

Order of the Arrow - 2023

Greetings from the Order of the Arrow!

We'd like to wish you the best of luck during this new Scouting year and give you more information on the Order of the Arrow.

What is the Order of the Arrow?

The OA is Scouting's National Honors Society. We are based on the principles of Cheerful Service, Fellowship, and Brotherhood, and promote these ideals to scouts by offering exclusive opportunities to OA members. As an OA member, you can participate in OA High Adventures, the National Leadership Seminar, or take on a leadership position. Additionally, we often volunteer at events like Popcorn Super Saturday, District Camporees, and more!

How can you help us?

One way to help us is to check the OA calendar, located at oa4l.org, and not schedule events at the same time as our major events. Both Fellowships occur on the same weekends every year- the first weekend in June for Spring Fellowship and the second weekend in September for Fall Fellowship. Another way to help is to organize carpools and transportation to OA events including Chapter meetings which occur at your district's Roundtable. Encouraging OA members in your unit to pay their dues to our lodge is another way to help us. In doing this, we can get more volunteers to help with council and other events that your unit may participate in.

How can you join the Order of the Arrow?

Youth must be elected by members of their unit and they must hold the rank of First Class, Discovery, or Ordinary on top of having 15 or more nights of camping within the past two years, including one long-term trip of 5 nights or more. Adults may be nominated at the time that the elections are held and generally they should be held to these same requirements, minus ranks.

When can we hold an election?

Unit elections are held once a year. We are planning to hold elections in mid-January to the end of March. You will receive an email with further information as this time approaches. We recommend you whitelist the following email address so you do not miss OA communication: no-reply-127@lodgemaster.oa-bsa.org

Who are the leaders of the Order of the Arrow?

The Order of the Arrow is led by youth who are under 21 years of age. Unlike outings that a unit may plan, the OA youth are responsible for planning almost one hundred percent of the event, including finding a location, and staff to run the event. Leaders of the Lodge can be found and contacted at oa4l.org//leadershipteam

Please see the back of the form to update unit information and contact information.

If you have any further questions, you can feel free to reach out to Ryan Dodd, the Vice Chief of Chapters, at vcchapt@oa4l.org, or check our website at oa4l.org.

Update Unit Information

Please fill this form out as best you can. If your unit does not have a youth Order of the Arrow Representative, we recommend you try to fill the position before turning this in!

Unit Type (circle): Troop Crew Ship	Unit Number: _____	Unit Gender (circle): Male Female
District (circle): Chippewa Ottawa Potawatomi		Regular Meeting Day:
Regular Meeting Location (Address and Name): _____ _____ _____		Regular Meeting Time:
Unit Leader Name:	Unit Leader Email:	
Committee Chair Name:	Committee Chair Email:	
Adult OA Rep Name:	Adult OA Rep Email:	
Youth OA Rep Name:	Youth OA Rep Email:	

Please email this form to the Vice Chief of Chapters at vcchapt@oa4l.org. Alternatively, you can turn it in at any lodge event to the Vice Chief of Chapters, or to the Council Service Center.