

## REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUTH ADVANCEMENT WITHIN THE TRIBE OF NANI-BA-ZHU

To advance through the paint stations, the following minimum standards shall be met. Final decisions for advancements are made by the Tribal Council and Council of Chieftains.

**Members shall wear their Claws at check-in as well as during their week at camp.**

### **BRAVE TO WARRIOR**

1. Be nominated for Warrior by Unit Leader, NBZ Coordinator or Camp Director
2. Previously served as and meets regalia requirements for Brave
3. Demonstrates Scout Spirit
4. Have earned the Indian Lore merit badge
5. Have learned 10 words of Native American sign language
6. Have learned Tribal Dance steps
7. Must be a current camper or camp staff member (at Camp Cedars or Little Sioux)

### **WARRIOR TO FIREBUILDER**

1. Be nominated for Firebuilder by Unit Leader, NBZ Coordinator or Camp Director
2. Previously served as and meets regalia requirements for Warrior
3. Must be a Life Scout
4. Demonstrates Scout Spirit
5. Shows knowledge of building Tribal ceremonial fires
6. Demonstrates knowledge of sign language and dance
7. Must be a current camper or camp staff member (at Camp Cedars or Little Sioux)

### **FIREBUILDER TO TOM TOM BEATER**

1. Be nominated for Tom Tom Beater by Unit Leader, NBZ Coordinator or Camp Director
2. Previously served as and meets regalia requirements for Firebuilder
3. Demonstrates Scout Spirit
4. Build and tend at least two ceremonial fires at Tribal ceremonies (or demonstrate firebuilding skills at Firebuilder Clan meeting at Fall Festival and build/tend fire for New Chieftain ceremony at Fall Festival)
5. Demonstrates knowledge of Tribal dance
6. Must be a current camper or camp staff member (at Camp Cedars or Little Sioux)

### **TOM TOM BEATER TO RUNNER**

1. Be nominated for Runner by Unit Leader, NBZ Coordinator or Camp Director
2. Previously served as and meets regalia requirements for Tom Tom Beater
3. Must be an Eagle Scout
4. Demonstrates Scout Spirit
5. Chanted and served as Tom Tom Beater for at least one tribal ceremony (or for New Chieftain ceremony at Fall Festival)
6. Shows knowledge of Tribal grounds
7. Must be a current camper, camp staff member (at Camp Cedars or Little Sioux) or participate in three Tribal Ceremonies the summer they advance (a Wednesday Night Ceremony, a Thursday Night Ceremony and the Thursday Night ceremony at which they advance)

### **RUNNER TO KEEPER OF THE SACRED BUNDLE**

1. Be nominated for Keeper of the Sacred Bundle by Unit Leader, NBZ Coordinator or Camp Director
2. Previously served as and meets regalia requirements for Runner
3. Demonstrates Scout Spirit
4. Served as Runner for at least one selection ceremony and one induction ceremony **AT CAMP CEDARS**
5. Demonstrates thorough knowledge of Tribal customs and traditions
6. Must be a current camper, camp staff member (at Camp Cedars or Little Sioux) or participate in three Tribal Ceremonies the summer they advance (a Wednesday Night Ceremony, a Thursday Night Ceremony and the Thursday Night ceremony at which they advance)

### **KEEPER OF THE SACRED BUNDLE TO SHAMAN**

1. Be nominated for Shaman by Unit Leader, NBZ Coordinator or Camp Director
2. Previously served as and meets regalia requirements for Keeper of the Sacred Bundle
3. Demonstrates Scout Spirit
4. Served as Keeper of the Sacred Bundle and spoke on the customs and traditions of the Tribe for at least one induction ceremony **AT CAMP CEDARS**
5. Must be a current camper, camp staff member (at Camp Cedars or Little Sioux) or participate in three Tribal Ceremonies the summer they advance (a Wednesday Night Ceremony, a Thursday Night Ceremony and the Thursday Night ceremony at which they advance)

## Honored Maiden Advancement

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Year: (Yellow Corn to Red)

- Be at least 15 years of age
- Shows Scout Spirit
- Previously served as and meets regalia requirements for Yellow Corn (first year)
- Assist in cleaning up ceremony sites (Place holders for claws and Bitters bucket and bowls in truck after Thursday night ceremony)
- Have learned about Indian Lore from Silver Corn or Gold Corn Maiden
- Have learned 10 words of Native American sign language
- Have learned tribal dance steps. (The Honored Maidens will dance outside the Warrior circle and an Honored Maiden with dance coup would be responsible for teaching dance steps to other Maidens.)
- Participate in at least three ceremonies in the year the Honored Maiden advances. If the Honored Maiden is working on staff at Little Sioux Cub Camp, one ceremony may be a Blue Acorn ceremony at Little Sioux. Another ceremony shall be one Wednesday night ceremony at Camp Cedars in which the candidate assists with telling the Honored Maiden story, and the third ceremony shall be the ceremony at which they advance, which would be a Thursday night ceremony at Camp Cedars or the Fall Festival Chieftain ceremony (for Little Sioux staff).

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Year: (Red Corn to Blue)

- Be at least 16 years of age
- Shows Scout Spirit
- Previously served as and meets regalia requirements for Red Corn (second year)
- Assist in setting up for ceremonies
- Demonstrates knowledge of sign language
- Assist with any other duty assigned by the Medicine Man for the Thursday night ceremonies.
- Participate in at least three ceremonies in the year the Honored Maiden advances. If the Honored Maiden is working on staff at Little Sioux Cub Camp, one ceremony may be a Blue Acorn ceremony at Little Sioux. Another ceremony shall be one Wednesday night ceremony at Camp Cedars in which the candidate assists with telling the Honored Maiden story, and the third ceremony shall be the ceremony at which they advance, which would be a Thursday night ceremony at Camp Cedars or the Fall Festival Chieftain ceremony (for Little Sioux staff).

### 4<sup>th</sup> Year: (Blue Corn to White)

- Be at least 17 years of age
- Shows Scout Spirit
- Previously served as and meets regalia requirements for Blue Corn (third year)
- Assist in setting up the third test site for Thursday night ceremonies
- Assist where assigned at Thursday night ceremonies
- Participate in at least three ceremonies in the year the Honored Maiden advances. If the Honored Maiden is working on staff at Little Sioux Cub Camp,

one ceremony may be a Blue Acorn ceremony at Little Sioux. Another ceremony shall be one Wednesday night ceremony at Camp Cedars in which the candidate assists with telling the Honored Maiden story, and the third ceremony shall be the ceremony at which they advance, which would be a Thursday night ceremony at Camp Cedars or the Fall Festival Chieftain ceremony (for Little Sioux staff).

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Year: (White Corn to Black)

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Shows Scout Spirit
- Previously served as and meets regalia requirements for White Corn (fourth year)
- Chant with the Tom Tom Beaters for at least one Tribal ceremony, which will require the attendance at dance practices, including training from an older Maiden.
- Shows knowledge of Tribal grounds
- Participate in at least three ceremonies in the year the Honored Maiden advances. If the Honored Maiden is working on staff at Little Sioux Cub Camp, one ceremony may be a Blue Acorn ceremony at Little Sioux. Another ceremony shall be one Wednesday night ceremony at Camp Cedars in which the candidate assists with telling the Honored Maiden story, and the third ceremony shall be the ceremony at which they advance, which would be a Thursday night ceremony at Camp Cedars or the Fall Festival Chieftain ceremony (for Little Sioux staff).

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Year: (Black Corn to Silver)

- Be at least 19 years of age
- Shows Scout Spirit
- Previously served as and meets regalia requirements for Black Corn (fifth year)
- Serve as the dance and chant teacher to younger Maidens. By being a dance and chant instructor, this Maiden should have the dance coup. If she does not, the Maiden should coordinate with a Shaman or Keeper of the Sacred Bundle with dance coup to assist with instruction.
- Demonstrates thorough knowledge of Tribal customs and traditions
- Escort Honored Maiden Foxmen through the paint trail and testing stations
- If a Gold Honored Maiden is not available, coordinate with a Medicine Man to assign duties to all Honored Maidens during ceremonies.
- Participate in at least three ceremonies in the year the Honored Maiden advances. If the Honored Maiden is working on staff at Little Sioux Cub Camp, one ceremony may be a Blue Acorn ceremony at Little Sioux. Another ceremony shall be one Wednesday night ceremony at Camp Cedars in which the candidate assists with telling the Honored Maiden story, and the third ceremony shall be the ceremony at which they advance, which would be a Thursday night ceremony at Camp Cedars or the Fall Festival Chieftain ceremony (for Little Sioux staff).

### 7<sup>th</sup> Year: (Silver Corn to Gold)

- Be at least 20 years of age
- Shows Scout Spirit
- Previously served as and meets regalia requirements for Silver Corn (sixth year)
- Shows proficiency in dance, chants and teaching of younger Maidens. By this time, the Silver Honored Maiden should have been working hard to earn her dance coup.
- Share the traditions of the Maidens with the younger Maidens and watch over those who are Foxmen.
- Counsel the Maiden Foxmen on their resolutions
- Teach Indian Lore to Yellow Honored Maidens
- Coordinate with a Medicine Man to assign duties to all Honored Maidens during ceremonies.
- Participate in at least three ceremonies in the year the Honored Maiden advances. If the Honored Maiden is working on staff at Little Sioux Cub Camp, one ceremony may be a Blue Acorn ceremony at Little Sioux. Another ceremony shall be one Wednesday night ceremony at Camp Cedars in which the candidate assists with telling the Honored Maiden story, and the third ceremony shall be the ceremony at which they advance, which would be a Thursday night ceremony at Camp Cedars or the Fall Festival Chieftain ceremony (for Little Sioux staff).