



BLACK HAWK LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Dear Parents,

Congratulations your son or daughter has been chosen by their peers as an honored camper. He or she is eligible for induction into the Order of the Arrow.

For over 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long-term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America's youth.

Mission

The mission of the Order of the Arrow is to fulfill its purpose as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults.

Purpose

As Scouting's National Honor Society, our purpose is to:

- Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.
- Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.
- Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.
- Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

We are asking your permission as parents to allow us to induct your child into the Order of the Arrow. At Summer Camp they will be recognized publicly by being called out along with the other youth in the council. Their name will be called, and they will walk to the front of the Campfire ring where they will be recognized as being chosen by their unit as a Scout that exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law. They will then stand before the camp and place a necklace on themselves that represents the beginning of their journey through the OA. At no point in time will anyone be within 6 foot of your child. At this event they will be invited to an induction weekend where they will take part in a weekend of Cheerful Service, Brotherhood and ceremonies. At the end of this weekend, they will be presented with the Sash and pocket flap that represent our organization.

Name of Scout: _____

Signature of Parent: _____