

2026 Honor Chapter Award

Chapter: _____

Purpose and Overview:

The Honor Chapter Award is designed to recognize and encourage excellence within each chapter of Wahissa Lodge. It serves as a guide and standard for chapters to measure their effectiveness in fulfilling the purposes of the OA — brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service — while promoting active participation, leadership development, and meaningful service to Scouting.

The purpose of these requirements is not just to earn an award, but to ensure that every chapter operates at a high level of engagement, communication, and impact within both the lodge and local Scouting units. This guide outlines the key areas every chapter should focus on throughout the year.

The Honor Chapter Award is more than a checklist — it's a roadmap for success. By following these guidelines, your chapter ensures it remains active, organized, and true to the principles of the Order of the Arrow. The goal is to create a chapter that lives out the OA's ideals through brotherhood, cheerful service, and dedicated leadership in every aspect of Scouting life.

The Honor Chapter Award however is not the only checklist chapters must follow. Rather it is the representation of the chapter going above and beyond the mandatory needs. Chapters should read over the lodge bylaws for mandatory needs, required meetings, etc... and refer to the Honor Chapter Requirements as a way to succeed beyond the mandatory needs of a chapter represented within the lodge bylaws.

Rules and Regulations:

To receive credit; present evidence of completion to the respective Lodge Officer to sign on the line of the appropriate requirement.

Chief - Trae Radford

VCA - Carter Hull

VCAD - Byron Bullins

VCC - Emma Blackburn

VCF - Taylor Thorton

VCIA - Jackson Collins

VCI - Dominic Walker

The Honor Chapter Requirements are to be turned into the VCA at the Fall Fellowship ECM. Any chapter scoring 1300 points or more will receive gold level. Any chapter scoring 1000 or more will receive silver level. Any chapter scoring 700 or more will receive bronze level. The highest overall scoring chapter will receive the Honor Chapter.

If any requirements can not be met due to unforeseen circumstances, the VCA, Lodge Key 3 and respective Vice Chief will work to make accommodations and make completion possible. If a lodge event is canceled, you do not have to complete requirements based during that weekend.

You may only receive points for each requirement once but are encouraged to push beyond that limit. Requirements may only be signed by the respective lodge officer. If a lodge officer is unavailable for completion sign off, evidence may be presented to either the VCA or Lodge Chief for completion.

If all requirements for a perspective area is completed the chapter will receive 10 extra points as listed

A timeline and guide for how to complete each requirement will be provided to each chapter to increase chapter efficiency.

Total Points : _____ / 1700

Lodge Chief Picks - Trae Radford

*Plan and complete a chapter one day of service between January 1st and Friday of Spring Fellowship
(50 points)*

LC,VCA _____

Have the chapter chief or a chapter representative attend and report at every lodge ECM (50 points)

LC,VCAD _____

Produce at least 12 publications (email, post card, or newsletter) 1 of which must be tangible (Copy the Lodge VCC on emails). (50 points)

LC,VCC _____

*Have a chapter trading post or yard sale at each lodge event (conclave does not count as a lodge event).
(50 points)*

LC,VCF _____

*Have ___ number of chapter members attend CIS or other Pow Wow advised by the VCIA (50 points)
(If 50 or less members; 2 / If 51 - 100 members; 4 / If 101 members and more; 6)*

LC,VCIA _____

*Visit at least 90% of the troops in your district. Units that decline are not included in this percentage. (50
points)*

LC,VCI _____

If completion of all LC requirements (10 points)

Vice Chief of Activities - Carter Hull

Have a team at each event to participate in Quest all Year during events. Games will previously be announced by the VCA. (15 points)

VCA-1 _____

Include some form of a chapter booth during every OAX. (25 points)

VCA-2 _____

Hold at least 5 chapter meetings throughout the year for chapter discussion. (50 points)

VCA-3 _____

Hold a chapter fellowship at each lodge event, for example a Friday night dinner or chapter breakout sessions (Conclave is not a lodge event). (50 points)

VCA-4 _____

With chapter approval form a theme for fall fellowship and announce at any ECM before fall fellowship (10 points)

VCA-5 _____

Hold 2 chapter fellowships outside of lodge events (campout, party, etc, does not include just a meeting). (100 points)

VCA-6 _____

*Have ___ number of chapter members to staff at the Cub Scout, Spring into Scouting event (35 points)
(If 50 or less members; 2 / If 51 - 100 members; 4 / If 101 members and more; 6)*

VCA-7 _____

If completion of all VCA requirements (10 points)

Vice Chief of Administration - Byron Bullins

*Have a chapter representative attend **at least 3** of the ordeal candidate meetings on wednesday night callouts at the lodge building unless notified otherwise (25 points)*

VCAD-1 _____

Have your chapter VCAD and/or a representative from the chapter serve in the lodge check in process for events as discussed with the Lodge VCAD (50 points)

VCAD-2 _____

(10 points) for every 10% of your active members to receive brotherhood (Max, 50 points) / _____ points

VCAD-3 _____

Meet minimal Conclave registration expectations for 2026 (20 points)

VCAD-4 _____

Meet minimal Conclave registration expectations plus 10% for 2026 (25 points)

VCAD-5 _____

Meet minimal Conclave registration expectations plus 20% for 2026 (30 points)

VCAD-6 _____

Have ___ number of members be reactivated (pay their dues) that were not an active member in the year 2025. (50 points) (If 50 or less members; 2 / If 51 - 100 members; 4 / If 101 members and more; 6)

VCAD-7_____

If completion of all VCAD requirements (10 points)

Vice Chief of Communication - Emma Blackburn

*Through social media, make an online post about each Lodge Fellowship, Ordeals, Conclave, Chapter Fellowship, and Chapter Meeting **before** the event. (50 points)*

VCC-1 _____

*Through social media, make an online post about each Lodge Fellowship, Ordeals, Conclave, Chapter Fellowship, and Chapter Meeting no more than **2 weeks after** the event. (50 points)*

VCC-2 _____

Submit at least 15 photos to the VCC for the banquet slideshow by supper of Fall Fellowship. (15 points)

VCC-3 _____

Submit 5 photos (that are different than the photos for the previous requirement) of chapter specific events to the VCC by supper of Fall Fellowship. (10 points)

VCC-4 _____

Submit the Connected Chapter Requirements to the VCC by the Fall Fellowship ECM. (25 points)

VCC-5 _____

If completion of all VCC requirements (10 points)

Vice Chief of Finance - Taylor Thornton

Have your chapter VCF and/or a representative from the chapter serve in the lodge trading post as discussed with the Lodge VCF (50 points)

VCF-1 _____

*Submit a patch or merchandise design of **good quality** to the lodge VCF in either picture or sketch form (30 points)*

VCF-2 _____

Produce a tangible patch that is approved by the chapter to be sold (50 points)

VCF-3 _____

Produce a tangible clothing apparel item approved by the chapter to be sold (50 points)

VCF-4 _____

If completion of all VCF requirements (10 points)

Vice Chief of Indian Affairs - Jackson Collins

In working with the VCIA have 3 people attend a powwow outside of CIS (50 points)

VCIA-1 _____

*Have _____ number of torch bearers in the wednesday night campfires (30 points)
(If 50 or less **youth** members; 2 / If 51 - 100 **youth** members; 4 / If 101 **youth** members and more; 6)*

VCIA-2 _____

*Have at least 3 people submit the AIA award form with at least one level filled out to the VCIA before
the Ordeal 2 Sunday breakfast (20 points)*

VCIA-3 _____

*In collaboration with the VCIA have at least 2 chapter members work to help set up ordeal or
brotherhood ceremonies. (40 points)*

VCIA-4 _____

If completion of all VCIA requirements (10 points)

Vice Chief of Inductions - Dominic Walker

Have _____ number of chapter members be an elangomat (40 points)

*(If 50 or less **youth** members; **2** / If 51 - 100 **youth** members; **4** / If 101 **youth** members and more; **6**)*

VCI-1 _____

Have at least 90% of all tapped out ordeal candidates from your chapter attend their ordeal (50 points)

VCI-2 _____

Have at least 50% of all new chapter ordeal members of the 2026 class attend Fall Fellowship (50 points)

VCI-3 _____

*Complete all elections for any troop wanting one and have all election forms turned into the lodge VCI
by May 29, 2026 in Lodgemaster (25 points)*

VCI-4 _____

Send at least 2 members of your Chapter to the Polestar training during winter fellowship. (30 points)

VCI-5 _____

Hold a elections training with your chapter approved by the VCI before elections end (40 points)

VCI-6 _____

*Submit the Chapter MVA and Rookie **form** to the VCI by Fall Fellowship ECM (10 points)*

VCI-7 _____

Send at least 2 chapter members to the candidate social at Ordeal on Friday night and make relations with the candidates. (35 points)

VCI-8 _____

Send at least 2 chapter members that have been a member for at least one year to the Aim High Orientation / New Member Meeting at Ordeal. (35 points)

VCI-9 _____

If completion of all VCI requirements (10 points)

Completion

Turn in your Honor Chapter Requirements to the VCA / Carter Hull at the Fall Fellowship ECM

Chapters should continue efforts to succeed after Fall Fellowship

(10 points)

VCA-8

If any questions or concerns contact the VCA for general questions or the respective lodge officer of the concerned area.