



NISQUALLY LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW

OA Unit of Excellence

Unit Type & Number: _____ Unit District: _____

Unit Leader: _____ Committee Chair: _____

OA Scouter Rep.: _____ OA Youth Rep.: _____

1. Leadership:

During or directly following unit leadership elections, ensure that the senior youth leader appoints one Scout to serve as the OA Representative and the adult unit leader appoints one adult to serve as unit OA Representative Adviser.

Feature an annual presentation at a Court of Honor by the 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 at least one lodge event in addition to their Ordeal.

3. Elections:

Hold an election and have 70% of elected unit members complete their Ordeal. OR if no members are eligible, hold a OA unit visitation.

4. Planning:

Review the OA calendar with core Leadership during all major program planning meetings and schedule unit events so that 75% of unit programs do not overlap with any Lodge or Section events.

5. Brotherhood:

At least 33% of eligible members seal their membership in the Order by obtaining Brotherhood at a Lodge or Chapter event.

Signed off by Youth OA Rep: _____ Date: _____

Signed off by Scouter OA Rep: _____ Date: _____

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As the primary platform where the Scouting program is delivered to youth, the unit holds a position of utmost importance and significance within the structure of Scouting America. It is considered the most vital and crucial level for the Order of the Arrow to support and engage with. Recognizing this critical role, the Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence Award aims to identify and honor those units that truly excel in seamlessly incorporating the Order of the Arrow (OA) into their annual program activities and operations.

The criteria for the OA Unit of Excellence Award are designed to acknowledge and celebrate those units that actively invite their local Lodge to conduct quality unit elections. These units also demonstrate their commitment by participating in lodge events and meetings, and by operating a comprehensive OA Representative program. The underlying hope and intention of this award are that units meeting these criteria will reap the benefits of the support programs that the Order of the Arrow has thoughtfully implemented. These programs are specifically designed to strengthen the unit-delivered program, providing additional resources and support to enhance the overall Scouting experience.

Units have the opportunity to earn the OA Unit of Excellence Award on an annual basis. This recognition comes with a flag ribbon that is presented by OA members at one of the unit's general meetings or during a Court of Honor. Moreover, the unit's achievement will be formally recognized and listed at the annual Lodge Banquet, further highlighting their exceptional involvement and dedication.

It is important for units aiming to receive this esteemed award to submit the required form by December 1st or earlier each year. This deadline allows the Order of the Arrow to appropriately acknowledge and reward those units that have demonstrated outstanding commitment to incorporating the OA into their Scouting program.



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