

OA TROOP REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Order of the Arrow Troop Representative is a youth liaison between the OA lodge and chapter and his troop. He is a youth Arrowmen in the Unit under 18 years old and in good standing in the OA. The Troop Representative is appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader with Scoutmaster's approval.

OA Troop Representative Job Responsibilities:

- Serves as a communication link between the lodge, chapter and troop.
- Encourages year round meetings 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 to be active participants in the lodge and chapter and to seal their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members.
- Sets a good example.
- Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
- Lives the Scout Oath, Scout Law and OA Obligation.
- Shows Scout Spirit.

OA Troop Representative Reports To:

- Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster.

TROOP/TEAM REPRESENTATIVE SIGN-UP

UNIT #: _____ TROOP TEAM

DISTRICT: _____

MEETING LOCATION: _____

TROOP/TEAM REPRESENTATIVE:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE:(_____) _____

EMAIL: _____

UNIT LEADER INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE:(_____) _____

EMAIL: _____



The Order of the Arrow

OA Troop/Team Representative Program

GENERAL INFORMATION

LAST FRONTIER COUNCIL
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OA TROOP/TEAM REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM

What is the OA Troop/Team Representative?

The Order of the Arrow Troop/Team Representative is the official youth liaison serving between the OA Lodge and Chapter and the Unit. In his Unit, he serves as a communication link between Arrowmen and the Lodge and Chapter program and service. He also serves Scout Leaders and Scouts who are not presently members of the Order.

Is the OA Unit Representative an official position?

The OA Representative is a nationally recognized leadership position within the troop or team, and boys can earn time towards their Unit leadership rank requirements, just as with any of the other leadership position.

What are the OA Representative's responsibilities?

The program is flexible enough to allow your local Lodge and Chapter and the unit to set the exact responsibilities. However, the most basic tasks of the Representative will be to coordinate service opportunities within the unit, to coordinate unit involvement with the Order of the Arrow, including Unit Elections, Camp Promotions, and Inductions; and request lodge and chapter resources to help meet unit needs.

Who can serve as a Troop/Team Representative?

Anyone in the unit who is under the age of 18 can serve as the OA Representative for the unit, provided he is a dues-paid member of the Order of the Arrow. He should be appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader or Varsity Team Captain, and will be a member of the Patrol Leaders' Council and attend lodge and chapter meetings.

Is there a Troop/Team Representative Adviser?

As with all positions in the Order, the OA Representative should have an adult Adviser. This adult should be over the age of 21, be a dues-paid member of the Order of the Arrow. He is appointed by the Scoutmaster.

Who implements the Program in the Unit?

The OA Unit Representative is a Troop or Team position. It is therefore up to the Unit to adopt and use the program as part of its Unit's Organization. The Lodge and Chapter strongly encourage that all Units utilize the program by pointing out its benefits to the Troop or Team. It will help the Unit implement the program effectively and will make resources available to the Unit Unit Leaders, Unit Representative Advisers and Unit Representatives.

How do we get the program started in our Unit?

To get signed up for the OA Troop/Team Representative Program, the Unit Leader and Troop Representative should complete the form on the reverse side of this pamphlet and return it to a Lodge or Chapter Leader or the Council Service Center.

What does the OA Lodge or Chapter provide?

The OA Lodge or Chapter will annually appoint a youth chairman (sometimes more than one) who is in charge of coordinating with each Troop Representative. The Chairman will make sure that Troop Representatives receive the most current, up-to-date information on what they should be doing. Troop Representatives contact the chairman with requests from the unit for information and support for the unit's program. This information exchange should take place regularly.

Who Benefits from the Program?

The OA Troop/Team Representative Program benefits Scouting, the Lodge and Chapter and the Unit.

Scouting:

- With the Troop/Team Representative as a liaison between the Order of the Arrow and the troop or team, the camp promotions process will be smoother, leading to greater numbers of Scouts at summer camp.

- Creates a vehicle to strengthen the ties between the OA and BSA troops and teams. This will help with the retention of the older Scouts.
- With the organization of service projects, Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts will be seen actively helping others in their communities.

Lodge/Chapter:

- With an easier camp promotions process, the lodge can increase the number of units visited, increasing the effectiveness of this program in the Council.
- Eases the unit election process by having a person in the troop or team whose job is to ensure that elections are held.
- With positive OA leadership on the unit level, lodges will experience greater membership retention and higher Brotherhood conversion rates.
- A Unit's OA members will have someone to organize transportation to OA events, increasing attendance at chapter/lodge functions.

Troop and Team:

- The coordination of OA calendar with that of troop and team will prevent OA members from having to choose between OA functions and unit events.
- With the organization of service projects, there will be greater opportunity for community service hours that are required for rank advancement.
- Experienced Arrowmen from other units who may be able to share their knowledge can be sought out by the OA Representative to augment the troop program.
- Creates more opportunities for leadership in the troop or team for both youth and adults, effectively increasing membership retention.