

AGAMING MAANGOGWAN



UNIT VISITATION MANUAL 2016



PURPOSE

of the Unit Visitation & Manual

This guide has been developed to provide all Unit Leaders and Order of the Arrow (OA) members in the Agaming Maangogwan Lodge 804 a standardized set of Unit Visitation materials for use when planning and conducting:

- Unit Elections
- Camping Promotions
- Unit of Excellence

This guide tries to be all-inclusive and cover the most common questions associated with the Unit Visitation topics.

Additional questions should be directed to:

- 1) Unit Elections: Administrative Vice-Chief
- 2) Camping Promotions: Service Vice-Chief
- 3) Unit of Excellence: Executive Vice-Chief

Of course, feel free to contact the lodge chief or advisers, too.

Please review the information contained in this guide to ensure that all visitations are in compliance with current OA policy.

Unit Election results that do not follow these policies may be invalidated at the discretion of the Chapter Adviser in coordination with the Lodge Adviser.

The information contained in this guide provides the current national OA policy for youth and adult membership requirements and unit election, camping promotions, and Unit of Excellence procedures.

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Agaming Maangogwan Unit Visitation Unit Contact Log

Unit Number	Date	Contact Name	Contact Number	Comments

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SM Phone Script

Hello, my name is (your name). I am a Boy Scout and Order of the Arrow member.

May I please speak with (Scoutmasters Name).

(Wait for Scoutmaster to get to phone and then introduce yourself again)

This is the time of the year when we contact all the troops to organize their Order of the Arrow Unit Visitations & Elections. This year we would also like to spend a few minutes to go through our:

- Camp Promotion
- Texting Plan and the
- Unit of Excellence Program with your OA Troop Representative

Can I ask you what day you normally meet?

What time?

At what location do you normally meet? Can you give me an address?

When would you like us to come out for the Unit Visitation?

Please remember that at least 50% of the active Scouts on your charter must be present to hold an election.

I would also like to request that you have ballots made up, two for each boy that will be in attendance, with all the names of the eligible Scouts and their address, rank, and phone number.

(Wait for Scoutmaster to acknowledge or agree to provide ballots)

I'm looking forward to our visit. If anything should come up that you would need to contact me phone please call me at (your phone number).

Thanks,

Goodbye

Materials Check-List

- ❑ Full Class A uniform
- ❑ Order of the Arrow sash
- ❑ Directions to meeting location
- ❑ Name and phone number for Scoutmaster
- ❑ Three ring binder with all the presentations
- ❑ Extra paper in case the Scoutmaster did not make up ballots
- ❑ Pencils or pens for youth to use to fill out ballots
- ❑ Unit Election Form – Youth *
- ❑ Adult Nomination Form – Adult *
- ❑ OA Candidate Letter (See special note below!) *
- ❑ Unit of Excellence Form / Checklist (to offer to troop) *
- ❑ Dues Form (to offer to troop) *
- ❑ Big Camporee Form (to offer to troop) *
- ❑ Lodge and Chapter Contact Information Sheet
- ❑ Texting / Communication Form or hand outs
- ❑ Camping DVD & Flash Drive (to offer to the troop)

*** NOTE: All forms are in the last section of the manual and may be copied and passed out.**

REMEMBER: The Scoutmaster may not want to inform the candidates that were successfully elected the night you visit their unit. Leave a copy of the letter with him/her to be distributed with the Ordeal Candidates at the appropriate time. The Lodge will also mail information to the Ordeal Candidate before our Spring Induction.

Lodge Communication / Texting Information

Our Agaming Maangogwan Lodge is trying to create a mass texting blast.

If you want to join our lodge text group, please text

@ agamin to 81010

We will be sending out regular texts reminders especially prior to events.

Meeting with SM just before the meeting What to do; Complete Forms; Etc.

Make sure you are in full Class A uniform with sash!
Remember a firm handshake and to look him/her in the eyes.

Hello, my name is (your name). I am looking for (Scoutmasters name).

(Once you are introduced to the Scoutmaster)

Thank you for hosting us this evening. If you have two minutes right now I would like to discuss the agenda for this evening.

Is your Senior Patrol Leader here yet? Who is your OA Troop Representative?
Would you like to include them in our discussion?

Would you like us to start our presentation and election process after the opening?

If it is all right with you we will present:

- Camping Information
- OA Unit of Excellence process
- Lodge texting plan
- OA Unit Elections (if you have eligible scouts)

Do you have ballots prepared for the election? ***(Take ballots. If he/she does not have them, you will have to make them up with information they provide you.)***

How many active Scouts do you have on your roster?

So you will need at least **(X number of Scouts - 50% of the active Scouts)** in order to have the election. For a youth to be elected he will need votes from 50% or more of the youth in attendance. So if 14 youth show up and you have 28 or fewer active Scouts on your roster candidates will need at least 7 votes.

SM FOLLOW UP PHONE SCRIPT

Hello, my name is (your name). I am a Boy Scout and Order of the Arrow member.

May I please speak with (Scoutmasters Name).

(Wait for Scoutmaster to get to phone and then introduce yourself again)

I wanted to thank you again for allowing the Order of the Arrow to come in and visit your unit.

I also wanted to make sure that you had the information about our first Induction and Service Weekend at Camp Rotary on May 20 – 22nd and check to see if you had any questions.

(Answer any questions that they have. IF you cannot answer their questions, tell them the lodge chief or adviser may have more information. Please give them this contact information found in the front on the “PURPOSE OF THIS MANUAL” page.)

If you think of anything else that you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact me at (give them your phone number and or email)

Thanks,

Goodbye

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PART TWO:

UNIT

ELECTIONS

Requirements
Election Procedures
Youth and Adult Forms
General Q & A
Script
Ordeal Candidate Letter

Membership Requirements

Unit Leader Approval: To become eligible for election, a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout must be registered with the Boy Scouts of America and have the approval of his unit leader prior to the election. The unit leader must certify his Scout spirit (i.e. his adherence to the Scout Oath and Law and active participation in unit activities). The unit leader must also certify that the nominee meets all specified requirements at the time of this annual election.

Youth Membership Qualifications: All members of, or candidates for membership in, the Order of the Arrow who are under 21 years of age shall be considered youth members or candidates for youth membership, subject to meeting the following requirements:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Hold the First Class rank of the Boy Scouts of America, as a minimum.
- After registration with a troop or team, have experienced 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election.
The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.

Candidates for youth membership shall be elected by other youth members in accordance with policies set forth by the national Order of the Arrow committee.

Election of any person under 21 years of age as a candidate for membership shall be based on fulfillment of the youth membership requirements.

Scouts with Special Needs: The Order of the Arrow is committed to including Scouts and Scouters who have special needs because of disability. In the case of special-needs troops, election teams should follow the same procedures, keeping in mind that any Scout who is classified as a youth member of a troop, regardless of age, will be considered a youth (voting) member. All other membership requirements remain the same.

Adult Membership Qualifications: All members of or candidates for membership in the Order of the Arrow who are 21 years of age or older and who are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America shall be considered adult members or candidates for adult membership.

Individuals shall be selected as candidates based on the following:

1. Adult leaders in units:

Each year, upon holding a troop or team election for youth candidates that results in at least one youth candidate being elected, the unit committee may recommend adults up to one-third of the number of youth elected, rounded up where the number of youth candidates is not a multiple of three, to the lodge adult selection committee each year upon holding an election that results in at least one youth candidate being elected.

Adult leaders are defined as any registered member of the Boy Scouts of America who are 21 years of age or older. In addition to the one-third limit, the unit committee may nominate the currently-serving unit leader (but not assistant leaders), as long as he or she has served as unit leader for at least the previous twelve months.

Recommendations of the adult selection committee, with the approval of the Scout executive, serving as Supreme Chief of the Fire, will be candidates for induction, provided the following conditions are fulfilled:

- Selection of the adult is based on the ability to perform the necessary function to help the Order fulfill its purpose, and not for recognition of service, including current or prior achievement and positions.
- The individual will be an asset to the Order because of demonstrated abilities that fulfill the purpose of the Order.
- The camping requirements set forth for youth members are fulfilled.
- The adult leader's membership will provide a positive role model for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge.

Thus the following table will explain the ratio for youth elected and adults nominated:

Number of Youth Elected Number of Adults Nominated*

1-3	Youth Elected	1 adult
4-6	Youth Elected	2 adults
7-9	Youth Elected	3 adults
10-12	Youth Elected	4 adults

**Scoutmaster can be nominated in addition to these numbers adding one more to the total adults nominated.*

ALL ADULT NOMINATIONS *MUST MEET THE CAMPING REQUIREMENTS.*

2. Adult leaders in council and district positions:

The lodge adviser, district chairman, council president, or members of the professional staff may recommend adults to the lodge adult selection committee. Recommendations of the adult selection committee, with the approval of the Scout executive, serving as Supreme Chief of the Fire, will become candidates for induction. All requirements set forth for adult leaders in units must be fulfilled, with the exception of the camping requirements, which may be waived at the discretion of the lodge adviser and Scout executive. Adults may be recommended for membership only one time per year as either unit Scouters or district/council Scouters, but not both. How they are recommended depends on where they maintain their primary registration. Adult members shall be elected to membership at the discretion of the lodge adult selection committee. All members of the Order of the Arrow, both youth and adult, must successfully complete the Ordeal experience and participate in the induction ceremony. Because the Order of the Arrow is principally a youth organization, unit, district, and council Scouters are not elected to membership as a recognition. Election into the Order should take place when the adult's job in Boy Scouting or Varsity Scouting will make Order of the Arrow membership more meaningful in the lives of the youth membership.

Honorary Membership

Honorary membership in the Order of the Arrow is not authorized and shall not be given. Membership in the Order shall be gained only through fulfillment of membership requirements as stated in the official literature of the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America. Visiting Scouts or leaders cannot be given honorary memberships in the Order.

Life Membership

A life membership in the Order of the Arrow is not authorized and shall not be recognized. Membership in the Order of the Arrow requires current registration with the Boy Scouts of America. There is no official or authorized life membership registration status for the Order of the Arrow in the Boy Scouts of America.

Order of the Arrow – *Eligibility Requirements*

Agaming Maangogwan Lodge

General Requirements

- Units can conduct only one election in a calendar year.
- 50% of the active, registered youth must be present to hold an election
- Elections can be held from mid-February through June 1st
OR at summer camp (Rotary)
- Only registered troop youth members under the age of 21 may vote.
- A scout must receive 50% of the votes cast.
- Each voter may vote for any number of candidates on the ballot but can only cast one ballot
- A voter may turn in a blank ballot (indicating a no vote for all eligible candidates.)
- The vote should not be based on a candidate's popularity.
- The unit election should be done by secret ballot.



Youth Requirements:

- Be an active registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Be under the age of 21 at the time of election.
- Be at least a First Class scout.
- Have completed 15 days and nights of boy scout troop camping during the 2-year period prior to the election. This must include one long-term camp of six (6) consecutive days. The 15 days cannot include 2 weeks of summer camp - only one counts. The rest must be overnight, weekend, or other BSA-approved camping experiences.
- Have the approval of the unit leader / scoutmaster

Adult Requirements:

- Adults can only be nominated IF the boy scout troop has conducted a success election.
- Troop committees should conduct an adult nomination AFTER a successful youth election.
- ALL adults MUST be registered members of the BSA AND meet the camping requirements as prescribed for a youth.
- Nominations are forwarded to the Agaming Maangogwan Adult Selection Committee for approval.
- Adults **should not** be recommended for additional recognition but, instead, for their camping and service record in the Boy Scout troop. Honorary memberships are not allowed.
- CHANGES IN 2013 WERE / STAY THE SAME IN 2016
 - Number of adults nominated can be no more than 1/3 of the youth candidates elected
 - The troop may nominate the Scoutmaster. This nomination does NOT count towards the 1/3 limit as long as the SM has been in the position for the past 12 months.
- See the Adult Candidate Nomination Form for details.

Election Procedures

To become a member of the Order of the Arrow a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout is chosen by vote of the youths in his unit. This is a unique feature of the Order since the majority of those who select their candidates for this honor are not members of the lodge. However, lodge members in the unit have a vote as well as nonmembers. In this way membership is controlled by the youths in their own units and not by those who are already Arrowmen.

It is important that the members of the unit have the membership requirements properly explained to them.

Registered Active Member

In Boy Scout troops and Varsity Scout teams, every registered active member of the unit under age 21 at the time of election is eligible to vote.

A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout who carries a current national membership card and participates in at least some unit activities during the year is considered to be a registered active member of the unit. For example, a youth away at college who participates in some unit activities when home, such as a campout, camporee, or occasional unit meeting, should be considered a registered active member. A youth who moves away or drops out of the unit because of other interests would not be counted in the registered active membership figure.

Unit Election Procedures

1. The lodge will determine the time of year unit elections will be held and should inform unit leaders of this by mail well in advance. Lodges are encouraged to complete all unit elections prior to their troops/teams going to summer camp. This ensures that the maximum number of troop/team members can be present to vote in the election. Elections are not to be held in Venturing crews or Cub Scout packs.
2. The lodge, through the unit elections committee, should work with the unit leader in establishing the actual time and place to conduct the election. The Order should be represented by a two or three member team from the lodge or chapter. All election team members must be trained and in proper uniform during the election.
3. Before the election, the OA team must secure from the unit leader verification that at least 50 percent of the registered active unit membership is present. If at least 50 percent is not present, an election cannot be held. The number of

registered active members and the number present are entered in the spaces provided on the unit election report form. If the unit leader is an Arrowman, he may explain to the group the purpose of the Order of the Arrow and the basis upon which candidates should be selected, and describe the method of election. If the unit leader is not a member of the Order, a member of the OA team should make this presentation with the unit leader's consent, demonstrating that election leadership is a cooperative effort of the unit leader and the OA team.

4. The unit leader provides a list of all registered active members of the unit who meet all eligibility requirements, including attitude and participation. The names of these members are entered on the report form and the unit leader signs the certification.
5. A voter may list on his ballot any combination of names, including all eligible candidates who he believes are worthy to become members of the Order of the Arrow.
6. Elected Youth:
 - All eligible youths who receive votes from at least 50 percent of those who turn in ballots are elected.
 - If no one is elected on the first ballot, a second vote may be held immediately, and the result of this vote will be final for the year.
7. The OA team can conduct the election following the unit elections ceremony found later in this guide. If the election team uses an alternate ceremony, it should be sure to stress the following points:
 - Select the candidates who, in your opinion, have set the best examples of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.
 - Vote only for those you believe will continue in unselfish service to your troop/team.
 - If you feel that no one is worthy, turn in a blank ballot.
 - If you are new in the unit and do not know the candidates well enough to vote wisely, you may abstain by not turning in a ballot at all; this will not affect the final result.
 - Youths eligible for election also vote, and they may vote for themselves if they feel they are worthy.
8. When the voting is finished, the OA election team counts the number of ballots turned in, and enters the numbers on the unit election report.
9. The OA team determines the minimum number of votes one must receive to be elected, as follows: If the number of ballots turned in was even (2, 4, 6, 8, etc.),

divide this number by two. If the number of was odd (1, 3, 5, 7, etc.), add one and then divide by two. The number of votes a youth must receive to be elected is entered on the report form.

10. The votes are counted in private by the election team and the unit leader to determine who has been elected. All votes count equally. If at least one has been elected, this result is final. If no one is elected, the OA team announces this fact and states that the unit will now be given the opportunity to vote again. Time is allowed for further explanation of the purpose of the Order and the election procedures, and for any questions. (No information about the votes received by candidates is to be revealed at any time.) The second ballot is then held immediately, and if the unit still elects no one, this is the final result for the year's election. The OA team places a check mark next to the names of those who have been elected.

Announcement of Results

As soon as the election is completed, the unit leader may or may not choose to announce to the entire unit the names of members who have been elected. Names and addresses of the newly elected candidates must be forwarded to the lodge records adviser. Candidates will be called out at the earliest possible time, either at a summer camp, a camporee, or a special ceremony. If possible the unit leader should inform the election team of his desired public call-out ceremony. The election form has a section to put this information.

The names and addresses (plus additional information that the lodge feels is necessary) are listed on the election report form. OA team members sign the form and mail it to the specified address.

Candidate Status

After election, a Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or adult remains a candidate until completion of the Ordeal and Ordeal ceremony. If this period of candidacy exceeds one year, the candidate's name will be dropped. To become a candidate again, they must be reelected. The executive committee of the lodge may extend the one-year limit between election and induction if a candidate is ill or there are other unusual circumstances.

YOUTH UNIT ELECTION FORM

ADULT RECOMMENDATION FORM

See back of the manual for forms.

General Q & A

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the camping requirement for membership?

A: As Scouting's national honor society of campers, the Order of the Arrow requires that each youth and adult candidate have fulfilled the following in order to be eligible for election: After registration with a troop or team, have experienced fifteen days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The fifteen days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.

Q: How many youth must be present to hold an election?

A: At least half of the registered active youth in a unit must be present before a unit election can be held.

Q: Can the unit leader prevent a youth candidate's name from being placed on the ballot?

A: Yes. To become eligible for election and have their name placed on the ballot, youth members must have the approval of the unit leader. The unit leader must certify prior to the election a candidate's Scout spirit (i.e., his adherence to the Scout Oath and Law and active participation in unit activities). The unit leader must also certify that the nominee meets all specified requirements at the time of the annual election.

Q: Can a unit leader remove a candidate's name after the election?

A: No. The unit leader should remove a candidate from consideration for election to the Order of the Arrow prior to the election being held. This is why the unit leader certifies, prior to the election, that the candidates have Scout spirit and that the nominee meets all specified requirements at the time of the annual election. Unit leaders should not take a "wait and see" approach where candidates that do not have their approval (or may be questionable) are placed on the ballot to wait and see whether their peers elect them.

Q: Can OA members from the unit where the election is being held conduct the election?

A: The Agaming Maangogwan Lodge encourages the use of election team members from other units. This can prevent possible conflicts of interest during the vote count as well as demonstrate that the OA extends beyond the Troop or Team. OA members from the unit the election is being held in may conduct the election if no other arrangements can be made.

Q: Can a unit use pre-printed ballots?

A: Yes. However, care must be taken to ensure that all candidates' names appear on the ballot. Excluding a candidate's name and having it "written in" during the election should be discouraged since this may

prevent a fair opportunity for this candidate to be elected. If it is discovered that an eligible candidate's name is missing from a pre-printed ballot, blank ballots should be used instead.

Q: Can “All of the above” or “None of the above” be included as choices on a ballot?

A: Yes. The only requirement that is in national OA policy along these lines is that “a voter may list on his ballot any combination of names, including all eligible candidates who he believes are worthy to become members of the Order of the Arrow”. “None of the above” votes should be treated as blank ballots for the purposes of counting. Ballots should not be presented that ask the voters to select candidates which they do not want to elect. Agaming Maangogwan Unit Election Guide – Rev. 20150120 Page 5

Q: Can Unit Elections be held in Venture Crews?

A: No. Unit Elections can be held only in Boy Scout Troops and Varsity Teams under current national OA policy. However, members of Venture Crews can be elected to the Order of the Arrow through a Troop or Team in which they are registered. The same youth and adult membership requirements apply.

Q: Are the young ladies in the Venture Crew eligible for election into the OA?

A: Current OA National Policy is that to be eligible as a youth (all members under age 21), a candidate must be registered in the Boy Scouts, hold at least the rank of first class, and fulfill the camping requirements. This means that female youth Crew members (under age 21) are ineligible. They may be elected once they are an adult (21 or older) through the adult nomination process.

Q: How many adults can a Unit recommend to the lodge adult selection committee?

A: The unit committee may recommend adults up to one-third of the number of youth elected, rounded up where the number of youth candidates is not a multiple of three, to the lodge adult selection committee each year upon holding an election that results in at least one youth candidate being elected. Adult leaders are defined as registered members of the Boy Scouts of America who are 21 years of age or older. In addition to the one-third limit, the unit committee may nominate the currently-serving unit leader (but not assistant leaders), as long as he or she has served as unit leader for at least the previous twelve months. The adult nominations must still meet the same camping requirements as the youth.

Q: Can adult leaders be recommended at the district or council level?

A: Yes. The lodge adviser, district chairman, council president, or members of the professional staff may recommend adults to the lodge adult selection committee. All requirements for adult leaders in units must be fulfilled, with the exception of the camping requirements, which may be waived at the discretion of the lodge adviser and Scout executive.

Unit Election Script

OA Member A:

Fellow Boy Scouts, the Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society. Its purpose is to recognize and honor those campers who best live up to the Scout Oath and Scout Law in their daily lives and to guide them in expanding the service that has made them outstanding.

The Order promotes Scout camping and maintains camping traditions and spirit. It emphasizes that the good Scout camper is not only skilled in Scoutcraft, but also true to the ideals of Scouting and its tradition of the daily Good Turn.

The only way a Scout can become a member of the Order of the Arrow is to be elected for this honor by the members of his unit. To be eligible for election, a youth must fulfill the camping requirement, hold the First Class rank, and be approved by the Scoutmaster.

After being elected, the Scout must complete the Ordeal, which is a series of tests of his sincere dedication of the high ideals of Scouting and the Order. If he is faithful in performing the tests, he takes a solemn pledge of service and is admitted into the Order. A long period of self-improvement and service then follows.

The lodge flap and the distinctive sash identifies a scout as a member of the Order of the Arrow. They are symbols of service. Our lodge has its own activities and projects, but our program does not replace the member's responsibility to his unit. Indeed, each Arrowman is expected to give richer service to his own troop or team in return for the honor his unit extended to him.

American Indian lore is an attractive sideline in our Order. Indian dances and ceremonies add color to our program of service, and members often make Indian lore their hobby. However, one does not need American Indian attire or skill in American Indian lore to become a valuable member of the Order of the Arrow. Scouts, you will elect representatives to our brotherhood of cheerful service, and we are here to assist you in the election. All registered active members of this troop or team, except those 21 or older, are entitled to vote. All those who receive votes from at least half of those who turn in ballots are elected. The number of

candidates you elect will depend on how your votes agree with votes of other members of your unit.

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Before we announce the names of those eligible and begin the election, are there any questions?

OA Member B:

The following members of this unit have met the camping and advancement requirements and are eligible for election, as certified by your unit leader. Will you stand and form a line over here as your names are called?

(Point out a place to line up and read the list slowly. Arrange the candidates in a line facing the voters at the place indicated; the line can be semicircular if the eligible group is large. Write each name on the chalkboard or flip chart as called).

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Scouts, on the ballot you will be given, print the first and last names of the candidates who, in your opinion, have set the best examples of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

Vote only for those you believe will continue in unselfish service to your troop. If you feel that no one is worthy, turn in an unmarked ballot. If you are new in the troop or team and do not know the candidates well enough to vote wisely, you may abstain by not turning in a ballot at all, and this will not affect the final result.

Those eligible for election also vote, and they may vote for themselves if they feel they are worthy.

The names of the eligible candidates are listed on this chalkboard (flip chart, poster, etc.)

When you are finished, fold the ballot only once and give the pencil and ballot to any member of the election team.

(Distribute election ballots and pencils.)

(Collect ballots and pencils. Count the votes in private with the unit leader.)

OA MEMBER A:

Scouts you have completed a successful election. The results will be known at a later date.



ORDEAL CANDIDATE LETTER AND REGISTRATION FORM SEE BACK OF THE MANUAL!

PART THREE:

CAMPING

PROMOTIONS

MCC Boy Scout Summer Camp Opportunities
OA Provisional Summer Camp Weeks
High Adventures & OA High Adventure
Lodge Big Camporee

MCC Boy Scout Summer Camp Opportunities

Not all summer camps are created equal and we have four amazing Boy Scout Resident Camps scattered across the state of Michigan with totally different opportunities. From fantastic opportunities for Scout to earn merit badges along their advancement trail, to offering some of the most premier programs in the nation like; horseback and ATV riding, to pistol shooting and tubing—our camps have what you're looking for!

Cole Canoe Base

Welcome Home to Cole Canoe Base! Set right next to the Rifle River, Cole Canoe base has over 130 canoes on its property and is known for offering Scouts some of the best canoeing in Michigan. Choose your adventure from a list of opportunities ranging from our 1/2 day excursion to our 50-miler Canoe trek. And of course, where there's water there's fishing, tubing (rump bumping in Cole speak), swimming and just sitting back and listening to the sounds of the river.

D-A

Since 1950, D-bar-A-Scout Ranch has been providing quality scouting experiences for Scouts, Schools, and Churches from Southeast Michigan and around the Midwest. D-bar-A is located about an hour north of Detroit, MI. The ranch consists of over 1,700 acres of wilderness, 3 lakes, a herd of horses, cattle, and other livestock, 28 heated cabins, and 13 tent sites. Program facilities also include a 32 foot climbing tower, Lonesome Pines Boy Scout Shooting Center (Rifle, Shotgun, and Archery), Robert Morrison Cub Scout Shooting Center (BB Gun and Archery), Nature Center, Bouldering Wall, and 11 miles of hiking trails.

Gerber Scout Camp

Come discover Gerber, set on 851 acres of beautiful west Michigan forest and get ready to experience rank advancement as well as some very unique program. Our Eagle Quest at Gerber is like non other, offering the first year and many of the second year campers their first step toward Eagle. Looking for something unique for your older Scouts? On site at Gerber, Scouts can participate in the skilled trades area where they can earn merit badges like; welding, metalwork and farm mechanics.

Rotary

Camp Rotary offers a wide variety of innovative programs each summer and welcomes Scout Troops from both in and out-of-state each summer. Camp Rotary boasts perhaps the most beautiful waterfront of any Scout camp and has specialty programs for older Scouts and first year campers alike. Always one of the most popular areas in camp is the dining hall where tasty, well-balanced meals are served family style. Premiere Shooting Sports Ranges, COPE, Climbing and Rappelling, our new high-tech M.A.D.E. area, an all-new family carnival on Wednesday night, and modern shower houses make Camp Rotary an ideal camp for any Troop!

OA Provisional Summer Camp Weeks

WHAT: Provide Provisional Youth and Adult Leadership for ONE Summer Camp “Troop”

- Create a Provisional Troop
- Youth who do not attend camp with their scouts and/or leaders
- Lodge provides: Two qualified adults
- Lodge Provides: Two qualified youth
- One week at Boy Scout Resident Camp

WHEN: One week of Camp during the 2016 Season

- | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------|
| ▪ Agaming Maangogwan | – D-bar-A | - Week 3 | Starting 7/3/2016 |
| ▪ Kishahteck | – Gerber | - Week 4 | Starting 7/3/2016 |
| ▪ Nataepu Shohpe | – Cole | - Week 1 | Starting 6/12/2016 |
| ▪ Noquet | – Rotary | - Week 6 | Starting 7/24/2016 |

WHERE: All four operating Boy Scout Resident Camp in 2016

WHY: Provide a summer camp opportunity for other scouts

- Those who cannot attend camp during the troop’s traditional week
- Those who may want to attend another camp or another camp week

HOW: Lodge would provide qualified adult and youth supervision

For More Information, contact:

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Service VC	Zack Smith	(810) 689-7633	zacks2014@yahoo.com
Lodge Adviser	Tom Stoppa	(989) 354-8054	stoppat@hotmail.com
Associate Adviser	Brian Clegg	(248) 255-7991	brian.g.clegg@gm.com

High Adventures & OA High Adventure & NLS

HIGH ADVENTURE OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE ORDER OF THE ARROW

WILDERNES VOYAGE: CHARLES L. SOMERS CANOE BASE

The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage program is an experience like no other. For two weeks, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience all that the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in northern Minnesota has to offer.

The first week of the program is spent giving back to the Boundary Waters through portage trail restoration work. The second part of the program is a trek planned by the crew. From the 8-1/2 mile "Grand Portage" leading to Lake Superior, to the Height of Land, even the pictographs on Fishdance Lake, crews have done and seen all in the Boundary Waters.

TRAIL CREW: PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

The Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program is one of the best ways to experience Scouting's premier high adventure base, Philmont Scout Ranch. For two weeks, participants see and experience all that Philmont has to offer and much more.

For the first week, participants have the chance to make a significant difference to Philmont by participating in trail building in the backcountry. The second week of the program is spent experiencing Philmont in its finest. Unlike regular treks, Trail Crews make their own itinerary, instead of selecting from pre-planned routes. You can do and see just about anything, from the Tooth of Time to Baldy Mountain, your crew decides!

OCEAN ADVENTURE: FLORIDA SEABASE

The Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure is a unique opportunity to experience the programs at the Florida Sea Base, while providing a new type of service to the Atlantic Ocean. In a two-week period, participants will complete PADI SCUBA certification, as well as interact with undersea wildlife like no other Scouts do.

For one week, participants will undergo intensive SCUBA certification in preparation. Arrowmen will also provide meaningful service to the staff of the Florida Sea Base, and enjoy fun in the Florida sun while brushing up on their volleyball skills. The second week of OAOA is spent using the SCUBA certification to its fullest extent. Participants will spend their time taking wildlife samples in the Florida Keys, performing island restoration and other meaningful projects to the surrounding area.

OPERATION ARROW

The National Order of the Arrow

Serves the 2017 National Jamboree

After a record-setting national conference in 2015, the Order of the Arrow will again seek to make history with Operation Arrow at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree.

To continue a tradition that dates back to the 1950 National Scout Jamboree, over 750 youth Arrowmen will answer the call to serve as part of Operation Arrow - the largest jamboree staff team ever assembled by the Order of the Arrow!

Operation Arrow staff members will support the jamboree program by joining one of three primary OA program areas: the Service Corps, the Trek Guides and the Indian Village.

The summer of 2017 seems like a long time away, but planning for the next national Scout jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR) is already well underway. The Order of the Arrow will continue to release information about Operation Arrow staff opportunities and how to become involved in the coming months.

We hope you will join us for what is sure to be the experience of a lifetime, as a part of Operation Arrow at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree!

Part ONE: Service Corps – the 18th time the OA will serve at the National Jamboree

Part TWO: Trek Guides – acting as daylong guides and providing program enroute

Part THREE: Indian Village – Re-creating a Native American village at the turn of the 19th Century with demonstrations, storytelling, etc.

Check out the National OA website for details and registration.



National Leadership Seminar – NLS

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend training program focusing on leadership development. Run by the Region Chief and his Advisers, it provides an in-depth look at leadership skills and techniques. An NLS discusses how these skills can be applied in your role in the OA and in other aspects of your life.

The NLS program is offered several times a year at various locations in each region. Scheduled dates are given on the National OA Program Calendar, and are published in the Order of the Arrow's *National Bulletin*.

In 2016, the dates and places include:

- **When:** February 19 - 21
- **Location:** Rochester, IN

You can learn more about NLS at <http://central.aa-bsa.org/program/nls/>

If you are interested in attending an NLS, please contact the Lodge Chief or Adviser for details.

To register, contact to Mr. Brian Clegg and be ready to:

- Pay the initial \$50 non-refundable fee (The lodge picks up the other \$145.00 fee.)
- Complete the Section Scholarship form (within 30 days of attendance)
- Complete the NLS commitment (i.e. about 3 months following the event)
- Receive \$25.00 back if the section and commitment forms are completed.

As one Arrowman described his NLS experience:

"I just returned from one of the greatest leadership courses around. The NLS course is a winner..."

"I didn't even get out of the room after the second or third session before I was putting the new knowledge to use. The use of movie clips to drive home points of leadership works well..."

"The Staff for the training was excellent. We were privileged to have our National Vice-Chief, the Region Chief, and several Section Chiefs and various members of the National OA Committee. A great staff."

"Well, I have now been given more useful tools to use to help the Arrowmen in my Council improve themselves and the Lodge. I feel a little less nervous about my own position...."

"If and when you get the chance to attend a NLS, GO!"



PART FOUR:

UNIT OF EXCELLENCE

Back Ground & Purpose
Requirements
Recognitions

OVERVIEW: Unit of Excellence

I. Background & Purpose of the Award

As the primary platform where the Scouting program is delivered to youth, the unit is the most vital and important level of the BSA for the Order to support.

The Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence Award seeks to identify those units, and the leaders within them, who excel at incorporating the OA into their annual planning. This award is intended to provide a tool for lodges to recognize, incentivize, and operationalize unit-level participation in Order of the Arrow programs.

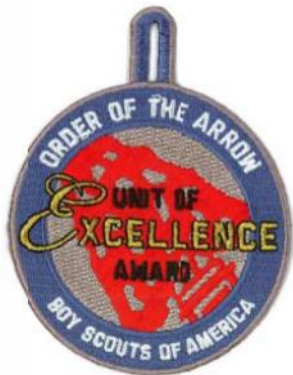
The OA Unit of Excellence Award criteria recognize units that invite the lodge to conduct quality unit elections, participate in lodge events and meetings, and operate a complete OA Troop/Team Representative program. Our hope is that units that complete these criteria will benefit from the support programs that the Order of the Arrow has implemented to strengthen unit-delivered program. This recognition program, along with other tools for unit support, should be distributed and promoted to Scoutmaster/Coach, OA Troop/Team Representatives and Advisers, and chapter election teams to include in communication to units.

II. Award Requirements

Units must complete all of the requirements listed below in order to be eligible as an Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence. If all requirements are completed, the unit receives a ribbon for their troop/team flag, per annum. In addition to the ribbon, the award system has built in recognitions for the key players in each unit responsible for creating a strong Order of the Arrow culture in the unit. These awards are available for the following three positions:

- Scoutmaster/Coach
- Troop/Team Representative (TTR)
- Troop/ Team Representative Adviser
(Assistant Scoutmaster or Assistant Coach Designee)

REQUIREMENTS: Unit of Excellence



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The Unit of Excellence Award also contains recognitions for key players in the Unit who help build a strong OA program there: Scoutmaster, Troop OA Representative, and Troop OA Representative Adviser.

Requirements – Please complete and provide written descriptions on the provided lines.

_____ **1. Leadership** - Every six months, ensure that the senior patrol leader (Troop) appoints or reappoints one Scout to serve as Troop OA Representative and the Scoutmaster appoints one adult to serve as Troop OA Representative Adviser. Feature an annual presentation at a Court of Honor by the Troop OA Representative on the Order of the Arrow with a focus on the accomplishments of unit members.

_____ **2. Participation** - At least 50% of unit OA members attend a Lodge event other than their Ordeal

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Scoutmaster: _____ OA Troop Rep: _____

MAIL IN BY November 1st, 2016 TO:

RECOGNITIONS: Unit of Excellence

1. Order of the Arrow Scoutmaster/Coach of Excellence:

Lead your unit in earning the OA Unit of Excellence Award three times during your tenure as Scoutmaster/Coach.

2. Order of the Arrow Troop/Team Representative of Excellence:

Lead your unit in earning the OA Unit of Excellence Award during your tenure as a Troop/Team Representative (six months of service minimum).

3. Order of the Arrow Troop/Team Representative Adviser of Excellence:

Advise at least two Troop/Team Representatives towards earning the OA Unit of Excellence Award during your tenure as Troop/Team Representative Adviser.

Note: The OA Troop/Team Representative Adviser (Assistant Scoutmaster or Assistant Coach Designee) is a new, official BSA adult position of responsibility that has been created in conjunction with this award. Its purpose is to create the role for an adult to guide the youth TTR and be a 'voice of the Order' at the adult level in the troop/team structure. Patches for these positions can be purchased through the BSA Supply Division at your local Scout Shop.



AWARD DESIGN FORMAT: UNIT OF EXCELLENCE

Units and unit leaders selected to receive the Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence Award will be recognized as follows:

OA Unit of Excellence Troop/Team flag ribbon, patches, and certificates:

Ribbons, recognition patches, and certificates can be ordered for your lodge's Units of Excellence by filling out the order form and mailing it in to the national office at the following address: Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079.

Units will be recognized by the lodge at the annual Winter Banquet.

Unit can recognize themselves at Courts of Honor or District Dinners / Camporee.

Use the National OA Website to download and submit forms: <http://oa-bsa.org/pages/content/printable-forms#lodge>

PART FIVE:

ON-SITE FLIP PRESENTATION

Troop Welcome

Unit Elections Process & Script

Camping Opportunities

Offer DVD (we can mail) or Flash Drive to copy

Unit of Excellence: Purpose and Requirements

Lodge Communication / Mass Texting Plan

WELCOME to the ANNUAL OA UNIT VISIT!



AGAMING MAANGOGWAN

INTRODUCTION of ARROWMEN

INTRODUCTIONS OF OA *Scouting National Honor Society*

OA's 4 PURPOSES: *Recognize Others* *Promote Camping*

*Develop Leadership Skills
Serve Others*

OA ACHIEVEMENTS in '15

Contributed \$18,000 to Scout Camps

Inducted over 170 new members

Supported NYLT

Donated over \$6,000 to FOS – CAMPERSHIPS – JAMES WEST

Sponsored some district camporees / klondikes

Completed over 5,000 hours of service

Fundraised over \$10,000 for Juvenile Diabetes

Hosted Cub Scout Arrow of Light & Cross Overs

Served at the Centennial NOAC at MSU

Earned Gold Level Status JTE

TODAY'S MAIN TASKS

Hold a Unit Election (if eligible scouts)

Review Camping Opportunities

Discuss: OA UNIT OF EXCELLENCE Award

Promote Lodge Mass Communication / Texting Plan

FIRST: Hold a Unit Election

Determined eligible scouts with SM

Reviewed the process with SM / SPL

Completed paperwork

Conduct the Election / Script Follow / Remember:

- *Select the candidates who set the best examples of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service*
 - *Vote only for those you believe will continue to serve your troop/team*
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- *Youths 20 and younger may vote and may vote for themselves if they feel they are worthy*

ELECTION SCRIPT

OA Member A:

Fellow Boy Scouts, the Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society. Its purpose is to recognize and honor those campers who best live up to the Scout Oath and Scout Law in their daily lives and to guide them in expanding the service that has made them outstanding.

The Order promotes Scout camping and maintains camping traditions and spirit. It emphasizes that the good Scout camper is not only skilled in Scoutcraft, but also true to the ideals of Scouting and its tradition of the daily Good Turn.

The only way a Scout can become a member of the Order of the Arrow is to be elected for this honor by the members of his unit. To be eligible for election, a youth must fulfill the camping requirement, hold the First Class rank, and be approved by the Scoutmaster.

After being elected, the Scout must complete the Ordeal, which is a series of tests of his sincere dedication of the high ideals of Scouting and the Order. If he is faithful in performing the tests, he takes a solemn pledge of service and is admitted into the Order. A long period of self-improvement and service then follows.

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- Camping Opportunities
- Unit of Excellence Information
- Lodge Mass Texting plan

SECOND: Camping Opportunities

1. MCC SUMMER CAMPS

- Still sign up for Cole – Gerber – D/A - Rotary

2. OA PROVISIONAL SUMMER CAMP

Attend Camp **WITHOUT** your troop with an OA Unit

- | | | | |
|----------------------|---------|----------|---------------|
| ■ Agaming Maangogwan | D-bar-A | - Week 3 | Starting 7/3 |
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| ■ Noquet | Rotary | - Week 6 | Starting 7/24 |

3. 2017 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

- Summit Bechtel Reserve
- Over 35,000 Scouts
- Water and Woods Council Boy Scout Troop
- Over 10 Days in Late July
- See the MCC Website to Sign-up
-ALSO you could . . .
- Order of the Arrow Service Corps: *Operation Arrow*

4. HIGH ADVENTURE

- Council Philmont Crew
- OA High Adventure
 - Partial week of service and partial trek
 - Partial Cost; Can attend on-own

5. BIG CAMPOREE

- Northwoods Scout Reservation
- June 3 – 5th
- \$20 / person (include 4 meals & program)
- ½ Day of Camp Service; ½ Day of Fellowship
- Sign-up on the Water and Woods Site

CAMP – CAMP – CAMP!

**THIRD:
UNIT OF EXCELENCE**

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Please complete the form and turn in during the Fall of 2016!!

FOURTH: LODGE TEXTING PLAN

Our Agaming Maangogwan Lodge is creating
a mass texting blast

To join, please text

@ agamin to 81010

We will be sending out regular text reminders.

PLEASE

PAY YOUR 2016 DUES

Go on-line

or complete the form

COMPLETE ELECTION:

OA MEMBER A:

Scouts you have completed a successful election.

(IF the SM / SPL want the results known, do so.

OR, the troop will let the members know at a later time.)

Remember:

- Complete all election forms & paper work
- Pass out the Spring Induction Form to the SM or Candidates.
- Offer a Camping Opportunity DVD (to keep)
- Offer a Camping Opportunity FLASH DRIVE (to copy)
- Pass out forms . . .

- Dues
- Spring Induction
- Big Camporee
- Other
- Thank Scoutmaster
- Mail form to Record's Adviser / Barry Jensen
- Other

THANK YOU!!!



**PART SIX:
AFTER THE
VISIT
&
RESOURCES**

FOLLOW-UP

- Complete UE Paperwork
- Offer DVD (we can mail)
- Offer Flash Drive to copy
- Offer OA Candidate Letter
- Offer Dues Forms if needed
- Offer Big Camporee Flyer
- Offer Unit of Excellence Form
- Thank SM
- Turn UE info into Barry Jensen ASAP
- Call SM afterwards

- Unit Election Forms

Ordeal Candidate Letter

Agaming Maangogwan



ORDEAL

Order of the Arrow - Scouting's National Honor Society

Spring 2016

Dear Ordeal Candidate,

Congratulations! Your fellow troop members have elected you for candidacy in the Order of the Arrow! Your election shows that your fellow scouts believe that you live by the high ideals of the Scout Oath and Law. You may now begin a new journey -- one that will test your loyalty to the ideals to which you have pledged your honor.

If you choose to continue, your next step is to freely and willingly endure an Ordeal within one year. You may complete the Ordeal at the 2016 Spring Induction weekend. You will be helping set-up camp and also completing other camp work projects. Be sure to bring work cloths and work gloves!

The cost for you as an Ordeal Candidate is \$48.00. This includes the one-time Induction Fee (of \$28.00) plus the weekend fee (of \$20.00). The Induction Fee covers a lodge flap, Ordeal sash, OA Member Handbook, and dues for the first year PLUS a new Brotherhood sash a year from now when you complete the Brotherhood in 2017. A registration form is enclosed or register on-line. Directions to camp can be found on-line, too.

Bring regular camping gear you would normally use for a troop weekend including a sleeping bag and ground cloth, tent, work clothes & gloves, raincoat or poncho and other personal items such as shirts, pants, shorts, towel, toilet kit, water bottle, and day pack. Please eat before coming on Friday night and arrive in full scout uniform between 6:30 pm & 7:30 pm. Closing ceremonies begin at 9:30 am on Sunday. Departure is immediately following (around 10:00 am).

Bring a COPY of your BSA Health Form Parts A (Health History) & B (Consent Form). If you need one, check out the website. Your parents are welcome to attend the parent meeting on Friday night at 8:15 pm and the closing ceremonies at 9:30 am on Sunday.

If you wish to take the Ordeal this SPRING, you are expected to attend the weekend in its entirety – from Friday's registration through Sunday's closing. Check with your scoutmaster or other Order of the Arrow members and car pool to the Induction Weekend. If for personal reasons you cannot attend the spring, Fall Induction Weekend is scheduled for September 11 – 13th at Silver Trails Scout Reservation near Jeddo, MI.

PLEASE BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR EARLY ONLINE REGISTRATION! See the link at the Michigan Crossroads Council site – Click on Programs – Click on Order of the Arrow – Scroll and Click on Agaming Mangogwan – Scroll and click on Spring Induction and Service Weekend. Or, use the link: <http://michiganscouting.org/agamingmaangogwan-lodge-water-and-woods-field-service-council/>

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us. Once again, congratulations on your election. We hope to see you at one of the lodge's Spring Induction Weekends!

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ORDEAL CANDIDATE REGISTRATION FORM

AGAMING MAANGOGWAN

Loon Feather on the Shore



ORDEAL

Come and join the *BROTHERS* of AGAMING MAANGOGWAN lodge at the Spring Induction Weekend! May 20th - 22nd, at Camp Rotary near Clare, Michigan

During the Induction weekend, the lodge will be inducting YOU into the ORDER of the ARROW!

The ORDEAL CANDIDATE cost for the weekend is \$48.00

Fee covers a patch, lodge flap, Ordeal sash, OA Member Handbook, and dues through December 2016, PLUS a new Brotherhood sash a year from now!!

Remember to register and pay at least ONE WEEK in advance – by Thursday, May 12th, 2016!

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Bring some extra cash for flap patches, pins, hats, books, other patches, etc. We have a variety of items from which to choose from OUR LODGE TRADING POST!! You'll want some of these!

For answers to your questions or more information, contact:

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Agaming Maangogwan 2016 INDUCTION WEEKEND (office use only 23712655) ORDEAL CANDIDATE

Name _____ Troop / Crew Number: _____
Address _____ City / Zip Code: _____
Youth / Adult: _____ ORDEAL CANDIDATE MEMBER
Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

MAY 20th-22nd: Camp Rotary – Clare, Michigan

You may pay by check or money order or register with a credit card on-line at: <http://www.michiganscouting.org/WaterandWoods/OA/>

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Regular Ordeal Candidate Fee = \$48.00. Please register by Thursday, May 12th!

Mail to: Water and Woods FS Council / 5001 Eleven Mile / Auburn, MI 48611-8512

Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence Award



The Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence Award seeks to identify those units, and the leaders within them, who excel at incorporating the OA into their annual planning. This award is a tool for lodges to recognize, incentivize, and operationalize unit-level participation in Order of the Arrow programs. The OA Unit of Excellence Award criteria recognize units that invite the lodge to conduct quality unit elections, participate in lodge events and meetings, and operate a complete OA Troop Representative program.

The Unit of Excellence Award also contains recognitions for key players in the Unit who help build a strong OA program there: Scoutmaster, Troop OA Representative, and Troop OA Representative Adviser.

Requirements – Please complete and provide written descriptions on the provided lines.

_____ **1. Leadership** - Every six months, ensure that the senior patrol leader (Troop) appoints or reappoints one Scout to serve as Troop OA Representative and the Scoutmaster appoints one adult to serve as Troop OA Representative Adviser. Feature an annual presentation at a Court of Honor by the Troop OA Representative on the Order of the Arrow with a focus on the accomplishments of unit members.

_____ **2. Participation** - At least 50% of unit OA members attend a Lodge event other than their Ordeal

_____ **3. Elections** - Hold an annual OA Unit Election and have 100% of those elected complete their Ordeal

_____ **4. Planning** - Review the local OA calendar with the Patrol Leader's Council during annual troop program planning and schedule unit events so that 100% of troop programs do not overlap with any full-lodge events.

_____ **5. Conversion** - Demonstrate the depth of your unit's OA program through Brotherhood conversion by having at least 30% of eligible unit members complete their Brotherhood

Scoutmaster: _____ OA Troop Rep: _____

**MAIL IN BY November 1st, 2016 TO:
Bev Chapman; 10546 Henderson Road; Corunna, MI 48817; 810-636-5239**

If you wish to receive awards, complete & mail in the on-line form to national (www.oa-bsa.org)

- Individual Patches: <http://oa-bsa.org/uploads/resources/forms/unitexcellenceawardform.pdf>
- Unit Ribbon: <http://oa-bsa.org/uploads/resources/forms/unitexcellence-lodgeribbon.pdf>

AGAMING MAANGOGWAN 804

ORDER OF THE ARROW – WATER AND WOODS FIELD SERVICE COUNCIL

2016 Dues Form

The 2016 Lodge Dues of \$10.00 **an arrowman are NOW DUE!** For those who did not pay during the last year, we ask you to pay the \$15.00 fee -- \$5.00 for reactivation of your membership and \$10.00 for your 2016 dues.

For those elected who completed your Ordeal this past year, your 2015 dues were included in the Induction Fee. However, YOU MUST PAY the regular \$10.00 dues fee for 2016.

Arrowmen, please remember the OA lodge flap you wear on your uniform indicates you are a "current" dues paying member of our Honor Society. The biggest reason to pay dues is to remain an active member. As an active member, you will have the opportunity to become a Brotherhood or Vigil Honor member, attend events, help with official service projects, run for youth positions and seek leadership roles & opportunities in the lodge.

Our Lodge also supports many other activities that are part of our purpose of providing cheerful service to others. Your dues are used to support chapter programs, continue communications, maintain ceremonial outfits, pay for youth leadership trainings, help with camp improvements, and support other council programs.

PLEASE NOTE: Gold Plan members MUST pay your dues. The \$15 incentive still applies, but counts towards the activity fees, not the 2016 Dues.

THANK YOU in advance for supporting your OA lodge and Water and Woods Field Service Council!

Agaming Maangogwan 2016 DUES (office use only 23712651)

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____
HOUSE NUMBER STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Home Phone: () _____ Home E-mail: _____

Work Phone: () _____ Work E-mail: _____

BSA ID #: _____ MEMBERSHIP STATUS: Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil

Unit #: _____ Type: Pack Troop Crew Post Ship Team (check primary)

Chapter / District: _____

Negwegon - Thunderhead District; Japeechen - Shoreline District; Anishinabek - Heartland District; Nising Ojibway - Ojibway District;
Midechinij - Thumb District; Washetauni - Chief Okemos District; Toppi-Kittan - Rivers North District; Amochel Chitquen - Blue Star District; Ma'liangan - Blue Water District

Check the box(s) for best communication methods for you:

Email Home Phone Cell Phone Mail Facebook

Use the council website at:

<http://michiganscouting.org/agamingmaangogwan-lodge-water-and-woods-field-service-council/>

Or, you may pay by check or money order and mail to:
Water and Woods Council / 5001 Eleven Mile Road / Auburn, MI 48611-8512

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Join Scouts and Arrowmen from Around the Water and Woods Council!

THE BIG CAMPOREE!



June 3 - 5, 2016

Northwoods Scout Reservation

Cost: \$20.00 / Scout

ALL 4 Meals included!!

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Registration:

- Use the On-line Water and Woods Site to Pre-register:
<http://www.michiganscouting.org/waterandwoods/>
- Early Bird Fee of \$20 / person includes all four weekend meals
- Regular Fee of \$30 if paid AFTER Thursday May 26th
- Registration Closes (due to activity plans & meal count): Monday, May 30th

What's Included in the Fee:

- Four cooked meals served in the Meijer Dining Hall
- Afternoon & Evening Program Activities
- Saturday Night Luau & Fellowship
- Silk Screening – BRING a T-SHIRT or other item to Screen
- Special Unit Token
- Great working spirit towards Northwoods to help in Saturday morning projects!
- Fellowship for all Scouts and Scouters around the council!

What's Not:

- Activity Patch (we are screening t-shirts and passing out tokens instead)
- Dirty faces and hands (though this may happen)
- Adult assistance AFTER you win the Hawaiian Limbo contest!

Check-in:

- Friday Night, June 3rd, Starting at 6:30 pm at the Camp WELCOME CENTER
- Check-out is on Sunday morning

Health Forms:

- Required, as usual. Please keep with you in your unit.
- Arrowmen registering ALONE will need to turn one in upon check-in at the WELCOME Center.

Camping Information:

- Troops will be camping in the traditional Northwoods Campsites. Some troops may have to share sites.
- Arrowmen arriving alone will be assigned campsites, too.
- Troop Equipment: Regular gear for a camporee weekend MINUS the cooking equipment. Remember – three meals on Saturday AND Sunday Breakfast are included in the fee.
- Ground Fires: Allowed in the campsite fireplace containers. Please follow BSA policies.
- Water – Available at campsite latrines

Personal Gear:

- Work Clothes & Gloves are needed for Saturday Morning projects. All will be assigned a task.
- Play Clothes (i.e. scout shorts & activity shirt) are needed for Saturday Afternoon activities.
- BSA Uniform is needed for Friday & Saturday Night.
- OA Sash IF you are an Arrowman
- Extra T-Shirts can be brought to silk screen.
- Luau Outfits such as Hawaiian Shirts and Grass Skirts are STONGLY encouraged!

Friday Night Plans: General Gathering (for all) & Vigil Ceremony (for Vigils ONLY!)

Saturday Morning Plans: Camp Service Projects. All will be assigned a task.

Saturday Afternoon Plans: Games, Silk Screening, Loon Ball, Etc.

Saturday Evening Plans: Luau, Campfire and Ceremonies. Have your troop skit ready!

Sunday Plans: Breakfast, Scouts' Own Religious Service, Closing, Departure

OA Involvement: Vigil Ceremony, NEW Brotherhood Ceremony, NOAC Meetings

Trading Post / OA Memorabilia:

- You may purchase most of the OA memorabilia items available for sale in the Trading Post.
- OA profits are returned to Scouting.
- Over \$10,000.00 was given back to Scouts, Camps, Camperships, NYLT & the Council in '15!

For More Information, Contact:

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