood in Cheerful Service. Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor.

Nominations for the Vigil Honor ought to be taken seriously. Please provide as much information about the nominee as possible. In this way the Vigil Honor Selection Committee can make a fair assessment of the contributions of the nominee to Scouting and the Lodge.

To be eligible for the Vigil Honor an arrowman must:

1. Be a Brotherhood member for at least two years prior to Pow Wow of the nominating year.
2. Be registered in the Caddo Area Council, BSA.
3. Be a member in good standing of Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232.

In order for a nomination to be accepted it must:

1. Be submitted on an official and current Vigil Honor Nomination form. Any additional information can be attached to the nomination form.
2. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Completed form must be received no later than noon Sunday of Spring Arrowee.**

Completed nomination forms may be turned in or mailed to the Caddo Area Service Center:

Caddo Area Council, BSA
24 Lynnwood Drive
Texarkana, Tx 75503

Vigil Nominee Information

Name * _____ Chapter * _____ Unit * _____

Address * _____ Date of Birth * _____

City * _____ State * _____ Zip * _____ Phone * _____

Degree Date & Location: Ordeal _____ Brotherhood _____

List Scouting Awards Received: _____

Vigil Nominee Information - Continued

Contribution to our Lodge: * _____

Contribution to the Order of the Arrow: * _____

Contribution to Scouting * _____

Contribution to the Scout Camps of the Caddo Area Council * _____

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BSA Registration Verified _____ OA Membership Verified _____ Brotherhood Verified _____

Scout Executive

Camping Committee

Date

Date