

OA Troop/Team Representative Resources Newsletter



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Please send a copy of this newsletter to your OA Troop / Team Representative and Troop / Team Representative Advisers. Please share this information with Order of the Arrow (OA) members in your unit. Information in this newsletter is provided to help your unit plan around upcoming OA activities and events.

Troop / Team Representative Advisers, Scoutmasters and Committee Chairs

Reading the [Troop Representative Adviser](#) information will help your Adult OA Troop / Team Representative Adviser and OA Troop Representative include Order of the Arrow ideals and activities in your Troop's program.

Troop / Team Representative Resources

[Troop/Team Program Resources](#)

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Troop Representative Reminders

Announce OA Chapter Meetings at troop meeting.

Help Ordeal Members complete their Ordeals.

Boy Scouts who were elected into the Order of the Arrow (OA) by their troop must complete an Ordeal within one year, in order to become a member of Tonkawa Lodge. Ordeals are held during Spring and Fall Assembly.

Tonkawa Lodge Troop Rep Resources



[Tonkawa Lodge Troop Representative Training](#)

[Tonkawa Troop Representatives Information](#)

[Order of the Arrow Troop](#)

[Representative Training PowerPoint](#)

[Tonkawa Lodge Honor Troop Rep Award](#)

[Tonkawa Lodge Honor Troop Representative Patch Application](#)

[Tonkawa Lodge Troop Representative Report](#)

OA Websites and Social Media Links



Visit The [OA Websites and Social Media Links](#) page.

It provides a list of links to help include the Order of the Arrow ideals and activities in your troop's program.

Spring Assembly (Ordeal Weekend)



May 1-3, 2015

Lost Pines Scout Ranch

Troop Reps - Spring assembly is a great time to renew your ties of brotherhood through cheerful service and fellowship. This is also the time to



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welcome new brothers who have recently completed their Ordeal. If you, or someone you know, has any interest in taking part in service projects, being a ceremonialist / Elangomat, obtaining Brotherhood, or just having fun all weekend, then register for Fall Assembly.

2015 OA High Adventure Programs



Inform Arrowmen in your unit about opportunities to attend National OA High Adventure Programs. OAHA programs begin May 26 and run through July 28, 2015. Become part of this legacy; make an OA High Adventure program part of your summer in 2015.

[OA High Adventure](#)

[OA High Adventure Programs](#)

[Register](#)

2015 Lone Star Fellowship



July 17-19, 2015 | Texas State University

<http://conclave.sr2-3s.org/>

Troop Reps – encourage your Arrowmen to experience The Constant at the 2015 Lone Star Fellowship. #2015LSF

In the first 100 years of the Order of the Arrow only one thing has remained the same. THE CONSTANT. To find out what it is, bring your unit's Arrowmen to the 2015 Lone Star Fellowship, the centennial section conclave of Section SR2-35. Join hundreds of Arrowmen from across Texas in celebrating the centennial anniversary of the OA with expo-style training, competitions, games, shows, and one of only two ArrowTour Stops in Texas. This is a once in a lifetime event you and your fellow Arrowmen don't want to miss.

Upcoming Events

May



Spring Ordeal

Spring Assembly
Lost Pines Scout Ranch

May 1-3, 2015



Upcoming Events

June



[OA High Adventure Programs](#)

May 26 – July 28, 2015



Upcoming Events

July



[2015 Lone Star Fellowship](#)

July 17-19, 2015
Texas State University



ArrowTour



July 18, 2015

Texas State University at
Section Conclave

[ArrowTour](#) is one of three programs that comprise a year-long celebration of the Order of the Arrow's centennial anniversary. In the summer of 2015, four delegations of youth Arrowmen will travel to council camps and Scouting events to bring the OA national centennial experience to Scouts, Arrowmen, and communities throughout the country.

ArrowTour will provide opportunities to reflect, connect, and discover the Order's Centuries of Service, both past and future. Youth leaders from around the country are already hard at work building the ArrowTour program.

The program has been designed for all Scouts, OA members, and non-members alike. Whether a first-year camper or a seasoned volunteer, the ArrowTour program will offer something for everyone.

#ArrowTour | arrowtour.ou-bsa.org | sr2-3s.org/arrowtour

OA Lodge Leadership Development Weekend



August 21-23, 2015 / Lost Pines SR

Become a Lodge Leader. Influence the Lodge's activities for the upcoming year. Discuss the Lodge's future, experience leadership training, and enjoy awesome fellowship!

Fall Assembly (Ordeal Weekend)



Oct 2-4, 2015

Lost Pines Scout Ranch

Fall assembly is a great time to renew your ties of brotherhood through cheerful service and fellowship. This is also the time to welcome new brothers who have recently completed their Ordeal. If



ArrowTour

[Lone Star Fellowship](#)

July 17-19, 2015



Upcoming Events

August



#NOAC2015 noac2015.org

NOAC

Michigan State University

August 1-9, 2015



Upcoming Events

August



Lodge Leadership Development Weekend

August 21-23, 2015

Lost Pines SR



you, or someone you know, has any interest in taking part in service projects, being a ceremonialist / Elangomat, obtaining Brotherhood, or just having fun all weekend, then register for Fall Assembly.

OA Do a Good Turn One Day of Service



November 21, 2015

Project and location to be determined.

Troop OA Reps - invite your Arrowmen to join other Tonkawa Arrowmen for fellowship during the lodge's annual one day of service. Participating helps everyone re-experience [The Story of Do a Good Turn Daily](#) and how an act of service led to creating the Boy Scouts of America. Report service hours to help your unit achieve its [Scouting's Journey to Excellence Goals](#).

OA Vigils

December 12, 2015

May 14, 2016

Tonkawa Lodge Banquet



January 9, 2016

Location to be determined

Invite all your Arrowmen to the Lodge Banquet. This is the Lodge's annual fundraiser. It includes a silent patch auction, displays from chapters and committees, and a closing awards ceremony. During the silent auction, Arrowmen and their guests will bid on Tonkawa Lodge-related patches and other scouting memorabilia. Each chapter and committee typically brings a poster board to showcase what they have done during the past year.

Upcoming Events

October



Fall Ordeal

Fall Assembly

Oct 2-4, 2015

Lost Pines Scout Ranch



Upcoming Events

November

Good Turn

November Service Project

November 21, 2015

Project / Location TBD



Upcoming Events

December

OA Vigil

December 12, 2015



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Awards such as Founders Award, Chapter's Most Valuable Arrowman (MVA), Chapter of the Year, Adviser of the Year, and Arrowman are given to deserving Arrowmen during the awards ceremony. The Annual Banquet is wonderful night of food, fellowship, and fun! Troop / Team Reps should ensure that all their unit's Arrowmen are invited to attend. Guests who are not OA members are welcome.

Report to State

Saturday February 6, 2016

Troop Reps - encourage your unit's Arrowmen to



celebrate Scouting's birthday by participating in Report to State. This is a great opportunity to help everyone remember that the Boy Scouts of America began February 8,

1910 after William Boyce experienced a good turn from an unknown scout in England. Report to State is an opportunity to showcase your troop to units throughout Texas. It is also a service opportunity for Arrowmen to help keep fellow scouters safe. Tonkawa Lodge has provided a safety net for the parade, providing directions, lining up floats and troops, and helping guide people for the past several years. Troop Reps - invite your unit to participate in Report to State and encourage your Arrowmen to share fellowship by being part of the Report to State support team.

OA Ceremony Workshop

February 13, 2016 | Lost Pines SR



Troop Reps - encourage your new Arrowmen to attend the 2016 Ceremony Workshop.

The Ceremonies Workshop is a special opportunity to learn all about Native American traditions, ceremonies, make regalia, and complete your brotherhood. Every Arrowman is invited to attend. This is a fantastic opportunity for Arrowmen to learn about ceremonies, the regalia you wear, the scripts you recite, and the Native traditions you are emulating. Bring your camping gear, and be prepared to

Upcoming Events

January 2016



Lodge Banquet

January 9, 2016



Upcoming Events

February 2016



Report to State

Saturday February 6, 2016



OA Ceremony Workshop

February 13, 2016

Lost Pines SR



Merit Badge University

February 20, 2016

University of Texas



experience a great weekend of fellowship with other Tonkawa Lodge Arrowmen.

Merit Badge University



February 20, 2016 | University of Texas

<http://utmbu.org/>

Troop Reps - introduce the opportunity to teach at MBU to the youth and adult Arrowmen in your unit.

Arrowmen have two opportunities to teach at Merit Badge University.

Youth Arrowmen are invited to teach the **Tenderfoot Program**: Youth must be an Eagle Scout, 16 years old or older, and will be helping out from 8:30 to 5:30 with a 1-hour lunch break at 12:30.

Adult Arrowmen are invited to teach as **Merit Badge Counselors**: You must be 18 and officially registered with the council to be a merit badge counselor.

OA Spring Fellowship

March 19, 2016 - Location TBD

Spring Assembly (Ordeal Weekend)



May 6-8, 2016

Lost Pines Scout Ranch

Spring Assembly attracts the largest number of campers. It is great time to renew your ties of brotherhood through cheerful service and fellowship. This is also the time to welcome your new brothers who have recently completed their Ordeals. If you, or someone you know, has any interest in taking part in service projects, being a ceremonialist / Elangomat, obtaining Brotherhood, or just having fun all weekend, then register for Spring Assembly.

Upcoming Events

March 2016

OA Spring Fellowship

March 19, 2016



Upcoming Events

May 2016



OA Spring Assembly

May 6 – 8, 2016

Lost Pines SR



OA Vigil

May 14, 2016



OA Troop Rep Training

Spring Assembly May 1-3, 2015

Fall Assembly Oct 2-4, 2015

OA Ceremony Workshop

February 13, 2016



Arrowmen Ordeals

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Elangomat

Elangomat means "friend." An Elangomat serves at Ordeals to help new OA candidates complete their tasks at the Ordeal. Ideally, Elangomats should be from the new candidate's troop or chapter. Troop Reps - encourage arrowment in your unit who are already in OA and interested in serving as an Elangomat on staff for an Ordeal the plan on attending Spring and Fall Assembly.

Nimat Program

Troop Reps - introduce the Nimat program to Arrowmen in your unit. Nimat is a program adopted by the Lodge that aims to increase brotherhood conversions and new member retention through youth volunteers known as "Nimats," which means "Brother" in the Lenni Lenape language. The main job of a Nimat is to be a brother to new Arrowmen, to check in on them regularly, to answer any questions they may have about the Order, and to encourage them to attend chapter and lodge events. After ten months, it becomes the Nimat's job to explain to these Ordeal members the importance of brotherhood membership, and to encourage them to seal their membership in the Order. The Brotherhood Recruiting Hat is an award that can be earned by successfully completing the job of a Nimat. Download the [Brotherhood Recruiting Hat Application](#)

OA Dues

**WEAR
the
FLAP,
PAY
the
DUES** Troop Reps - remind all Arrowmen wearing a flap in your troop (including the adults) that they must pay annual Tonkawa lodge dues.
Let them know that Arrowmen that an Arrowmen cannot wear his OA lodge flap and



OA Social Media

[National Order of the Arrow
Chairman Ray Cap](#)

[Order of the Arrow](#)

[OA National Chief](#)

[OA National VC](#)

[OA Arrow Tour](#)

[OA BSA Blog @ Tumblr](#)

[OA Facebook](#)

[OA Google+](#)

[OA High Adventure](#)

[OA Instagram](#)

[OA Pinterest](#)

[OA Section SR 2-3 South](#)

[OA Social Media Policy](#)

[OA Twitter](#)

[OA YouTube](#)

[Tonkawa Lodge 99 Facebook](#)

[Tonkawa Lodge 99 Twitter](#)



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sash, or attend OA functions if his lodge dues are not current.

OA dues contribute to Tonkawa Lodge 99 activities such as service projects, council camp support, youth recognition, and many other activities.

Paying OA dues each year helps support Scouting in the Capitol Area Council and recognize those worthy of joining Scouting's National Honor Society.

Tonkawa Lodge dues are renewed annually. Make sure all the Arrowmen in your unit provide their current contact information when paying annual dues.

Tonkawa Lodge 99 Dues and Membership Contact Information

Membership in Tonkawa Lodge 99 is \$10 per year.

This covers January 1st to December 31st of each year.

Ways an Arrowman can keep his OA membership and contact information up-to-date:

First, complete the [Membership Dues Form](#).

Turn it in at any Lodge event.

—or— Submit it to the front desk at the [Capitol Area Council headquarters](#).

—or— Pay your dues as a unit (see Membership Dues Form for instructions) and included updated contact information for each Arrowman in your Troop.

Arrowmen, if the Tonkawa Lodge does not have your current contact information, you need to send an updated [Tonkawa Membership Dues Form](#) to Herb Keirstead.

Have questions about your Tonkawa Dues or Membership? Contact Herb Keirstead, Associate Adviser of Membership, (512) 736-3163 / hkeirstead1947@gmail.com



Order of the Arrow Websites

[Official National Order of the Arrow web site](#)

[Evolution of OA Sashes](#)

[History of the OA Logo](#)

[OA for Arrowmen](#)

[OA Jumpstart for New Arrowmen](#)

[OA for Scouters](#)

[OA for Parents](#)

[OA for Community](#)

[OA Online Trading Post](#)

[OA Publications](#)



OA Dues

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Attend Monthly District Chapter Meetings



Troop Reps - invite your Troop's OA members to the next District OA chapter meeting. The OA Chapter is the first level that Arrowmen are expected to serve, after our troops. At these monthly meetings, Arrowmen plan ceremonies, decide on service projects, fellowship events, and much more!

Generally, district OA Chapter meetings will be held during district round table.

Times and locations can be found by contacting your Chapter Chief or Chapter Adviser. Their contact Information can be found at the [Chapters](#) page on the [Tonkawa99](#) Website.

Earn the Arrowman Service Award



Registered OA members in good standing with the BSA, CAC, and Tonkawa Lodge will be able to commemorate our organization's centennial by working to complete the Arrowman Service Award. This award, which some are referring to as "the sash patch," will be recognized as one of the few patches that have ever been approved by the national Order of the Arrow committee to be worn on an OA sash.

The purpose of the Arrowman Service Award (ASA) is to encourage Arrowmen to recommit themselves to the ideals of the Order, increase their level of service to their local unit and council, and participate in the 100th anniversary celebration of the OA. The award will have three categories of criteria with various requirements that Arrowmen can complete. These include components on personal growth, service to Scouting, and participation in the centennial celebration. Arrowman can work on the requirements until December 31, 2015. All of the requirements can be found at oa.shac.org#asa.

Earn the Arrowman Service Award



[Earn the Brotherhood Recruiting Hat](#)



[Click and Listen to the NOAC 2015 Theme Announcement](#)



Troop Reps help Arrowmen in your unit be the ripple that makes a difference





Invite newly inducted Ordeal members and their parents to special OA troop meetings to watch the two new videos that were recently uploaded to the [OA's YouTube channel](#). The videos are designed to be shown

to newly inducted Ordeal members and their parents, and feature 2013 National Chief Matt Brown and OA National Chairman Ray Capp. The videos serve as a personal congratulations from some of our national leaders, as well as to give an overview of the organization and to introduce them to some events.

Troop OA Reps Encourage the ARROWMEN in your unit to Sign Up to Receive Information from These Sources

[Sign-up for the OA-BSA Newsletter box at the bottom of the page](#)

[Sign up for the OA Southern Region e-Voice](#) – Click Subscribe Now

[Sign up for SR2-3S's Section Connection](#)

[Sign-up for Tonkawa Lodge emails at Get Email Updates](#)

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