



Basic Information

What is the OA Troop Representative?

The troop representative program was started in 1999, and is a program of the Order of the Arrow that has been officially adopted by the Boy Scouts of America. The OA Representative is now an official leadership position within the troop or team, and boys can earn time towards their leadership rank requirements, just as with a Den Chief, troop scribe, or any of the other leadership positions.

What are the responsibilities of the Troop Representative?

There are numerous possibilities for the job description of the OA Representative. The beauty is that it is flexible enough to allow your unit to fine-tune the exact responsibilities. However, the most basic tasks of the representative will be to coordinate service opportunities within the unit, to coordinate unit involvement within the Order of the Arrow, including unit elections, camp promotions, and inductions, and request lodge and chapter resources to help meet unit needs.

Who can serve as the Troop Representative?

Anyone in the unit who is under the age of 18 can serve as the OA Representative for the unit, provided he is a dues paid member of the Order of the Arrow. He should be appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader or Scoutmaster, and will be a member of the Patrol Leaders' Council and attend lodge and chapter meetings.

Will there be an adviser for the Troop Representative?

As with all positions in the Order, the OA Representative should have adult adviser. This adult should be over the age of 21, be a dues paid member of the Order of the Arrow, and be appointed by the scoutmaster.

Job Description, Duties, and Qualifications

OA Troop Representative Job Description

An Order the Arrow Troop Representative is a youth liaison serving between the local OA lodge or chapter and his troop. In his troop, he serves as a communication in programmatic link to the Arrowmen and adult leaders and scouts who were not presently members of the Order. He does this in a fashion that strengthens the mission of the lodge and the purpose of the Order. By sending a good example, he enhances the image of the Order as a service arm his troop.

OA Troop Representative Duties

- Serves as a communication link between the lodge or chapter and the troop.
- Encourages year round and resident camping in the troop.
- Encourages older scout participation in high adventure programs.
- Encourages scouts to actively participate in community service projects.
- Assists with leadership skills training in the troop.
- Encourages arrowmen to assume leadership responsibilities in the troop.
- Encourages arrowmen in the troop to be active participants in the lodge and/or chapter activities and to seal their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members.
- Sets a good example.
- Enthusiastically wears the scout uniform correctly.
- Lives by the Scout Oath, Scout Law and OA Obligation.
- Shows Scout Spirit.

OA Troop Representative Qualifications

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

OA Troop Representative Reports To:

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Who Benefits from the OA Troop Representative Program

Lodge/Chapter

- With an easier camp promotions process, the lodge can increase the number of the units visited, increasing the effectiveness of the program in the Council.
- Eases the unit election process by having a person in the troop whose job is to ensure that elections are held.
- With positive OA leadership on the unit level, lodges will experience greater membership retention and higher brotherhood conversion rates.
- A unit's OA members will have someone to organize transportation to OA events, increasing attendance at chapter/lodge functions.