

→ Campers must complete this work project list before becoming a lodge member

LODGE OF ONDESSONK OR TEKAKWITHA INITIATE PROGRAM

The lodges of Ondessonk and Tekakwitha are for young men and women who have Camp Ondessonk Spirit. Lodge members believe that joyful Camp Spirit is God's Spirit alive in people and nature. Lodge members work in service of Camp Ondessonk and the fun, friendship and spirit it gives to campers and workers.

If you wish to become a member of the Lodge of Ondessonk or Tekakwitha, you must meet the following requirements. As a camper at Ondessonk, you must declare your desire to be an initiate at the lodge ceremony by putting on the ceremonial headband your unit leader gave you when asked by the Donne. Next, you must prove your willingness to serve Ondessonk by first being of service to those in your home, church and community. Prior to your return to Ondessonk next year, you must complete one primary and one secondary service project in each of three areas - Friendship, Conservation, Religion. Listed on the accompanying Project List are some acceptable service projects as well as information on verification of project completion and project substitutions. After completing your service projects, you must send your completed, verified project list to the Lodge Chief or Princess at: Ondessonk Lodge Initiate Program, Rt. 1, Box 3, Ozark, Il. 62972. He or she will notify you in writing as to the success of your service project completion. All project lists must be received prior to May 1, 1995 in order to be considered. When you come that summer you will be invited to the second part of the lodge ceremony which is the final stage towards lodge membership.

Service work is not meant to be easy, but is meant to be enjoyed by initiates. Good camp counselors and lodge members understand that as enjoyable as camp fun is, camp volunteer work, or work done for others in good spirit is even more satisfying and deeply enjoyable. So, go about your projects in good spirit and you will find them to be fun and unforgettable.

If you have any questions about any part of the Lodge Initiate Program, contact your clan chief or princess or the Lodge Office at 618-695-2489 during business hours.

SERVICE PROJECT LIST INSTRUCTIONS

prior to your return to Ondessonk next year, you must complete at least one primary and one secondary service project in each of three areas: Friendship, Conservation, and Religion. All service projects must be approved by an acceptable monitor and signed off as being completed satisfactorily. The name, address and telephone number of each monitor must be included on the service project list so signatures may be verified. Several acceptable service projects for each area are given on the service project list. You may substitute a service project of your own choosing for one of those listed upon written approval of the Lodge Princess or Chief. Write a one page description of your project and send it in to the Lodge Princess or Chief at the Lodge Office. They will notify you in writing of approval or denial of your suggested project. Upon completion of your six (or more) service projects, send your completed, signed list to: Ondessonk Lodge Initiate Program, Rt. 1 Box 3, Ozark, Il 62972.

You will be contacted in writing by the Lodge Chief or Princess with word of whether you successfully completed the service projects, or whether you have further work to do. Make a copy of your Service Project List prior to sending it and bring that copy with you when you return to Ondessonk next summer. Turn it in at the registration line to confirm your willingness to continue your initiation. All Project lists must be received prior to May 1, 1995 to be considered for the summer of 1995.

It is important that you represent the Lodge of Ondessonk or Tekakwitha, and Camp Ondessonk in a favorable manner when undertaking your service projects. Be pleasant and brief with those you ask to monitor you, be direct about your request but try not to tie up a lot of their time. Remember, they are doing you a favor in giving you their time and attention. Your service project should be simple enough that it does not take constant supervision by your monitor. Remember the camp rules when you are doing your projects. Be safe everywhere and always, and be considerate to all - do no harm!

It is possible that you may complete some of your service project work in cooperation with you Lodge Clan. Most clans do at least one service project per year, and this would be a good opportunity to meet lodge members from your area. Clan Chiefs and Princesses may sign your project sheet as official monitors.

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SERVICE PROJECT LIST

This is to certify that _____ is
a good camper who is worthy of consideration for the Lodge
Initiate Program. He (she) started his (her) initiation process
last night by wearing the ceremonial spirit headband.

Unit Leader Signature _____

Unit _____

Date _____

Area #1 Primary Friendship Projects

1. Reliably take over a household chore for your family (taking
out the garbage, cutting the grass, cooking, etc.) and do it
cheerfully and on time for six months. (Acceptable Monitor-A.M.-
Parent or Guardian) Monitor signature, address and telephone
number (S.A.T.) _____

2. Make four different visits to an elderly relative or friend
in a nursing home or in your neighborhood. Tell them of your
camp experiences and ask them about enjoyable experiences in
their youth. (A.M.-Parent or Guardian.) Monitor S.A.T. _____

3. Volunteer for errand running for an elderly or handicapped
friend in your neighborhood. Run at least four errands for them
(shopping, pharmacy run, carry-out food, etc.) A.M. Person you
are running for) Monitor S.A.T. _____

Area #1 Secondary Friendship Projects

1. Adopt a penpal in a foreign country and correspond with them
at least twice. (A.M.-Parent or Guardian) Monitor S.A.T. _____

2. Babysit for free for your family at least four times. Do a
really good job of it! (A.M.-Parent or Guardian) Monitor S.A.T. _____

Area #2 Primary Conservation Projects

1. Do a conservation project in your community or home (litter
clean-up of a good size area, install water saving devices on
faucets and in toilet in your home, etc.) (A.M.-Parent or
Guardian) Monitor S.A.T. _____

2. Do three quiet nature sits. Sit in a quiet place outdoors
for one hour in the fall, winter and spring of the year. Open up
your senses and see, hear, smell and feel what comes in. Write a
one page narrative on your experiences for each season and
include narratives with this project list when you submit it.
(A.M.-Parent or Guardian) Monitor S.A.T. _____

(include

narratives)

3. Start a recycling program in your home. Collect and separate
three recyclable materials at your home and recycle them at a
recycling facility. Continue for six months. (A.M.-Parent or
Guardian and receipts from recycling center) Monitor S.A.T. _____

Area #2 Secondary Conservation Projects

1. Grow a plant, indoors or out, successfully for six months. Plant and take care of it completely on your own. (A.M.-Parent or Guardian and a picture of your plant) Monitor S.A.T. _____
2. Put up a large picture, photo or painting of planet Earth in a prominent place your home (your room), and keep it there all year. (A.M.-Parent or Guardian) Monitor S.A.T. _____
3. Join a conservation organization and attend at least one conservation meeting in your community this year. (A.M.-Parent or Guardian) Monitor S.A.T. _____
What cons. org.? What meeting attended?)

Area #3 Primary Religious Projects

1. Actively participate in your church's liturgy as a reader, server, - etc, on at least three occasions. (A.M.-Priest or Minister) Monitor S.A.T. _____
2. Volunteer to clean a portion of your church yard (pick up trash, sweep, clean etc.) for a six month period. (A.M.-Priest or Minister) Monitor S.A.T. _____
3. Read and do a book report on a book concerning missionaries or Native American Spirituality. (A.M.-Teacher, Pastor) Monitor S.A.T. _____
(include copy/book report)

Area #3 Secondary Religious Projects

1. Compose a prayer in thanks for family, friends or both. Send a copy of your prayer with this project list. Share the prayer with your family. (A.M.-Parents or Guardian) Monitor S.A.T. _____
(include prayer)
2. Attend another religious gathering in your parish or community other than Sunday Mass or Obligatory Services. (retreat, C.Y.O. meeting, Lodge meeting, etc.) Write a one page paper on you impression of this gathering and send it in with this project list. (A.M.-Parent or Guardian) Monitor S.A.T. _____
3. Talk to your grandparents or an older member of your parish and ask them about parish life in their lives when they were young. Write a one or two page letter describing their reminiscences. Send this paper in with this project list. (A.M. Grandparent or Elder) Monitor S.A.T. _____

Initiate Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone# _____

Initiate Signature _____