

## **Camp Durant Tap-Out Ceremony**

**Hailing's:** Wah-tah-hoe-tah-hoe. Wah-hee-eee-tah-nah-nae.  
Wah-hee-eee-tah-nah-noe. WAH... Tah-nah-nae. WAH...Tah-nah-noe.

**During Campfire Allowat Sakima's Canoe will be put in Water**

**~5 Minutes before Meteu, Kitchkinet, and Nutiket get in position**

**MC:** ...to end off the night, we will turn over the campfire to Occoneechee Lodge 104. Please remain silent in respect for the ceremony.

**\*Meteu walks down from sound booth with torch and lights fire\***

### **METEU:**

We are gathered here together  
In the midst of this great forest  
Underneath the stars above us  
Gathered now to help and serve  
Cheerfully in all our actions  
Lovingly in our reflections  
As the smoke curls, winding upward  
May our thoughts and actions rising  
Fill us all with acts of goodness  
And direct and rule and guide us  
In our works and thoughts this evening

Let us call forth Allowat Sakima, the mighty chief

Meteu: Wah-tah-hoe-tah-hoe. Wah-hee-eee-tah-nah-nae.  
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Allowat Sakima: Wah-tah-hoe-tah-hoe. Wah-hee-eee-tah-nah-nae.  
Wah-hee-eee-tah-nah-noe. WAH... Tah-nah-nae. WAH...Tah-nah-noe.

Kitchkinet: Wah-tah-hoe-tah-hoe. Wah-hee-eee-tah-nah-nae.  
Wah-hee-eee-tah-nah-noe. WAH... Tah-nah-nae. WAH...Tah-nah-noe.

Nutiket: Wah-tah-hoe-tah-hoe. Wah-hee-eee-tah-nah-nae.  
Wah-hee-eee-tah-nah-noe. WAH... Tah-nah-nae. WAH...Tah-nah-noe.

### **OA Theme Starts** - (Ecstasy of Gold)

\*Kitchkinet and Nutiket to come in at Triangle Sound\*

\*Allowat Sakima arrives, torch bearers cross torches at entrance behind fire\*

\*Shakes hands then goes into positions\*

**Allowat Sakima:** Kitchkinet, why have I been summoned here tonight?

**Kitchkinet:** There are those among us who are worthy to join our order, Allowat Sakima

**Allowat Sakima:** Very well, have all the preparations been made?

**NUTIKET:** I, Nutiket, Guard of this fire, have secured our meeting place and will remain watchful, as our brothers have done since the Order was founded on the banks of the Delaware river.

**Allowat Sakima:** It is well, For among those who are with us tonight, there are already some who are a part of The Order of the Arrow. They are those who have been recognized by their fellow scouts, and wear the sash over their right shoulder.

Meteu will now tell you a tale, of which all of you, members and non-members alike can learn much from

**Meteu:** Many years ago, when this part of the world was still new, there lived a mighty tribe. The warriors were strong and fierce, and the Chief was very wise.

Because of its strength, the tribe enjoyed peace for many years. However, one day an evil spirit in the form of a giant fire-breathing wolf came upon the tribe. The strongest warriors went to attempt to defeat the spirit, but one by one they were severely burned and defeated. Finally, one young warrior went out into the wilderness on his own mission to defeat the wolf. While in the forest, he came upon a great bear who was swatting down trees with single swipes of its paws. Boldly, the warrior went up to the bear and asked him if he would join the mission to defeat the wolf spirit. The bear, impressed by his courage, agreed. The warrior and the bear journeyed through the woods in the direction of the evil spirit's lair. As they crossed a stream, they came upon a tortoise. Again, the warrior asked the tortoise if he would join the party. Being slow of wit, the tortoise hesitated, but eventually agreed. The companions made their way onward to the cave of the evil spirit. Just as the lair came into sight, a small mouse appeared and asked to join them on their mission. The warrior agreed, as he feared that they would need all the help that they could get. The courageous four finally came to the spirit's cave. The warrior, being wise beyond his years, formed a plan. The tortoise would protect the rest from the wolf's fiery breath while the bear would grapple with the wolf. While the tortoise and bear attacked the wolf the warrior would fire his arrows at the wolf. When the warrior came to the mouse he was unsure of what role to give it. However, the mouse assured him that he would find his place within the plan. As they entered the cave the evil spirit arose, attacking them with its fiery breath. However, in accordance with the warrior's plan, it was blocked by the tortoise's shell. The bear rushed quickly and started swinging its huge paws at the wolf, as the warrior fired arrow after arrow after arrow. The wolf proved a tough opponent, however, and he overpowered the bear. Just when it seemed the spirit would defeat the bear, the mouse sneaked up from behind, and bit the wolf on the tail. For an instant, the wolf was distracted, but an instant was just enough. The warrior sent an arrow through the spirit's eye, just as the bear swung at him from the other side. Unable to withstand the bombardment, the wolf spirit perished and the tribe was saved. As with all stories, this one has a moral. Everyone has different strengths and abilities, and when we combine these, we can accomplish anything even the tasks that seem impossible

**ALLOWAT:** Your memory serves you well Meteu. Now that they are aware of our past, Kitchkinet, let them now know of our present.

**KITCHKINET:** Those chosen tonight will undergo an ordeal hosted by Occonechee Lodge 104. For this, only the most dedicated scouts are chosen from among their peers. As guide of this lodge I will be there to help prepare for and undergo this ordeal.

**ALLOWAT:** May the words of my brothers stir your hearts. Kitchkinet go forth and find those worthy of this honor

Kitchkinet: (Nods Head) Brothers mark your candidates well

*(Kitchkinet and torchbearers go into the stands and collect all nominated.*

**KITCHKINET BRINGS THE FIRST PERSON DOWN)**

*(music plays low, not on high)*

**Kitchkinet goes back up waits**

**Allowat:** Nutiket, are there any others worthy of this honor?

**Nutiket:** Yes \*points\* (or) No Allowat Sakima, there are no others.

**ALLOWAT:** Very well. There are those who are already members of the lodge, who have continued to show dedication to both their unit and the lodge, and have chosen to attain Brotherhood Membership, when your name is called, please line up in front of Kitchkinet

(Names are called and moved to respective torchbearer to be taken for Nimat walk once complete)

**ALLOWAT:** Before we leave this assembly our lodge, it is only proper for Meteu to prepare us for the rest of our journeys

**METEU:** Oh Great Spirit, keep these scouts ready as they face their Ordeal. Allow them to be made one with you and your Earth. May your stars be their guides through darkness, and may all those assembled here be safe, until they return to you. This our purpose and intent. Mark with silence reverent.

\*principles circle together and wait the 16 counts of the music before walking away\*