



2024

Octoraro Lodge 22, W.W.W. BROTHERHOOD BLITZ

Date: Saturday, December 14, 2024

Time: 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Location: Camp Horseshoe

Cost: **FREE!!!**



What is the *Brotherhood Blitz*?

The *Brotherhood Blitz* is a one-day event that allows qualified Ordeal members to **complete Brotherhood** outside of a service weekend. The lodge is aware that many brothers are unable to attend our service weekends due to other commitments or are vital workers on important projects during the service weekends. The *Brotherhood Blitz* provides our brothers another opportunity to participate in the *Brotherhood Experience*.

Why should I complete my Brotherhood?

YOU fulfill the **COMMITMENT** you made during the Ordeal ceremony to **conclude** the *induction process* that you started when you were called-out as a candidate for the Ordeal!

YOU learn the other part of the *Legend...* about Uncas' challenge while helping the Lenape force back the fierce marauders.

YOU learn the symbolism behind the **two bars** on the Brotherhood sash.

YOU will meet new friends outside your troop.

YOU set the example that other Arrowmen should follow.

YOU help your lodge achieve *High Performing* recognition.

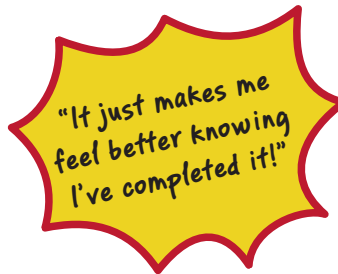


YOU rededicate yourself to the traditions of the Order of the Arrow.

YOU discover what "service to others" really means.

YOU gain further awareness of the Order's purpose.

YOU gain a sense of belonging to something greater than yourself.



It renews your enthusiasm for Scouting.

It teaches the value of leading by example.

"It is a rewarding experience!"

Am I eligible to complete my Brotherhood at the *Brotherhood Blitz*?

If you took your Ordeal in June 2024 or before, then you are now eligible to seal your membership with the Brotherhood ceremony. The only other requirement is that your lodge dues for 2024, or later, are paid.

How do I sign-up for the *Brotherhood Blitz*?

See the reverse of this flyer (page 2) for details.

Octoraro Lodge 22 Needs You!!!

How do I sign-up to attend the *Brotherhood Blitz*?

You sign-up for the *Brotherhood Blitz* by sending an e-mail to the Brotherhood team. Simply click on the following link: brotherhood@octoraro22.org (your e-mail client should open). Please tell us who you are and what unit (troop, crew, etc.) you are a member of. You may list multiple attendees in a single e-mail.

Must I pre-register for the *Brotherhood Blitz*?

No... walk-ins are allowed. Nevertheless, pre-registration is *appreciated* and allows the Brotherhood and ceremonies teams to properly prepare *your Brotherhood Experience*.

How do I prepare for the *Brotherhood Blitz*?

See the “How to Prepare for the Brotherhood Blitz” sheet — available from the Brotherhood team.

What must I bring to the *Brotherhood Blitz*?

Report to the *Brotherhood Blitz* on December 14 in your full, “class-A” uniform with your Ordeal sash. You **MUST** bring your *Brotherhood letter* and your *Brotherhood totem*. **We will begin PROMPTLY at 2:15 P.M.**

Prior to the start of the *Brotherhood Experience*, the Brotherhood team will confirm whether or not you meet the requirements for Brotherhood membership. Should it be found that your dues are *not current*, you might not be allowed to participate in the *Brotherhood Blitz*.

Who is not eligible for the *Brotherhood Blitz*?

National policy requires **six months** to have elapsed between taking the Ordeal and completing Brotherhood. Therefore, Arrowmen who took the Ordeal during the September 2024 fellowship weekend are not eligible to complete Brotherhood at the *Brotherhood Blitz*.

What is National recognition for Brotherhood conversion?

Each year, the lodge submits to the National Order of the Arrow Committee a report on our accomplishments during the past year. Based on our efforts, we can achieve either “thriving” or “high performing” status under the *Performance Management Program*. Such status signifies to the wider Scouting community what the brothers of our lodge already know: that Octoraro Lodge 22 provides a superlative program along with tremendous service to the Horseshoe Scout Reservation. Achievement of this recognition allows us to apply to the national organization for matching funds for vital improvement projects in camp.



Lastly, by completing Brotherhood, you express your gratitude to those who saw your potential and elected you to the Order of the Arrow:

“Membership in our Order is given, not only for what you have done, but for what you are expected to do. He alone is worthy to wear the Arrow who will continue to serve his fellow man. Strengthen the ties of brotherhood. Build upon the fire of cheerfulness. Ease the burdens from the shoulders of your fellow Scouts! When you have done these things, you will again find yourself before me, prepared to see the full meaning of the Arrow.”

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Ordeal Ceremony