

Topics of Discussion

- What is the OA
- How does a person Join the OA
- What is the OA Troop Representative Program
- What other programs are offered
- What can I find on <u>www.lowwapaneu.org</u>

What is the OA?

- The Order of the Arrow is the National Honor Society of Scouting.
- Its members are elected to join the local lodge by members in their troop.
- We provide Leadership and Service to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council.



How can I recognize a member of the OA?



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What are the Different Honors

- Ordeal
 - Elected by non-members of your age
- Brotherhood
 - Elected by yourself
- Vigil
 - Elected by youth Vigil Member

How do I Join? • Qualifications to join the OA as a <u>Youth</u>:

- 15 days and nights of camping within 2 years of which 6 and only 6 that are used are long term
- First Class Scout
- Under the age of 21
- Elected by at least 50% of the members of a troop present at the election

What are the Election Procedures

- Any youth, under 21, that meets the previous requirements can be place on the ballot for elections.
- The scoutmaster has the right to chose which scouts go on the ballot.
- For the election to occur 50% of all troop members must be present.
- All elections must be scheduled through the lodge; an OFFICAL lodge elections team will be assigned to the election must be present.

What are the Election Procedures

- There is to be no campaigning!
- Any Scout who receives 50% of the votes is elected into the OA.
- Scouts can chose to vote for any number of candidates.
- If a scout, who is new to the unit, cannot make a decision he does not have to turn in a ballot.

How do I Join? Qualifications to join the OA as an Adult:

- 15 days and Nights of Camping within 2 years of which 6 and only 6 are long term
- Over the Age of 21
- The troop must elect a youth member!
- Nominated by the Troop Committee
- Approved by the OA adult selections committee

How do I Schedule an Election?

- Elections in Lowwapaneu are held from January 1st April 15th. They are ONLY permitted during this time.
- Elections request forms must be filled out and turned into the council service center. The forms can be found at the service center or at <u>www.lowwapaneu.org</u>
- You should be contacted at least 1 week prior to your election. If you are not contacted phone the unit election advisor. The advisor's number can be found via <u>www.lowapaneu.org</u>
- To guarantee your election date, it is recommended that you submit the election form early. It is almost impossible to guarantee election dates at later times.

What do I do once elected The Induction Process

- A scout must register for one of the lodge's 2 ordeals. The Ordeals are usually held the first weekend in June and the third weekend in September.
- The Induction contains 4 parts
 - Camping
 - Service
 - Sacrifice
 - Self-Reflection
- There is NO Hazing

What To Do After Election

- It is important to note that a scout <u>must</u> be in attendance at the Ordeal weekend from 7PM Friday until 11 PM Saturday to become a member.
- All recognitions are provided to the scout after breakfast on Sunday. Scouts should <u>always</u> plan on staying through breakfast on Sunday
- There should be <u>NO</u> plans to leave early.

What To Do Once Elected

 Information on required equipment, arrival time, and registration is available at the SSTC or through <u>www.lowwapaneu.org</u>



When is the Induction Process Over?

- When the scout completes his Brotherhood Honor the induction process is completed. This portion of the Order of the Arrow membership is a self-choice. Scouts should <u>Always</u> plan on completing their Brotherhood Honor.
- Ordeal members are eligible for Brotherhood after 10 months of service.
- More information can be found at <u>www.lowwapaneu.org</u>

- Provides the best youth of the council a place to become even better leaders
- Provides the council with service



Wulihan Site at GPSR



Flag Pole Project at GPSR and Acahela



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Council Service Center Improvements

Flag Pole Project at GPSR and Acahela

- Provide additional camping and fellowship to the council.
- Provide service to the council camporees



Fellowship weekend at Acahela



Holiday Banquet

- Promotes all forms of camping in the council
- Provides service to the council cub camping program



OA Program at Summer Resident Camp at Camp Acahela 2004

• Gives boys the opportunity to learn about Native American activities and acquire leadership skills.



One of the Lodges' Ceremonies Teams

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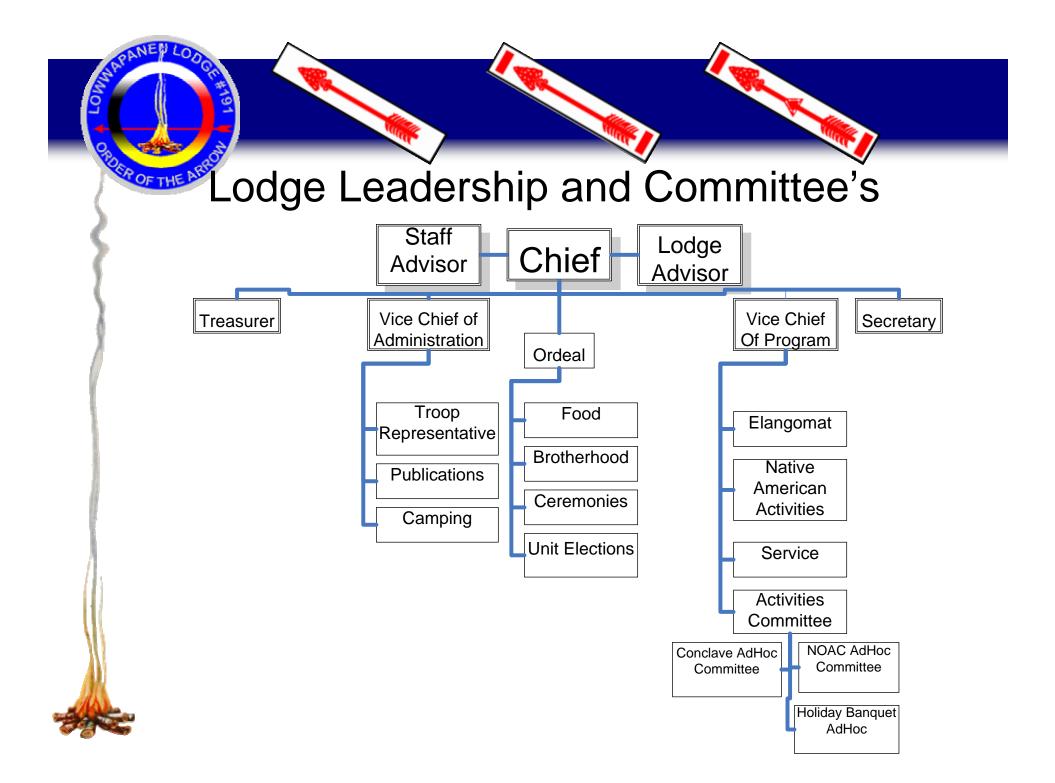
- The lodge gives boys throughout the council the opportunity to come together and perform leadership with some of the top youth leaders in the country.
- On the lodge level we have youth throughout the council.
- Those youth that are interested can get elected to section, region, and national offices.

Lodge Leadership and Committees

- Activities Committee
- Native American Activities
- Camping Committee
- Service Committee
- Food Committee
- Membership Committee
- Publications Committee
- Finance Committee
- Unit Elections
- Elangomat
- Ceremonial
- Brotherhood
- Ordeal Functional Team
- Order of the Arrow Troop/Team Representative Committee

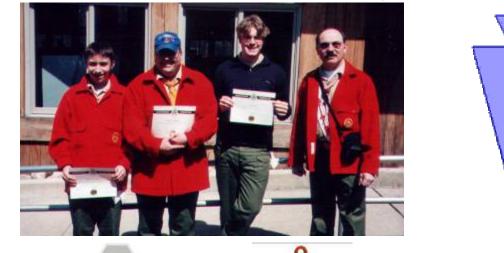


National Service Award



What Does the Lodge Do? Provides Local training to members

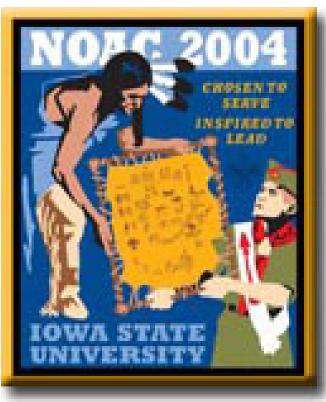
- Staffs council youth leader training staffs
- Sends youth to Regional Training







- Provides opportunities for boys to have National Training
 - NOAC
 - National Training Center



• Promotes Scouting to the Community





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How Can I Get Active?

- Join a committee! Contact the committee chairmen, chief, advisor, or lodge advisor. Information can be found at www.lowwapaneu.org
- Come to a Lodge meeting
 - 4th Wednesday of every month at 7:30 at the SSTC except June, July, and December
 - LEC's: only youth chairman can vote
 - General Lodge Meetings: all youth can vote

What is the OA Troop Representative Program?

- A communications link between the troop and the lodge
- A resource for the troop
- Information dispersal for the Lodge



Who Can Serve as a Troop Representative?

- Anyone under 18 years of age
- Should be appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader
- They become part of the Patrol Leaders Council
- A dues paid member of the lodge



Should There be an Advisor?

- There should be an advisor who is at least 21
- He should be appointed by the scoutmaster
- He should be a dues paid members of the lodge

Benefits for the Troop

- The coordination of the OA calendar with that of the troop will prevent OA members from choosing between OA functions and unit events.
- With the organization of service projects, there will be greater opportunity for community service hours that are required for rank advancement.
- Experienced Arrowmen from other units may share their knowledge and can be sought out by an OA Troop Representative to augment the troop program.
- Creates more opportunities for leadership in the troop for both youth and adults while effectively increasing membership retention

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- Enables the unit to feed back to the lodge regarding the success of the lodge program
- With an easier camp promotions process, the lodge can increase the number of units visited, increasing the effectiveness of this program in the council.
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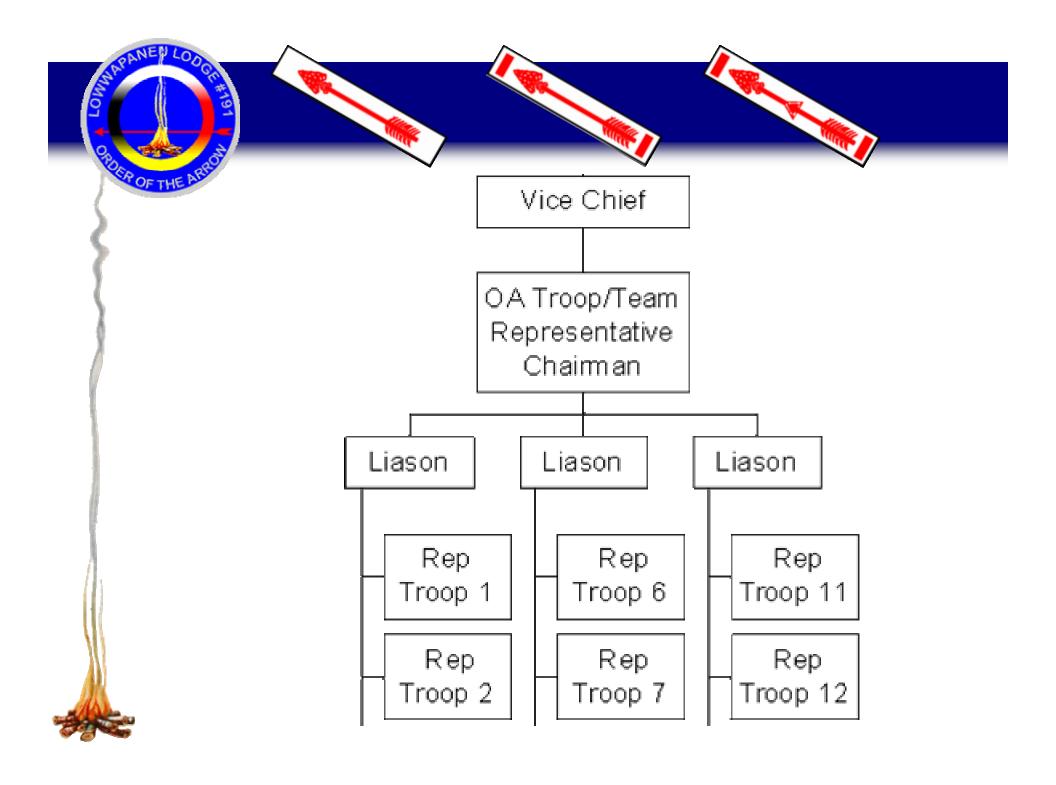
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- With positive OA leadership on the unit level, lodges will experience greater membership retention and higher Brotherhood conversion rates.

Benefits for the Lodge

- A unit's OA members will have someone to organize transportation to OA events, increasing attendance at lodge functions.
- The lodge can obtain unit's reaction to presentations and improve its program to more fully meet the unit needs.
- The lodge will be more aware of the unit's needs and concerns and can better support the unit.



Success

- Ultimate success depends upon the OA Troop Representative Program, being a twoway communication link. Information needs to flow from the lodge to the unit and from the unit to the lodge.
- When successful communications occurs troops share information and resources more readily.

Scout Reach

 The purpose of Scout Reach is to use the resources of the lodge to better the overall council program. Troops that need assistance with specific issues, such as, back packing, first aid, winter camping etc., can contact the lodge to find an expert to come and teach specific lessons.



Are There Any Awards?

- Founder's Award
- Distinguished Service
 Award



 Leadership in Service Award LEADERSHIP IN SERVICE WARD IN OUT OF THE OUT

How Do I Nominate An Arrowman for an Award?

- Fill out the proper forms found at <u>www.lowwapaneu.org</u> and submit them by the appropriate dates.
- Criteria for these awards is listed with the award.
- A youth selection committee comprised of members of all parts of the NEPA scouting program will make selections.

Season Pass

The 2006 Season Pass is <u>\$50</u>, which includes:

 Spring Ordeal 	\$17.00
 Fall Ordeal 	\$17.00
 Holiday Banquet 	\$17.00
 Lodge Dues 	\$7.00
– Total	\$58

ADDITIONAL SAVINGS

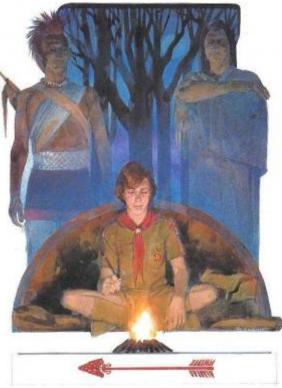
Fellowship Weekend save \$5.00 Conclave save \$5.00

Total Savings for the Year \$18 and you only have to write <u>1</u> check!

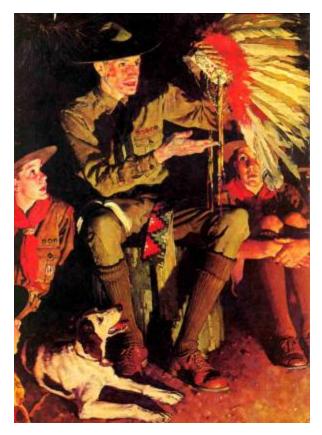


Dues Change!!

 <u>Lodge Dues</u> will be increasing from \$7.00 to \$8.00 per year starting June 1, 2006.



How Can We Serve You Better?





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