



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
ORDER OF THE ARROW

Elangomat Guide

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.

Training Card

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.

Clans what are they?

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.

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 Allawat 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.

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 Elangomat 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.

The Night Out:

Upon arriving at the sleeping site, disperse the candidates in a circle (about 10 yds.) around you. You should sleep in the middle.

Responsibilities of an Elangomat

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

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 must 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.

Saturday

On Saturday morning, you and your clan will be awoken by the induction team. You will pack up your gear and bring your entire clan and will meet up on the side of the road. You will only do this once your entire clan is ready. You will then be instructed to bring your gear to your campsite and prep for the work day. You will then bring your clan in to the Fire arena as a clan for breakfast that starts at 7 AM.

Wake Up Speech:

You will then be instructed to bring your gear to your campsite and prep for the work day. You will then bring your clan in to the designated arena as a clan for breakfast that starts at 7 AM.

Items to go over:

- Rain gear
- Water Bottle
- Work Gloves
- Work Clothes
- Bug Spray & Sunscreen
- Dropping off gear
- 7 AM Breakfast
- Stay together as a Clan

The work day:

You will be assigned a work crew and a project to conduct. You should work alongside your clan and do as they do. Only speaking when necessary. Ensure you keep your clan stays together throughout the day you are responsible for them. Also ensure your clan takes breaks for the restroom and water often.

Lunch:

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. This will be your hour-long break.

The Work Continues:

Your work day will begin again after lunch at 1:00. You will return to your work sites with your clan and the site manager and continue your work until 4:30. At this point you will bring your clan back to the fire arena for dinner. Dinner will be served in the arena. After dinner, your clan will be released to go get their uniforms. Make sure they know they are to return to fire arena.

Ceremonies:

While waiting for your ceremony make sure the candidates stay quiet and make sure you show them respect by not talking to other Elangomat. The time of ceremonies has come. You are now not required to continue on with your clan. However, it is highly encouraged that you continue with them and go through the ceremony to help guide during the ceremony.

