

The Tribe of Mic-O-Say

The Tribe of Mic-O-Say is the honor camping society of Camp Geiger. Its ceremonies, customs and traditions are based on the folklore of the Native American.

The heritage of the Native American is largely religious in nature, and it is not the purpose of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say to copy in any way their philosophy or lifestyle through the use of public or private ceremonies or public appearances. Rather, by blending the spirit and pride of the Native American with the ideals and objectives of the Boy Scouts of America, the Tribe of Mic-O-Say endeavors to prolong the Scouting adventure with a historical theme that has held the attention and captured the imagination of young men and adults alike for many generations.

The purpose of Mic-O-Say is to reinforce the principles of the Scout Oath and Law, and to encourage continued participation in Scouting. Mic-O-Say Membership is conferred upon Scouts who participate in long-term camping on the Camp Geiger Reservation and who best exemplify progress in their leadership skills. Membership is also given adult Scouters who meet specified qualifications. To be eligible for Mic-O-Say membership, a Scout must be an Honor Camper. He must be a seasoned, experienced Camper. He must have proven his leadership ability by his work in his Scouting unit and his community. He must be mature in thought and deed and be capable of understanding obligations as a Tribesman.

Each boy is judged on his own merit by the Tribal Council of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Some of the criteria considered are these:

- Is the Scout active in his Scout Unit?
- Has the Scout demonstrated his leadership abilities with younger Scouts?
- Has the Scout held positions of responsibility in the unit?
- Does the Scout live by the Scout Oath and Law?
- Does the Scout set a good example for other Scouts?
- Has the Scout achieved an upper rank?
- Has the Scout completed a grade of schooling which implies an ability to understand his obligation to the Scout Oath and Law?
- Is the Scout a long-term Camper?

With these high standards in mind, Leaders should explain to young, Non-Tribesmen that any boy can become a member of Mic-O-Say at any time--the real qualifications for membership are advancement in Scout Rank, and being a true leader of younger Scouts.

Do not tell young Scouts that they must be a certain age or Rank to become a member, for it simply isn't true. Let every young man attend our Tapping Ceremony with high hopes.

If you are a new unit to Camp Geiger, please contact the Mic-O-Say Director on Sunday when you arrive at camp. He will schedule an orientation program for your unit prior to our Tapping Ceremony.

If you are a Tribesman, and feel that a youth in your unit should be nominated for membership, please contact our Mic-O-Say Director. He will be happy to assist you. It is both your *obligation* and your *privilege* to place in nomination the names of those individuals whom you feel would be worthy Tribesmen of Mic-O-Say. If you are a non-Tribesman and a leader in your unit, and feel that an individual should be nominated, please contact our Mic-O-Say Director. Adult membership is

determined by the Council of Chieftains. Please direct any questions you may have pertaining to Mic-O-Say to our Mic-O-Say Director.

Additional information can be found at the official web site for Mic-O-Say at Camp Geiger. Visit us at www.micosay.org