Order of the Arrow Troop Representative

Program Description

The OA Troop Representative is a program of the Order of the Arrow. The Wulapeju Lodge highly recommends adapting this program into your troop. The OA Representative is an official leadership position within the troop, and Scouts can earn time towards their leadership rank requirements. The most basic tasks of the OA Representative are to coordinate service opportunities within the troop, to coordinate troop involvement with the Order of the Arrow (including unit elections, camp promotions and inductions), and to request lodge and chapter resources to help meet troop needs. Any Scout within the troop who is under the age of 18 can serve as the OA Representative, provided that he is a dues-paid member of the Order of the Arrow. He is appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader and is a member of the Patrol Leader's Council. He is responsible for attending appropriate lodge and chapter meetings, and encouraging other Arrowmen in the troop to do so as well.

Job Description

The Order of the Arrow Troop Representative is a youth liaison serving between the local OA lodge or chapter and his troop. In his troop, he helps meet the needs of the unit and will serve as a communication and programmatic link to and from Arrowman, adult leaders and Scouts who are not presently members of the Order. He will do this in a fashion that strengthens the mission of the lodge and purpose of the Order and the mission of the Boy Scouts of America. By setting a good example, he enhances the image of the Order as a service arm to his troop.

OA Representative Duties:

- Serves as a communication link between the lodge or chapter and the troop.
- Encourages year round and resident camping in the troop.
- Encourages older Scout participation in high adventure programs.
- Encourages Scouts to actively participate in community service projects.
- Assists with leadership skills training in the troop.
- Encourages Arrowmen to assume leadership positions in the troop.
- Encourages Arrowmen in the troop to be active participants in the lodge and/or chapter activities and to seal their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members.
- Sets a good example.
- Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
- Lives by the Scout Oath, Scout Law and OA Obligation.
- Shows Scout spirit.

Qualifications:

- Under 18 years of age
- Appointed by SPL with Scoutmaster approval
- OA Member in good standing

Reports To: Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Role of the OA Representative Advisor

The advisor to an OA Troop Representative assists the youth Representative so that he might succeed in his role of communication and programmatic link between the unit and the lodge or chapter. They help include the Order of the Arrow ideals and activities in the program of the troop. By setting a good example, they enhance the image of the Order as a service arm to the troop.

OA Troop Representative Advisor Duties:

- Supports the youth they advise, helping him to fully understand the needs of the unit and the elements of the lodge and chapter structure, which are responsible for support to the unit.
- Promotes incorporation of OA ideals into the advancement program of the unit, in unit leader conferences, boards of review, and courts of honor. Promotes recognition of members who have completed their Ordeal, achieved Brotherhood, or been inducted into Vigil Honor membership within the unit.
- Attends lodge and chapter meetings with the youth they advise.
- Insures that the OA Representative has the necessary transportation.
- Helps the lodge, chapter, or extended elangomat in insuring that messages and documents regarding the achievement of Brotherhood reach Ordeal members in the troop and works with the OA Representative to assess their impact.
- Assists the OA Representative in feeding back to the lodge and chapter the reaction of the unit and its OA members to the success of the OA programs which affect the unit, including Ordeals, unit elections, callouts, camp promotion visits, meetings and service projects.
- Sets a good example.
- Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
- Lives by the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and OA Obligation.
- Shows Scout spirit.

OA Troop Representative Advisor Qualifications:

- A unit assistant leader or committee member at least 21 years old.
- Appointed by the Scoutmaster with the assistance of the troop committee.
- OA member in good standing.

Reports To: Scoutmaster

Training:

To have your OA Troop Representative and advisor trained, have them attend a Spring Fellowship, Fall Conclave, or chapter event.