



OWASIPPE LODGE 7

Order of the Arrow-Boy Scouts of America
Pathway to Adventure Council
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Dear Unit Leader

Thank you for your service to the youth of the Boy Scouts of America. As Scouting's National Honor Society, the Order of Arrow is committed to serving and supporting the Scouting program on all levels. Owasippe Lodge would like to inform you of the opportunities for OA Unit Visitation. In 2017 the Lodge would like to visit your unit and offer the following presentations:

- Unit Elections – to elect eligible scouts from your troop to the OA
- Camping Opportunities – to review upcoming camping opportunities
- OA Troop Representative Program – to enhance the relationship of your OA lodge/chapter and the youth of your unit.
- OA Unit of Excellence – to explain the requirements of the newly created OA unit award.

As new members are elected into the Order of the Arrow from troops/teams, they experience leadership development opportunities that build upon the lessons learned in their units about living a life of character and leading by example. Lodge and chapter events are designed to improve upon the experience of OA members so that they can bring back greater value to the Scouts in their unit.

The OA Troop/Team Representative program offers a youth in your unit the chance to develop leadership and communication skills as an officer of the troop/team and bring greater connectivity between your OA lodge and the youth of your unit. In order to effectively implement the OA Troop/Team Representative program, you should also appoint an adult leader to serve as an OA Troop/Team Representative Adviser.

The OA Troop/Team Representative Adviser is a new, official BSA adult position of responsibility that has been created in conjunction with this award, and formally establishes the role for an adult to guide and mentor the youth Troop/Team Representative.

You can schedule an OA unit visitation by contacting the chapter in your district. During your OA unit visitation, the chapter team can conduct a Unit Election. Elections should be held before June 1, 2017; in time for Ordeal inductions at summer camp. Even if you do not have any eligible youth this year, allow a chapter team to come out and talk to your scouts about the Order of the Arrow and how the OA can provide new opportunities for your unit.

Please review the enclosed materials. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at the numbers and address listed. Use the enclosed chapter/district contact information sheet to set-up this year's OA unit visitation. Additional information can be found at owasippelodge.org.

Thank you again for your service to Scouting and we hope you will participate in an OA Unit Visitation this year.

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