



PA - HIN LODGE

# ORDER OF THE ARROW

Dear Parents;

Congratulations! Your scout has been elected as a candidate for the Order of the Arrow, the National Honor Society of the Scouting America. Organized in 1915 to recognize honor campers, the purpose of the Order of the Arrow is to recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition; to promote camping, to develop leaders, and to crystalize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Candidates for the Order of the Arrow are chosen not only for what they have done, but also for what they are expected to do in serving the welfare of others. Because your scout was selected for candidacy by the unique method of being elected by their peers, we are sure that they are well worthy of this honor.

Your scout's first opportunity to become a member of our Order of the Arrow lodge, Pa-Hin, will be May 8-10 at Camp Wilderness, May 15-17 at Heart Butte, or August 7-9 at Camp Wilderness. These weekends will offer a unique opportunity for them to reflect on their personal commitment to the principles and purposes of the Order of the Arrow. The weekends are undertaken by every new candidate and is a meaningful and inspiring experience that will not soon be forgotten. More information on the induction weekends were sent to your scout after their initial election.

Induction in the Order of the Arrow will open many new doors for your scout. Our lodge participates in many events every year. In addition, the Order of the Arrow provides some of the most valuable youth leadership training and opportunities available. These opportunities will build upon the knowledge they already have received during their Scouting experience. This is truly an exciting time for you and your scout. Your encouragement will be appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning the Order of the Arrow or visit the National OA website at [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org) or our Lodge website at [www.pahinlodge.org](http://www.pahinlodge.org). Thank you for your support of your scout and of Scouting.

Yours in Scouting,

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