

OA VOYAGE PROMOTION

OA HIGH ADVENTURE

Session Length: 8 Minutes

Learning objectives:

- Inform potential participants about the OAHA.
- To give an in-depth overview and analysis about the OA Voyage Program
- Develop the necessary skills to run a successful chapter program.

Required Materials:

- Voyage Applications



TRAINER PREPARATION

The goal of this session is to educate and excite Arrowman about the Order of the Arrow's Wilderness Voyage experience. Presenters of this session should be a past participant or staff member of the program. Be sure to keep an enthusiastic and an informative attitude when talking to youth about attending High Adventure opportunities. Be sure to constantly reference the High Adventure website at adventure.oa-bsa.org for more information and registration.

SESSION NARRATIVE

Introduction:

1 Minute

Introduce your name and the year you participated in the OA Voyage program. Before you begin to outline the details of the program, ask for a quick show of hand for Arrowman who have participated in any of the High Adventure programs. Tell them that you will get back to them later in the session.

Trainer Tip: Be sure to keep in mind the audience. You are trying to sell the program not only to the youth, but also to the parents. If a projector is available, be sure to show pictures from your OA Voyage experience or the promotional video. Additional photos and the Voyage promotional video may be found at adventure.oa-bsa.org

What is the OA Voyage Program:

2 Minutes

Imagine paddling untouched lakes and portaging through wilderness rarely seen by man. Imagine forming a team, coming into an experience as strangers, but leaving as friends for a lifetime. Few people get to experience the world's natural beauty and understand what true fellowship is all about. This summer, the Order of the Arrow invites you to this rare occasion and to participate in the OA Voyage program. Stemmed from the traditions of French voyageurs hundreds of years ago, Northern Tier Canoe Base in Ely, MN offers a fourteen day program for youth Arrowman, between the ages of 16 and 20. Working cheerfully with 8 of your closest brothers, participants will depart on the Boundary Waters and work for 6 days on portage trails and perform campsite maintenance. Tough work you might say? Nothing Arrowman can't handle, and if you ask a past participant of any high adventure program, they'd probably say it was the best part of the trip.

Trainer Tip: You may want to ask a past participant in the audience at this time to give a **brief** synapses of his work experience.

After your days of work, you and crew will embark on the gorgeous Boundary Waters. This week of the Voyage program will offer breathtaking views and an opportunity to brush up on some of your camping skills you may have lost. Each day will offer new challenges, but it will be an awesome time for you to grow and learn more about yourself.

Program Details:

2 Minutes

Because the National Order of the Arrow Committee is inviting you, you may attend this amazing program for \$150, which is cheaper than a week at many of your council's residence camps. Voyage crews are continually setting off at different weeks throughout the summer. For more information on this summer's crew dates, be sure to check the High Adventure website at www.adventure.oa-bsa.org. You will have to provide your own transportation and flying into Minneapolis/St. Paul airport is recommended. Northern Tier will provide a shuttle service from the airport to the canoe base. What an opportunity not only to paddle the breath-taking boundary waters but also assume new responsibilities while traveling to Minnesota. Be sure to inform your parents that all Voyage staff, called foremen are CPR and First Aid trained. They are highly trained and skilled in camping, canoeing, trail building, and Leave No Trace camping principles. In 2005, the entire Voyage Staff was comprised of Eagle Scout and active Order of the Arrow members.

Conclusion:

3 Minutes

Are there any questions on the OA Voyage program?

At the beginning of this session, I asked if anyone has participated in the OA Voyage program in the past. Would anyone like to briefly share a moment of their experience?

The OA Voyage program will succeed because of participation by Arrowman like you. Currently, what is your lodge doing to promote the OA High Adventure programs?

Trainer Tip: Take 30 seconds to determine what the youth's lodges are doing.

I would also like to ask you to help me promote OA Voyage and the other High Adventure programs. Be sure your lodge shows a High Adventure promotional videos, which can be found at www.adventure.oa-bsa.org. These are great videos to show during Ordeals, fellowships, and winter banquets. Your lodge may also look into offering a scholarship to send an Arrowman in your lodge to one of these amazing programs.

I have applications for this upcoming summer's program with me. They can also download, again, at the high adventure website. Be sure to sign up today, as these programs fill quickly. If you have any questions after this, feel free to stop me and ask.

REFERENCES

www.adventure.oa-bsa.org

We have been Up North. And part of us always will be.” – Sam Cook