

OA Troop Representative

Job Description, Duties and Qualifications



OA Troop Representative Job Description:

An 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 serves as a communication and programmatic link to the Arrowman and adult leaders and Scouts who are not presently members of the Order. He does this in a fashion that strengthens the mission of the lodge and purpose of the Order. By setting a good example, he enhances the image of the Order as a service arm to his troop.

OA Troop 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

OA Troop Representative Qualifications:

- Under 18 years old
- Appointed by SPL with SM approval
- OA Member in good standing (paid dues)

OA Troop Representative Reports To:

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

OA Troop/Team Representative

A Resource for Scouts and Scoutmasters And Varsity Scouts and Coaches

Who Benefits from the OA Troop/Team Representative Program?

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 the individual BSA troop or team. 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



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Checklist for the OA Troop/Team Representatives

A checklist of the types of information that needs to be exchanged between the OA lodges/chapters and the BSA units

Lodge/Chapter to Unit:

- Lodge/Chapter Calendars
- Unit Elections visit
- Camp Promotion visit
- Service to America Program
- Community Service project opportunities
- Brotherhood conversion
- Resource lists
- OA Unit Representative Registration Forms

Unit to Lodge/Chapter:

- Does the unit conduct monthly campouts?
- Does the unit attend a long-term camp?
- Do the unit's older Scouts participate in high adventure programs?
- Does the unit need help with its outdoor program?
- Does the unit need help with community service projects?
- Does the unit need help with training?
- Does the unit's OA members participate in lodge and chapter activities?
- Name of new OA Troop/Team Representative



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Registration Form for the OA Troop/Team Representative



Date _____

Term of Office _____

Name _____

Troop/Team _____

Address _____ District _____

_____ Scout Rank _____

_____ O/B/V _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ E-mail _____

Scouting Experience _____

OA Experience _____

Please Return Completed Form To

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