Elangomat Brief Guidelines to follow

The Elangomat Promise

I, do hereby promise, on my honor as a member of the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service, to remain true to the ties of the Elangomat; to exemplify and endure the tests of the Ordeal, that those who are to join in our brotherhood may gain greater understanding of our purpose; to be a constant example of cheerful service and brotherhood; and to strive with all my power to help them see the Arrow.

What is an Elangomat?

The elangomat is one who is fully willing to give of himself in order to bring to others the true realization of the purpose and spirit of the Order of the Arrow. He will endure the hardships of the Ordeal again and again to help new members gain the deep and powerful experience of the Ordeal. The title, “Elangomat” means FRIEND. Your primary responsibility is to be a friend to the candidates. Your job is not easy; you must function as a mentor, counselor, mediator, and authority figure. The Ordeal is, however, better the second time around.

The Spirit of an Elangomat

The elangomat is willing to sacrifice himself in order to preside over his clan. His job is to act as Allowat Sakima in observing the candidates throughout the Ordeal. If you embody the spirit of the Ordeal, the candidates will follow your example and act accordingly. The more you keep the spirit of the Ordeal with you, the more powerful and meaningful the Ordeal will be for the candidates.

Responsibilities of an Elangomat

- Honestly try to bring the candidates understanding of the spirit of the Order of the Arrow. Take the initiative in performing service and accomplishing tasks.
- Be a continual example of the spirit of the Order.
- Ensure that the candidates fully follow the challenges of the Ordeal.
- Make the candidates feel they are part of the Order and work with them until they achieve Brotherhood.
- Show the ordeal candidates respect.
- Ensure are staying hydrated.

Clans

A clan is a group of Ordeal candidates under your supervision. You will get to know your members and be a friend and mentor to them during their Ordeal and as they rise up through the Order. You are a patrol leader in charge of the clan. The Ordeal master assigns the clans every weekend.

Elangomat Duties Through the Ordeal

Friday Night:

You will be assigned to and organize your clan. Take note of any allergies or medical issues that will need to be addressed.

The elangomats should line up at the head and tail of the Pre-Ordeal ceremony line. You may take your sleeping gear with you. You should stand in line with them for the entire ceremony, doing what they do (including stepping forward and testing the bow). At this point you are also under a vow of silence.

Upon arriving at the sleeping site, disperse the candidates in a circle (about 10 yds) around you. You should sleep in the middle. Make sure you know where everyone is and how many candidates are in your clan. Keep list of who is in your clan on you at all times.

Saturday Morning:

Wake candidates up around 6:30. Have the candidates pack up all of their gear by 6:45. Make sure you have all of your candidates accounted for. At that point you need to form a line and on the main road, & wait for approval from Elangomat Chairman to head back to council ring, where you should eat breakfast.

Saturday Afternoon: Keep clan together. You will be assigned a work crew and a project to conduct. (exceptions include adults pulled for special assignment). See schedule below for more details.
Saturday Evening:

Have the candidates put on their Class A uniforms. At the designated time, assemble them to go to ceremony. You should also be dressed in your Class A uniform as well as your OA sash. Once again clan stay together. You are responsible to make sure they are to be in a straight line. You in front of the line and if a second Elangomat, he goes to the end of your clan. After the Ceremony is cracker-barrel

**Discipline**

You are not allowed to disqualify a candidate (only they can make that choice). If the candidate is not fulfilling the tests of the Ordeal notify Elangomat chairman and allow him to deal with any issues.

**What Not to Do**

- You cannot disqualify a candidate – only he can make that decision.
- Do not let anyone distract a candidate from his duties. They do not have the right.
- Do not do anything that will negatively affect the candidates – they will do as they see you doing. Set a good example at all times. This includes no talking. (if you have to talk, respect them by moving away from the candidates)
- Do not tempt candidates to break any of the tests.
- Do not let Ordeal Candidates get dehydrated.
- Do not discuss the Spirit of the Arrow booklets the candidates are given – allow them to ponder the words in silence.
- Do not talk unless **absolutely necessary** – you have taken the same vows as the candidates. If you must talk, other than of things relating to work, do it away from the group.

**Schedule for the Saturday:**

6:30am- Elangomats wake up candidates
6:45am- form line on main road
7:00am – eat breakfast, fill water bottles, & use restroom (location is the campfire ring)
8:00am- start workday

Ensure you keep your “clan” stays together throughout the day you are responsible for them

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Ensure your “clan” takes breaks for the restroom and water often

12:00pm- Arrive at campfire ring. Then eat scant lunch just like ordeal candidates, fill your water bottle, & use the restroom, make sure the ordeal candidates do the same

1:00pm- work day starts
4:00pm- arrive in campfire ring for dinner
4:45-send ordeal candidates to get uniform on
5: 15pm- have ordeal candidates returned with uniforms on
5:30pm-first group of ordeal candidates leave (someone will come and get them so don’t just send them) make sure the candidates stay quiet and make sure you show them with respect by not talking to other elangomats.

__________ first ordeal ceremony starts
__________ second ordeal ceremony starts
__________third ordeal ceremony starts