



What are some service activities OA participates in?

- Summer Camp Clean-up and Preparation
- Summer Camp Staffing
- Winter Camp Staffing
- Oak Leaf Preparation and Staffing
- NYLT Staffing
- Camporees
- Scouting for Food
- Cub Days
- District, Council and National Service Projects

What else does a member do?

Staff Ordeals (5 per year)

POW WOW (Native American Skills Weekend) / Webelos Fun Day

Fall Fellowship (Food & Fun with other OA members from the Council)

Conclave (Leaning and fun with OA members from all North Texas)

NOAC (Jamboree for OA members only)

Winter Banquet (Food, Fellowship and Awards)

Ceremonial and Dance Teams

Chapter Meetings – (Advanced Scouting Skills, Leadership and fun activities)

How does the OA help a troop?

- Exemplifies “Scout Run”
- Allows additional avenues for leadership and training
 - Teaches additional skills
 - Leads many District Activities or provides service support
- Provides activities for older scouts
- Allows for an exchange of ideas between troops in the District, Council and beyond

How does a scout get into the OA?

- The Scout should exemplify the Scout Oath and Law.
- The Scout must be active in the troop and at least First Class in rank.
- The Scout must have completed 15 nights of camping within the last two years including one long term (5 night) camp. Only one long term may be applied.
- He must be elected by a majority of the scouts in his troop at a troop OA election.

What is an OA election?

- An OA election is conducted by members of the Order of the Arrow.
- It must be conducted between December 1st and March 31st of each year.
- The Scoutmaster or Committee Chair should be available to validate the election.
- The Scoutmaster can strike an individual prior to the election.
- Once the election is started there can be no input from scouts or scouters to prevent campaigning
- 50% of active scouts must be present
- A scout must receive 50% of the **ballots turned in** to be elected

How does an adult get into the OA?

After a troop has had a successful election, the SM or Committee Chair can turn in Adult Nomination forms based on the number of scouts in their troop (ask the election team for details). The adult should be willing to help and participate in the Order of the Arrow. As with the scouts, it is not to be used as an award by the troop.

I have a list of elected scouts. Now what?

- The scout needs to be called out.
 - Camporee
 - Summer Camp
 - August Call-out
 - Contact Chapter Advisor
- The Scout Attends an Induction Weekend (Ordeal)
- The Scout becomes an OA member

How do I arrange Out of Council Callouts?

- Must be requested by Mid May
- Forms are available on the Mikanakawa.org web site

The OA Representative as an active Troop Leadership Position?

- Should Attend Chapter Meetings
- Should encourage troop OA membership to attend Chapter Meetings and Induction Weekends
- Should bring back skills to Troop
- Should encourage ordeal members to make brotherhood
- Promotes camping
- Coordinates service activities

Is the OA a “Secret Society”?

"The induction is not a hazing or an initiation ceremony. The Order is not a secret Scout organization, and its ceremonies are open to any parent, Scout leader, or religious leader. There is an element of mystery in the ceremonies for the sake of its effect on the candidates. For this reason, ceremonies are not put on in public. The ceremonies...are not objectionable to any religious group."