

# UNALI'YI LODGE # 236

## Order of The Arrow Boy Scouts of America



Dear Parent(s),

Hello, and congratulations! Your Scout has just been inducted as a member of The Order of the Arrow, Scouts BSA's National Honor Society. For those who have never been a part of our organization, sometimes there are questions regarding what the Order of the Arrow is and what the Ordeal is all about. The Ordeal (induction) is a unique Scouting experience where a scout is physically, spiritually, morally, and mentally challenged. It provides them time to reflect on how brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service play a role in the Scout's daily and Scouting lives. The induction weekend is completed in a series of tests that help the candidate learn about the three principles that are cornerstones of our organization: Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. Through this opportunity, your Scout will continue developing a future of unselfish service to their community and troop.

Our purpose 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.
- Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience in their unit and communities.
- Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit, and ability to advance the activities of their units, our brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.
- Emphasize and develop the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Other than service, a significant aspect of the OA is to develop leaders. The Order of the Arrow is a youth-run, youth-led organization, just like your Scout's home unit is. Our program offers an enriching, more in-depth opportunity to lead on a larger scale. Committee positions are perfect for new ordeal members, as they will work alongside the help of an experienced adult advisor; committee members can grow as leaders while serving the Lodge! Here are some ways your Scout can get involved in our Lodge Executive Committee (LEC)

### **Committee Chairmen Positions**

Within the LEC, we have 20 committees, each with a unique job that services the Lodge. A single youth chairman often runs a committee and sometimes additional youth. Here are some examples of the committees!

#### **Activities Committee**

- The activities committee works with the Vice Chief of Program to brainstorm, create, and run the games and competitions for our fellowship events.

#### **Website Chairman**

- The website chair updates and adds new articles and news to our Lodge Website (Site236.com). Work alongside the lodge chief and website advisor.

#### **Chaplin**

- Our Chaplin creates chapel services, prints out flyers, and then hosts all our services at lodge functions.

#### **Patch Committee**

- This committee updates our next function patch! The patch committee works with the lodge chief to design our patches!

These are just a few of many other positions available; visit our lodge website at [site236.com](http://site236.com) for more positions.

## **Chapter Leadership**

Like the Council, our Lodge is split up among districts, which we call Chapters. A Youth Chapter Chief and adult advisor runs each chapter. A chapter chief is elected by their chapter at a lodge function or chapter meeting. The responsibilities of a chapter chief are to host chapter meetings, preferably at least every other month, and to encourage your chapter to attend lodge functions. Chapters can have meetings, service projects, events, and campouts. Talk to your Chapter Chief about getting involved at the chapter level!

## **Lodge Officer Positions**

The Lodge is run by the Lodge Chief and four youth officers. Youth members of the Lodge elect all at our Spring ordeal, and their term lasts one year. Here is some info on each position.

### **Lodge Chief**

- The chief runs the Lodge Executive Committee and is responsible for hosting and planning Lodge Functions—a council board member accountable for giving updates at board meetings.

### **Vice Chief of Program (VCP)**

- The VCP works with the program committees (Activities, ceremonies, dance/singing, etc.). The VCP also helps plan activities, shows, and events for functions.

### **Vice Chief of Administration(VCA)**

- The VCA works with administration committees (publications, website, membership, etc.) and communicates with chapter chiefs.

### **Treasurer**

- The treasurer updates and enforces the lodge budget. Runs the camp trading post at functions and facilitates check-in at functions.

### **Secretary**

- The secretary writes the agenda and minutes at LEC Meetings. Facilitates Check-in at functions. Updates information in Lodge Master.

There are endless ways for your Scout to get involved in the OA; these leadership positions will create valuable skills and lifelong friends. For any more information about ways to get involved or questions, contact the lodge chief at [Chief@site236.com](mailto:Chief@site236.com). Six months from now, your Scout will be able to seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow by accepting the *Challenges of Brotherhood Membership* (included in the induction fee). Scouts should reference their OA Handbook to prepare for these challenges or look on our lodge website for other Brotherhood resources. Please encourage your Scout to complete this Honor when they become eligible. If you have any questions or concerns, contact me at [chief@site326.com](mailto:chief@site326.com). Once again, I congratulate you and your Scout on their induction as lodge members.

Yours in Scouting,  
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