



Elangomat Training

Preparing You for Your Next Ordeal

Purpose:

The purpose of this session is to make Arrowmen comfortable with leading a clan of Ordeal Candidates, and preparing them for all of the responsibilities that come with being an Elangomat.

Goals:

The goals of this session are to teach you:

- How to lead your clan
- How to set the example
- Your responsibilities before, during, and after the Ordeal

The Basics:

The key to leading a successful Ordeal can be broken down into three main points:

- Lead by example
- Remembering your Ordeal
- Following the Ordeal

Lead by Example:

The most important part of being an Elangomat is remembering to lead by example. Leading by example means in short; monkey see monkey do. Instead of *telling* your clan what to do, *start* doing it and gesture for them to join in. Leading by example doesn't *just* apply to work, it also applies to the entire Ordeal experience. If members of your clan see you breaking the rules, like talking, they will start talking; or if they see you with extra food, they will start snaking. When they start failing the challenges that were issued to them in the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony, then their entire Ordeal is meaningless, and you are the one that let it happen.

Remembering your Ordeal:

In order to be an Elangomat, you have to be at least an Ordeal Member, which means that you have already completed one Ordeal; your own. The Ordeal experience is meant to be a meaningful experience, and I hope your Ordeal was. However, now that you are the Elangomat, you get to become one of the parts that add meaning to your clan's experience. Keeping this in mind, you shouldn't do anything that would take meaning away from their ceremonies. The best way to do this is by simply remembering the Scout Oath and Law and also by following it.

Following the Ordeal:

Even though you are the Elangomat, you are taking the Ordeal with the rest of your clan. That means you have to follow **all** of the same rules that the candidates have to follow. That means no snacking, no talking, sleeping under the stars, and helping with the work. Just because you have already done one Ordeal doesn't mean you get to cheat on the second one.

Group Control

Making sure that your clan is following all of the rules and guidelines is imperative to the success of the Ordeal. By breaking the rules, meaning is taken away from the solemnity of the experience. The most common problem found during an Ordeal is talking. Here are some do's and don'ts for help controlling your clan before they get out of hand.

Do's

- Put your finger to your mouth to show them to be quiet
- Give them an evil stare
- If they get too out of hand, report them to the Ordeal Chair or the Elangomat Chair

Don'ts

- Verbally tell them to "Shut up!"
- Notch their Arrow
- Smack/Abuse them

Your Responsibilities

During and after the Ordeal, you are expected to do certain things; some of them easier than others. These are some of the tasks you will have to perform before, during, and after the Fellowship.

Before:

Before the Ordeal, you will need to make sure that you have only what you absolutely need, and no more. Exactly what you need for the Ordeal you should know as you have already completed one. Extra gear will be up to your own discretion, but some extra things you should consider taking are:

- Backpack
- Gloves
- Emergency Poncho
- First Aid kit
- Flashlight

During:

During the Ordeal, you should be:

- Keeping an eye on the clan
- Reprimanding unruly clan members
- SETTING THE EXAMPLE!
- Sharing the load
- Making yourself the friend, not the enemy
- Keeping the clan aware of the NO TALKING Policy

After:

Being an Elangomat is no longer limited to one weekend. After the weekend, you are no longer an Elangomat. You now become a Nimmit, which is the Native American word for “guide”. As a Nimmit, your responsibilities include:

- Guiding them to Brotherhood
- Staying in contact with the newly inducted members
- Keeping them interested in the Order
- Answering any of their questions the best you can, or referring them to someone who can
- Maintaining communication with your clan

Some of these can be done at the weekend, like answering questions. However, some of them have to be done through e-mail or telephone. However, it is important that you stay active with your clan as a Nimmit. In order to stay in touch with your clan, you need to take down the addresses for all of your clan members. During your transition from an Elangomat to a Nimmit, you will be sending a letter of congratulations to all of the members of your clan and a letter inviting them to the next event.

Conclusion

I hope that this session has successfully prepared you for being an Elangomat. Now, the next step is for you to show up at a fellowship and use the information that you have learned. Also, if you have any questions, never hesitate to ask. Thank you.