

ORDER OF THE ARROW
TAMEGONIT LODGE #147



HANDBOOK

OA Troop Representative Duties:

- Attends troop and chapter or lodge meetings regularly as a youth representative of the troop and Order.
- Serves as a two-way communication link between the troop and the lodge or chapter.
- Arranges with the lodge or chapter election team to conduct an annual Order of the Arrow election for the troop at a time approved by the Patrol Leaders Council.
- Arranges with the lodge or chapter for at least one camp promotion visit to the unit annually.
- Makes at least one high adventure presentation to the troop, to include the OA programs, annually.
- As requested by the SPL, participates in Troop Courts of Honor by recognizing: high adventure participation of troop members, induction of new OA members, changes in OA honors of troop members, leadership of troop members, and other appropriate activities.
- Coordinates the Ordeal Induction process for newly elected candidates by: ensuring they know the time and location of the Ordeal, providing information of what to bring to the Ordeal, assisting (as needed) in arranging transportation to the Ordeal, and offering assistance (as needed) to the lodge in the Ordeal process.
- Assists current Ordeal members in the troop in sealing their membership by becoming Brotherhood members by: ensuring they know the time and location of Brotherhood opportunities, assisting (as needed) in arranging transportation to the Brotherhood opportunities, and offering assistance to the lodge (as needed) in the

Brotherhood process. He may also, at the discretion of the PLC, offer periodic training and discussions of OA principles, symbolism, and the Legend as needed by and appropriate for the troop members of the Order.

- Leads at least one troop service project for the community or charter partner during the year. May also serve, at the discretion of the PLC, as the troop's service chairman.
- Assists the troop (as appropriate) as a trainer of leadership and outdoor skills.
- In all cases, advocates environmental stewardship and Leave No Trace camping.
- Sets a good example by: wearing the Scout uniform correctly, showing Scout spirit, and living by the Scout Oath, the Scout law and the OA Obligation.

Qualifications:

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

Reports To:

- Senior Patrol Leader
- May be included as a member of the PLC at the discretion of the troop leadership.
- Serves for a 12 month period
- Appointed 60 days before the unit election to facilitate election procedures and fulfill follow-up duties
- May continue to coordinate with Ordeal candidates elected during his term as they progress to Brotherhood membership even after his term has expired.

Your role as an OATR

As the Order of the Arrow Troop Representative, your main job is to bring the information from the Lodge and your Chapter back to your Troop. From upcoming Lodge and National events to new policies, you inform the Arrowmen of your Troop of the Lodge's activities.

Tamegonit Lodge OATR Coup Information

The Order of the Arrow Troop Representative (OATR) coup is awarded to Arrowmen of Tamegonit Lodge who have effectively served their unit and the Lodge. Adults must serve as the Unit OATR Adviser. Before being eligible to receive this coup, a member must have paid their dues to Tamegonit Lodge. All requirements must be completed fully and may not be used to complete another coup. Please complete all fields fully before turning in coup at the Camp Naish Trading Post for recognition.

OATR Coup Requirements:

1. Attend and participate in eight (8) Chapter meetings in a one-year period.
2. Promote year-round camping, resident camping and high-adventure camping within your unit.
3. Schedule your unit's election date with the Chapter election team. Effectively publicize the election date.
4. Encourage Ordeal members in your unit to seal their membership by becoming brotherhood members.
5. Coordinate your unit's on-time Lodge Membership renewal.
6. Promote the Chapter Call-out within your unit. Attend your Chapter's Call-out.
7. Unit OATR Advisers – support and advise the OATR and complete ALL of the above requirements.
8. Participate in at least 70% of all events put on by your Chapter not including Chapter meetings (eg. Bridgings, Ceremonies, lock-ins, campouts).

Participation in your Chapter

Participation in your Chapter doesn't mean you **have** to do Ceremonies. Simply volunteer your time to help your Chapter. Help with campouts, lock-ins, activity days, etc. that your Chapter holds, puts on, or does. From helping with the set-up or take down to just showing up, participate in you Chapter's activities.

Promote year-round camping

Promoting year-round camping means promoting camping both with your Troop and with the Lodge. There are several ways to promote camping. You can make announcements at your meetings and tell people. You could make a presentation or even just encourage camping to less active members in your Troop.

OA Elections

Coordinate a time to do OA Elections in your Troop with your Scoutmaster and the Election Chair in your Chapter. If you don't know who the Election Chair is, or if there is no Election Chair in your Chapter, ask around for who is in charge. After you have scheduled your elections, effectively publicize them. Give an overview of what the OA does and the importance of it.

Encourage the continuance in the OA

Encourage the Ordeal's in your Troop to continue their participation in the OA by sealing their Brotherhood. While sealing your Brotherhood isn't required to be active in the OA, it is strongly encouraged.

Coordinate OA renewals

Make sure all Arrowmen in your Troop have their OA renewals up to date. Talk to the OATR Advisor in your Troop or the records keeper about who has their dues paid for. Lodge dues are established by the lodge on a yearly basis and announced by December 1 for the next year's dues. Submit your unit renewal to your Chapter Chief or Chapter adviser by the last day in February.

Promote Chapter Call Out

This can be done several ways. One is by announcing the time and date of the Call Out. If you do this, really sell it. Be sure to emphasize the importance of not only the candidates attending, but also the rest of the Troop. Explain the basics of what the Order of the Arrow is about and what it means to be called out. You can also participate with ceremony. This can get some Scouts more interested in the Order.