

NAMPA-TSI

Nampa-Tsi Lodge, Great Rivers Council 653



Lodge #216

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A Brief History of Nampa-Tsi Lodge

In 1971, the Great Rivers Council and the Lake of the Ozarks Council received confirmation of the region's desire for the two councils to merge. The merger of the two councils occurred early the following year. Prior to the merger, both councils had a quite active Order of the Arrow Lodge. It was decided that it would be in the new council's best interests to pool their resources. This would then allow them to devote all of their efforts toward benefiting the new Great Rivers Council.

Within a few months, Po-E-Mo Lodge #426 and Metab Lodge #216 made their merger official, forming Nampa-Tsi Lodge #216 in 1971. The name Nampa-Tsi was chosen appropriately, for when the phrase is literally translated, it means "two lodges" or "twin lodges" in the words of our native brothers, the Lenni Lenape. Steve Goeke, the last lodge chief of the Po-E-Mo Lodge, became Nampa-Tsi Lodge's first lodge chief.

Many traditions from both lodges survived the merger and have helped make the program and experience of the Nampa-Tsi Lodge unique. Many people know that Hohn Scout Reservation at the Lake of the Ozarks was started with the help and dedication of long-time Scouters who used to be members of the Metab Lodge. Many fine traditions were started by the Metab Lodge, including Four Fires, the ceremony where candidates would receive tokens upon which to meditate. Po-E-Mo also had many fine traditions to boast. The Thunderbird call-out ceremony is one of the most vivid Nampa-Tsi traditions: The singing and recitation of the legend of the Thunderbird is a rather moving experience. Another tradition is the camping award totem that troops utilize to show how many nights each Scout has gone camping.

In 1996, our lodge celebrated its 25th anniversary, and in 2011 we celebrated our 40th year of unity. We will continue to push forward into the future – the 50th anniversary is truly within sight; however, we shall always revere the past, for many have walked the winding trails and paths in time before us: To them we are truly indebted. We will forever remember those who bravely blazed the path for us, but we shall also continue to perfect and construct paths for our lodge as we strive to better this, our great brotherhood of cheerful service.

The totem of the Nampa-Tsi Lodge is a white tipi with two red stripes.

May our lodge always be in fervent accord! Majauchsuwi: Union.



THE LEGEND OF THE GREAT NAMPA-TSI LODGE

It was long ago, but the great legend must never be forgotten. Who are we without the knowledge bestowed upon us of our brotherhood's great past? The wind speaks to us. Its gentle whisper through the trees and across the lake tells us to remember: To remember those who walked these hills long before us, as well as what they accomplished for us. This, my brothers, is the very legend that reminds us of our beginning...

In that day, a mighty chief and his nation inhabited one side of a deep, flowing river, while another chief and his nation inhabited the opposite banks. Both nations flourished, for the river brought bountiful harvest. Both chiefs would rise with the sun and each would smile upon his own nation with pride. It was during this time that peace spread throughout the valley.

In all due time, however, these two prosperous nations would meet challenges and tests. The spring brought beauty to the valley as both nations sowed their fields for crops, but the summer brought a sweltering heat and drought. The river desiccated, and the crops in both nations shriveled and died. The herds of the buffalo became scarce, as did the deer. Both nations struggled, for what was once peace that covered the valley had turned into famine and greed. Both nations fell with the setting sun, and the succeeding day would only bring much more uncertainty.

The two chiefs and their peoples were infuriated with one another: One nation held the other to blame for the horrible misfortunes that had descended across the valley. To possibly resolve the issue, the chieftains and medicine men of both nations assembled as one, large council to discuss the matters at hand; however, fury only grew in this council, and the blaming became worse. The chief of the nation on the northern banks of the drought-stricken river declared a war upon the nation to the south; the chief of the southern tribe then declared war on the nation to the north.

From each nation came a large altar of fire that illuminated the evening skies and sent forth black smoke. This sign heralded news that only more challenges and tests were to come as a terrible war was due to also fall upon the valley.

The next day brought what the chiefs had declared: War descended upon the valley. Each chief's war club was held high as they commanded their nations in battle. Blood quickly filled the once-deep, blue river as many mighty warriors fell. Flaming arrows painted the night skies. For many moons the war was fought, and the altar in each nation continued to burn a thick, black war smoke.

Upon the tenth moon of the terrible war, messengers of the Great Spirit came unto both chiefs as they slept. They urged the two chiefs to meet alone and to discuss terms for ending the hostilities. Both chiefs came together in a large tepee with two red stripes that had been placed at the bottom of the valley by the Great Spirit.

For many hours the two chiefs held a discussion, and the altars continued to send forth the black war smoke as they met. After much contemplation and deliberation, the two mighty chiefs emerged from the tepee and faced one another. The two shook their hands

as a sign that the discussion had finally concluded. With this, each chief turned to his respective nation and placed the war club both had at a great height. And then, with immense force, both clubs were thrown to the earth. Turning to one another once more, they took hands and raised them high, showing the sign that peace had been established and that the two had decided to merge into one unified nation, a brotherhood.

White smoke rose from the altars that had once sent forth the black smoke of warfare and death. A majestic thunderbird descended from the heavens, winging its flight o'er the entire valley; a rain began to fall from the heavens as a result, a sign given to the people by the Great Spirit that this was fate.

After putting down their bows and arrows, the people of what were once two nations danced together as one nation in a time of blissful celebration. All of this occurred around what would become known as the Great Teepee.

The river filled completely with the rain, washing away the blood of the fallen warriors. As moons passed, the nation of the valley became prosperous as harvests would come to yield with much abundance. Those who had once been enemies became brothers, and they cheerfully served one another as they built a unified nation. It was for certain that this nation would continue to prosper, and this is true, for many moons have come and gone, and still, to this day, the nation flourishes in a valley that offers peace to its people... The brotherhood of the great Nampa-Tsi Lodge.

THE LEGEND OF THE THUNDERBIRD

Wakobi, or Brown Bear, was one of the greatest Osage chiefs. As he was near death, he was taken to a peaceful valley in the Osage hunting grounds, where he would spend the days left to him. As Wakobi lay on the hill looking at the sky and waiting, a massive bird flew over his face. Wakobi lost consciousness.

As he awakened, streaks of lightning blinded him, and loud thunder deafened his ears. Again, he lost consciousness and again he awakened. A gentle rain was falling on his face as he lay on the hill, and a band of Lakota was crossing the Osage hunting grounds on their way south.

They came upon Wakobi. Recognizing him, they stopped to offer comfort. He told them of his vision, saying, "As I lay watching the sky, waiting for the Great Spirit, a great bird so large I cannot tell you of its size flew over my face. From his eyes came blinding streaks of light, and as he moved his wings, great claps of thunder shook. On his back, the bird bore a great body of water which spilled over as he flew, causing the rains to fall." As Wakobi finished this tale, he laid back and joined the Great Spirit in the sky.

The Lakota, hearing this tale, knew it was a great story. They passed the tale on to the inner circle of the Osage Council where it was passed down to the following generations. As the story was retold, the bird grew in greatness until it became the Thunderbird, a great totem to the Osage to be carried in their hearts by all the tribe.

THE SONG OF THE GREAT NAMPA-TSI LODGE

Sing or recite this song with pride following the Official Order of the Arrow Song. When sung, it follows the tune of the United States Navy Hymn.

Hold true the legends of our lodge,
and keep our secrets in safeguard,
for to the Order we shall stand
in cheerful service unto man.
Promote our brotherhood, indeed,
for we are the great Nampa-Tsi.

IMPORTANT EVENTS IN OA HISTORY

July 16, 1915 First OA induction

August 1915 First Vigil induction

October 1921 "Grand Lodge" meeting; Meeting to organize the national program

October 1925 A separate Brotherhood honor created

July 15, 1934 National Executive Committee of BSA approves OA

1940 Creation of Distinguished Service Award

1941 National Meeting first mentioned the establishment of chapters

1942 Metab Lodge #216 of the lake of the Ozarks Council is established

December 1947 First OA Handbook

1948 First NOAC at a University

May 1948 Full integration into BSA program

1950 Po-E-Mo Lodge #426 of the Great Rivers Council is established

1968 Creation of the Red Arrow Award

1971 Metab #216 and Po-E-MO #426 merge to create the Nampa-Tsi Lodge #216

1979 Pre-Ordeal ceremony mandatory

March 13, 1980 Death of E. Urner Goodman

1981 Founder's Award created

October 25, 1986 Death of Carroll A. Edson

1996 25 year anniversary of Nampa-Tsi Lodge

1997 Creation of Goodman Honor Lodge

1997 The Arrow adopted as the new OA symbol

2011 40 year anniversary of Namp-Tsi Lodge

THE FOUNDERS' AWARD

In 1981, the National Order of the Arrow committee established a new award to memorialize founder and co-founder E. Uner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson. The Founders' Award was created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to the lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrates to fellow Arrowmen that he or she memorializes in his or her daily life the spirit of achievement as described by our founders.

The award is a handsome bronze medallion bearing the likenesses of Goodman and Edson, with wooden base and brass plate suitable for engraving. The award is suitable for display at home or the office. Also available is the Founders' Award ribbon, similar to the universal arrow ribbon, except that it has a gold-colored arrow suspended from a red ribbon.

Recipients Of The Founder's Award

1987 M. "Zeke" Secora	2004 Lee White
1988 S. Mark Scheiderer	Douglas Johnson
1989 Scott Johnson	Dennis Kerns
Jerry Couchman	2005 Paul Blesz
1990 Wiley Tracy	Kelly Stevens
1991 V. Scott Powell	2006 Bill Corwin
1992 Ryan Bremer	Lucas Tucker
1994 Matt McBride	2007 Brad Corwin
1995 Matt Schfield	Daniel Dey
Dennis Bradley	2008 Mark Brunner
1996 Jack Dulle	John Murphy
1997 Curtis Hains	2009 Richard Allen
1997 Cliff McBride	Allen Greenlief
1998 Nick Johnson	2010 Keith Wilcoxon
David Stowe	Josn Bingamann
1999 Gene Owens	2011 Patrick Mahoney
J.C. Feger	Paul Meyer
2000 Nathan McKinnon	2012 Nathan Rackers
2001 Joan Owens	Bob Berhorst
Matt Krestsing	2013 Michael Burke
2002 Garrett Thorne	Jerry Walters
Dennis Kerns	2014 Ethan Viet
2003 Mike Richey	Randy Behrens
	2015 Zac Stelzer
	Marion Dey

1. The Arrowman must be a member of Nampa-Tsi Lodge in good standing.
2. The Arrowman must have given long term, unselfish service in accordance with the Purposes and Obligation of the Order of the Arrow, to Scouting and the Nampa-Tsi Lodge.
3. The # of awards given is based upon lodge membership.
4. If more than one award is presented, one must be to a youth member under the age of 21.

FRED A. ZIMMANN DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Fred A. Zimmann Distinguished Service Award was created in 1981 by the Nampa-Tsi Lodge to honor and recognize lodge members who have given distinguished service to the Lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, and the Great Rivers Council long-term camping program. The award was named in honor of long-time Scouter and Arrowmen Fred A. Zimmann. Mr. Zimmann offered countless hours of service to this council and was once a member of Baden-Powell's troop.

Recipients Of The Fred A. Zimmann Distinguished Service Award

1982 Fred A. Zimmann	2001 Joan Owens
1983 Wiley Tracy	Debbie Bradley
1984 Darryl Golden	Dennis Bradley
1985 John Hartman	2002 Dennis Kerns
Jerry Richardson	Cliff McBride
1986 Art Rhodes	Steve Willsie
1987 M. "Zeke" Secora	2003 J.C. Feger
1988 W.Pete Knauff	Nick Johnson
1989 Jason Cruse	Nathan McKinnon
Mike Dimond	2004 Steve Parr
1990 John Zeigler	Dottie Parr
1991 S. Mark Scheiderer	Bob Davison
Jerry Couchman	2005 Bill Corwin
1992 Daniel Basnett	2007 Marion Dey
John Miller	Carl Mahoney
1992 Robert O. "Buck" Jones	Kelly Stevens
1993 Dru Maupin	2008 Richard Allen
Rue Stayton	Keith Willcoxon
1994 Bill Mosley	2009 Walter Doyal
1995 Levi White	Lucas Tucker
1996 Gene Owens	2010 Jim Lambirth
1997 John Edwards	2011 John Murphy
Carroll Bell	2012 Daniel Dey
1998 Rick Wiles	Melodie Kerns
J.B. Loewenstein	2013 Randy Behrens
1999 Jerry Walters	Rustin McCormack
Al Goodger	Dale Hogan
John McAllister	2014 Eugene McCormack
2000 Mike Richey	Bradly Kerns
Jeff Faust	2015 Carolyn McCormack
David Stowe	Odell Newkirk
	Dianne Stelzer

1. The Arrowman must be a member of Nampa-Tsi Lodge.
2. The Arrowman must be over the age of 21.
3. The Arrowman must have furthered the cause of Boy Scout camping in the Great Rivers Council through significant contributions.
4. No one person can receive this award more than once.
5. The Zimmann Award is not intended to be an adult Founders' Award.

Zeke Secora NOAC Scholarship

The Zeke Secora NOAC Scholarship was created in 1996 in honor of long-time Scouter and Arrowman M. "Zeke" Secora. Zeke was always adamant in his attendance to the National Order of the Arrow Conferences (held every two years). Thus, it was only fitting to develop an award to encourage others to attend these exciting and huge gatherings of Arrowmen. The scholarship will be awarded during each year of a NOAC. There are no set requirements, but the recommendations of the LEC include the following:

Considerations will include: age of Arrowmen (younger Arrowmen are preferred), financial need, leadership potential, and service given to the lodge.

Open nominations will be accepted with the Lodge Key Three deciding who will receive the scholarship after obtaining approval from the Arrowman's chapter chief and adviser.

Award Winners:

1998 Ames, IA
 Craig Lee Mosley Troop 5 Holts Summit

2000 Knoxville, TN
 Stephen O'Brien Troop 68 Midway

2002 Bloomington, IN
 Brian Ellis Troop 14 Eldon

2004 Ames, IA
 Dustin Halter Troop 40 Fulton

2006 Lansing, MI
 Trevor Plank Troop 90 Centralia

2009 Bloomington, IN
 Jonathan Henry Troop 38 Mexico

2012 Lansing, MI

2015 Lansing, MI
Andrew Ford Troop 96 Russellville

Lodge Coup Thong Award Program

Every Arrowman should assemble his/her coup thong according to the following guidelines:

Order of the Arrow Candidacy: A candidate's call-out bead will be presented at the call-out ceremony. This bead will be plastic blue round bead 1/2" in diameter. This bead will be on a brown leather thong.

Ordeal Membership: Upon completion of the Ordeal, an Arrowman will receive two plastic eagle claws and two black plastic round beads 3/8" in diameter. Arrowmen will receive an additional pair of black beads each year that they pay their dues. An Ordeal member will wear the Universal Arrow Ribbon below the claws.

Brotherhood Membership: Upon sealing membership in the Order as a Brotherhood member, an Arrowman will receive two red plastic beads 3/8" in diameter. Arrowmen will receive an additional pair of red beads each year that they pay their dues. A Brotherhood member may wear the lodge totem below the claws attached to the Universal Arrow Ribbon.

Vigil Honor Membership: Upon obtaining the Vigil Honor, an Arrowman will receive two white plastic round beads 3/8" in diameter. Arrowmen will receive an additional pair of white beads each year that they pay their dues. A Vigil Honor member may wear the Vigil Honor pin on the Universal Arrow Ribbon with the lodge totem.
NOTE: Vigil candidates may wear the wooden Vigil triangle attached to their coup thong.

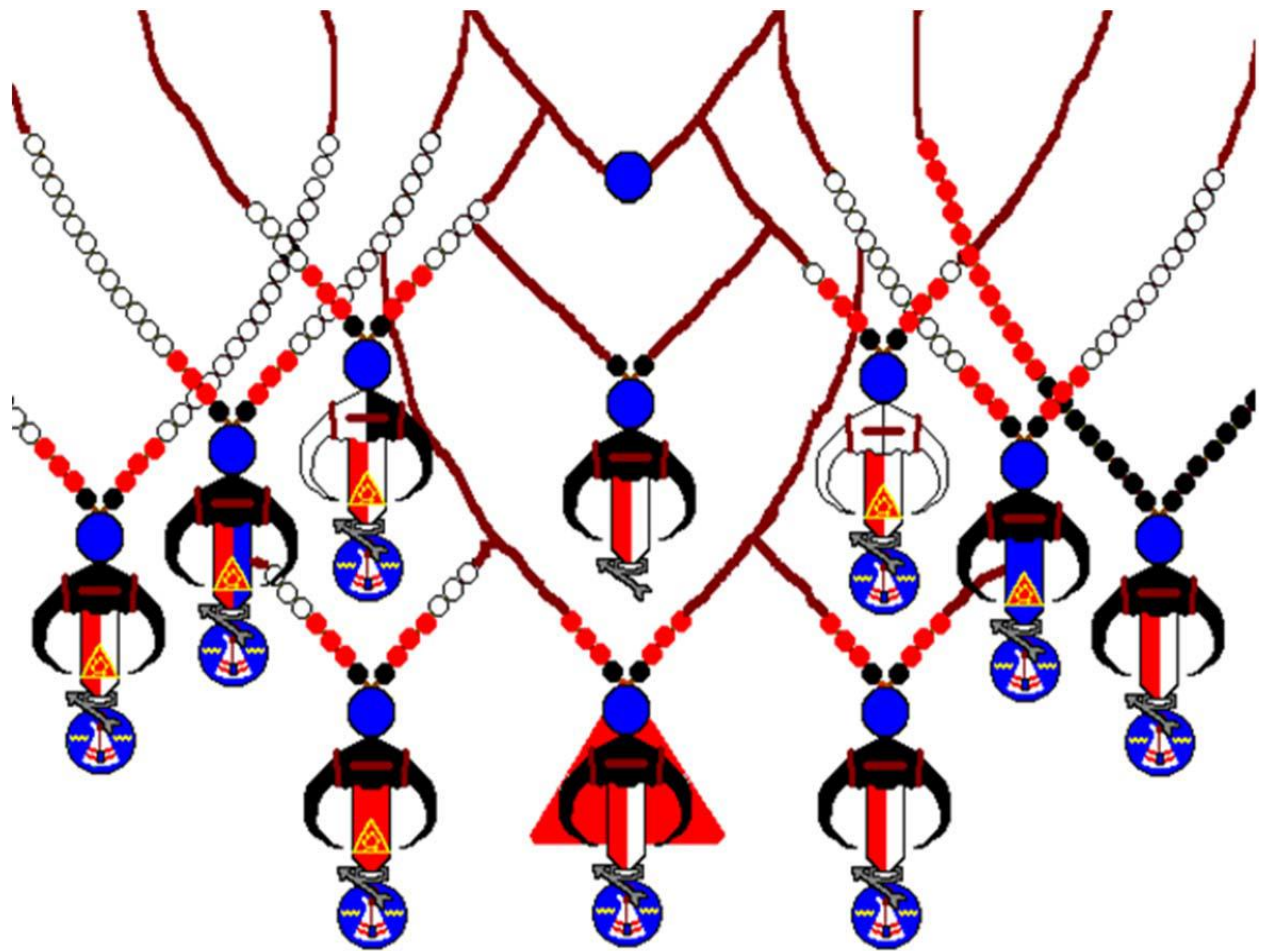
The current Lodge Chief paints both claws white to symbolize that they are the current Lodge Chief. Former Lodge Chiefs paint one claw white to symbolize that they are a former Lodge Chief.

Additional 1/2" round beads are awarded to youth members that are placed between their blue call-out bead. These beads recognize various actions of the member such as summer camp staff, Eagle Scout status, Lodge Officers, etc. Adult members wear 1/2" flat beads that represent similar actions.

Different colored ribbons will be awarded to recipients of the Founder's and Zimmann Awards. These ribbons shall replace the Universal Arrow Ribbon worn under the claws:


Zimmann Award: Blue Ribbon
Founder's Award: Red Ribbon
Both Awards: Half Red and Half Blue

Examples of various coup thongs are shown below:



Camping Bead Program

Following the traditions of the Po-E-Mo Lodge, the Nampa-Tsi Lodge and the Great Rivers Council encourage all troops to utilize the Camping Bead Program. Each Scout or Scouter in a unit is provided a leather belt totem with leather strips to affix camping beads for specific events. Many units have adopted additional beads depending on the activity that the unit participated in. Shown below is a copy of the Camping Bead Program established by the Po-E-Mo Lodge.

<p>GREAT RIVERS COUNCIL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PO-E-MO LODGE, ORDER OF THE ARROW</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CITATION</u></p> <p>Name _____ District _____</p> <p>Address _____ City _____</p> <p>Phone _____ Type of Unit _____ No. _____</p> <p>Date of Birth _____ Date of election _____</p> <p>The Scout has qualified for membership in the Order of the Arrow by camping out a minimum of 15 days and nights, 7 of which no more than 7 were in a long term camp and duly elected by a majority of the registered members of his unit.</p> <p>We enclose \$2.50 payable to PO-E-MO Lodge, for his initial fee which will include:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Dues till December 31 of this year. Order of the Arrow Handbook Order of the Arrow Ordeal Sash Order of the Arrow Pocket Ribbon</p> <p>These will be presented to him at time of induction.</p> <p>I hereby certify the above Scout (er) has been duly elected:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Unit Leader _____</p> <p>Order of the Arrow member holding election _____</p> <p>Please submit by June 1st to:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">PO-E-MO Lodge, O.A. Boy Scouts of America 7 Hitt Street Columbia, Missouri</p>	<p>PO-E-MO Lodge</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CAMPING BELT TOTEM</p> <p>We, the members of the PO-E-MO Lodge, Order of the Arrow, would like to make a personal visit to you, but must resort to this letter to explain the new Camping Totem which we are promoting. We are sure it will help your camping program.</p> <p>The Order of the Arrow has as its main function or purpose "to promote Scout Camping." The outline herein describes a program we are sure will do just that.</p> <p>The belt totem program was officially launched at the Order of the Arrow Banquet, March 6, 1965. Each O.A. member that attended received the totem and had a chance to acquire all beads he felt he deserved. It was the responsibility of the O.A. member to promote this within his unit. This letter is to acquaint you with how the O.A. has proceeded to date, and what the plan for the future is.</p> <p>This is strictly an overnight camping award and not a hiking award. This is on the honor system in which the unit leader serves as the only judge. The O.A. is simply supplying a tool for your use which will be coordinated council wide on color and rules.</p> <p>The Scouts will put a bead on each thong for each night out -- the weather and camp determining the color of the bead. The O.A. believes that the program should be retroactive -- beginning with the Scout's entry into Scouting. The cost of the belt totem, which the two leather thongs attached, is 20¢. The beads are 2¢ each.</p> <p>Douglas Edwards, 600 W. Lee, Moberly, Mo. has accepted the responsibility of handling the orders, etc. An order blank is not necessary when placing an order. When ordering, please include all information and payment for the total cost.</p> <p>Following is the details of this camping belt totem:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">  <p style="text-align: center;">Great Rivers Council</p> </div> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Blue Bead.....</td> <td>Overnight in good weather</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Black Bead.....</td> <td>Overnight -- rain</td> </tr> <tr> <td>White Bead.....</td> <td>Overnight -- snow</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yellow Bead....</td> <td>Camporee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Red Bead.....</td> <td>Camp Thunderbird</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Green Bead.....</td> <td>Canoe Base Trip or Philmont</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Orange Bead....</td> <td>Jamboree</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Red-White Marble.</td> <td>O.A. Member</td> </tr> </table>	Blue Bead.....	Overnight in good weather	Black Bead.....	Overnight -- rain	White Bead.....	Overnight -- snow	Yellow Bead....	Camporee	Red Bead.....	Camp Thunderbird	Green Bead.....	Canoe Base Trip or Philmont	Orange Bead....	Jamboree	Red-White Marble.	O.A. Member
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1. This belt totem is worn on the wearer's right side.
2. This belt totem is for denoting an individual's camping record.
3. All camping must be under "canvas" -- not in a lodge, etc.
4. The unit leader is in complete charge of awarding the beads to his Scouts. The Order of the Arrow will not serve as a judge.
5. Scouts may count all authorized Scout overnights since the Scout joined the BSA.
6. In establishing this award within a unit, let's make sure we can accurately count the exact overnights from the past. It will be no problem from then. Nothing will defeat this quicker than someone not playing the game.
7. The Red Camp Bead will be given free to all those that attend Camp Thunderbird during the regular camping season from the 1965 season onward.
8. We hope that orders will be made by unit leaders and not by individual Scouts.
9. All orders are cash, check, money order made payable to PO-E-MO Lodge, O.A. We can not start a credit system. This has nothing to do with any deposits or credit units have with the Great Rivers Council.
10. New members into the Order of the Arrow will receive the Order of the Arrow bead at time of induction.
11. It is suggested that each new camping bead be placed on the bottom. In other words, untie the knot on the bottom of the throng and the latest camping bead be on the bottom.