



OA Troop/Team Representative Registration Form



A copy of this form should be filled out with the Scoutmaster signature and then returned to the Scout Office in order to establish the link between the Order of the Arrow Lodge and the Troop/Team.

Date _____ Troop/Team # _____ District _____

Name _____ OA Current Membership Ordeal / Brotherhood / Vigil (Circle one)

Address _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____

Scouting Experience _____

OA Experience _____

Please Return Form To: Eykamp Scout Center, 3501 E. Lloyd Expressway, Evansville, IN 47715

The Order of the Arrow Troop/Team Representative is a youth liaison serving between the local OA lodge or chapter and his troop or team. In his unit, he helps meet the needs of the unit and will serve as a communication and programmatic link to and from Arrowmen, 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, purpose of the Order and the mission of the Boy Scouts of America. By setting a good example, he will enhance the image of the Order as a service arm to his unit.

OA Troop/Team Representative Duties:

- Serves as a communication link between the lodge or chapter and the troop/team.
- Encourages year round and resident camping in the troop/team.
- 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/team.
- Encourages Arrowmen to assume leadership positions in the troop/team.
- Encourages Arrowmen in the troop/team 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:

OA Troop Representative

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



Shoulder Patch is available

Scoutmaster signature

Date

Troop Representative FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the OA Troop Representative?

Answer: The Troop Representative program was begun in 1999 and is a program of the Order of the Arrow that has been officially adopted by the Boy Scouts of America. The OA Representative is an official leadership position within the troop, and boys can earn time towards their leadership rank requirements, just as with Den Chief, Troop Scribe, or any of the other leadership positions.

2. What are the responsibilities of the Troop Representative?

Answer: There are numerous possibilities for the job description of the OA Representative. The beauty is that it is flexible enough to allow your unit to fine-tune 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 to request lodge and chapter resources to help meet unit needs. The Representative should provide feedback to the Lodge/Chapter as to the success of their initiative.

3. Who can serve as a Troop Representative?

Answer: 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 and will be a member of the Patrol Leaders' Council and invited to attend lodge and chapter meetings.

4. Will there be an Adviser for the Troop Representative?

Answer: As with all positions in the Order, the OA Representative should have an adult as his Adviser. This adult will be over the age of 21, be a dues-paid member of the Order of the Arrow and be appointed by the Scoutmaster.

5. What if a troop does not appoint an OA Troop Representative?

Answer: The Troop Representative is a troop position and is therefore up to the unit to adopt and use the program. If the unit does not wish to appoint a Representative, the lodge and chapter should encourage the units to utilize the program by pointing out the benefits to the troop and team.

6. What recognition is available for OA Troop Representatives?

Answer: There is a troop position patch available. Lodges and chapters are encouraged to develop recognition like what they use for other lodge and chapter officers and committee chairs.

7. Should OA Troop Representatives meet as a group?

Answer: The lodge or chapter should run an OA Troop Representative Training Seminar at least twice a year. Additionally, the OA Representatives are expected to attend all Lodge and Chapter functions.