

Waguli Elangomat Brief Guidelines to follow

The Elangomat Promise

I, do hereby promise, on my honor as a member of the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service, to remain true to the ties of the Elangomat; to exemplify and endure the tests of the Ordeal, that those who are to join in our brotherhood may gain greater understanding of our purpose; to be a constant example of cheerful service and brotherhood; and to strive with all my power to help them see the Arrow.

What is an Elangomat?-The elangomat is one who is fully willing to give of himself in order to bring to others the true realization of the purpose and spirit of the Order of the Arrow. He will endure the hardships of the Ordeal again and again to help new members gain the deep and powerful experience of the Ordeal. The title, "Elangomat" means FRIEND. Your primary responsibility is to be a friend to the candidates. Your job is not easy; you must function as a mentor, counselor, mediator, and authority figure. The Ordeal is, however, better the second time around.

Responsibilities of an Elangomat

Honestly try to bring the candidates understanding of the spirit of the Order of the Arrow. Take the initiative in performing service and accomplishing tasks. , Be a continual example of the spirit of the Order ,Ensure that the candidates fully follow the challenges of the Order ,Show the ordeal candidates respect , Ensure all are staying hydrated ,Have and follow Schedule
Clans -A clan is a group of Ordeal candidates under your supervision. Not a whole lot really should need to be said about clans and how to run them. This is because they are just a special type of patrol. All of you have experienced how a patrol can and should work, and so you already know how to run a clan. You, the Elangomat Clan Chief, are the Patrol Leader. If there are other Elangomats or members assigned to the clan, they are your assistant patrol leaders, and the candidates are the regular members. All the tricks you may have learned to help a patrol function better will function in a clan as well. Remember, once candidates are assigned to your clan, they are your responsibility. You are there to help them and to stick up for them. Don't let others take members assigned to your clan from you. If you are involved in a large project that employs more than one clan, don't forget that you are still in charge of your clan members.

Discipline -You are not allowed to disqualify a candidate (only they can make that choice). If the candidate is not fulfilling the tests of the Ordeal notify Elangomat chairman and allow him to deal with any issues. Discipline is a continual problem no matter how well planned or executed a program. There will always be those who do not wish to abide by the set rules. But, if you keep one thought in mind, discipline is not too difficult. "You cannot disqualify the candidate from the Ordeal. Only the candidate can disqualify himself." If your attitude follows these lines, you will seldom encounter problems which can't be solved. If a candidate is in direct defiance of an order or is in any way not fulfilling the tests of the Ordeal, take him aside and inform him that if the activity continues, he is considered to be renouncing his candidacy. If this is sufficient, work can continue. If there are repeated actions or an attitude of non-compliance, the Head Elangomat should be informed so that the proper action can be taken.

Elangomat Duties through the Ordeal - Friday Night -This is the time when you organize your clan. You need to get all your candidates together and get to know them, and help them to know you. This is a good time to give the candidates a broad overview of what they should expect in the next 24 hours. You don't want to go into too much detail, but you do want to let them know that at some point they will be put on silence, and what that means. They also need to know that they will be working for most of the next day. Find out if any clan members have any dietary or physical restrictions and make sure that the head Elangomat are aware of these . Find out if any members need to take medication or if there are allergies which might give you any trouble. This is also a good time to set up some hand signals to coordinate the clan once they are on silence. Then, it will be time for the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony. You should be at the head of your clan as you move to the ceremony site. You should also be prepared as the only one in the group with a flashlight, first aid kit and water, in addition to your sleeping gear. When the time comes to test the bow, you do it with the candidates. You are in line with them through the whole ceremony. As you leave the ceremony site you will be completely in charge of your clan. The guides should drop off your clan as a whole, and you, as clan leader place your candidates so you will know where to find them in the morning, or sooner if something comes up. It is generally best if you position yourself in the middle of the areas where the candidates are set so that you can get to them easily.

Saturday During the Day--In the morning check on all candidates and make sure that when it is time to return to the main camp that all are accounted for and ready. On arriving with the candidates, make sure you eat their breakfast with them. They need to see you going through all the tests with them. During the day you will be assigned work by the Ordeal Master or Head Elangomat, make sure they do any verbal explaining in front of the candidates so that you won't have to speak yourself. Work hard during the day, and have as much fun as you can. Remember, they will be watching you and how you work and the attitude you have will have more impact on them than any other single aspect of the Ordeal.

Saturday Evening--When you have finished work and cleaned up, make sure everyone is appropriately attired for the final Ordeal ceremony (whatever is proper attire for your Lodge and climate). You should be wearing your sash and uniform, or possibly regalia. When it comes time for your candidates to go to the ceremony, line up with them, but not in the line itself. You are already bound in the Order and should stand next to them in line, but not be in it. The same is true when Kichkinet binds them with the rope. When you arrive at the ceremony site you should peel off from the line and stand with the other members, or stand behind the candidates. When the circle is widened, you should rejoin your clan members (now members not candidates) and be the first to congratulate them after the ceremony ends.