

Three Fires Council, Boy Scouts of America
Lowaneu Allaque Lodge
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Dear Scoutmasters:

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's "National Honor Society." We are called upon by our units, districts, and Council for leadership and service. We have many high ideals and principles to live up to, and must lead by example. We live by the Scout Oath and Law in our daily lives.

These are the same principles you live and lead by as a Scoutmaster. That is why we are writing to you ensure the success of our Scouts and to maximize the opportunities they have through-out their Scouting adventure.

The Order of the Arrow (OA) can be very beneficial to your Troop. With the mystery of the Order it is very appealing to our Scouts, but no one can be a member of the OA unless they maintain active registration in Scouting. For most of our Scouts that means being registered in the Troop. The OA serves as an excellent retention tool to keep your older boys excited about the opportunities in Scouting while being active leaders in your Troop.

When new members are inducted into the Order of the Arrow they complete four tests to test their resolve to self improvement and to serve others. When they complete their Ordeal they participate in a ceremony where they make a pledge to, "return in service to their unit."

Only after they serve their unit can they begin to realize the opportunities that the OA can offer. Our Lodge is the Lowaneu Allaque Lodge and serves the Three Fires Council. We have a membership of over 1,500 Scouts and Scouters and everything is run by youth under the age of 21 with support from adult advisers. The OA offers many more exciting and challenging leadership experiences for our Scouts.

The Lowaneu Allaque Lodge only has a few events through-out the year so we do not interfere with Troop Program. At these events we conduct service projects for the Council camps and provide fun activities for our members. We help promote camping and outdoor program and participate in community service projects when called upon. National programs are also offered to OA members where they can truly see the National scope of Scouting.

As a Scoutmaster you are a vital figure in the development of our Scouts. For that reason we would respectfully request an opportunity to discuss with you what the Order of the Arrow can offer you and your Troop and our Scouts. We would also like the opportunity to answer any questions about the OA and discuss how your Troop can benefit from involvement in the Order of the Arrow.

Please contact any of us to set up a meeting to further the opportunities and experiences for our Scouts!

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