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Lodge & Troop Relationship

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Troop / Team Enrichment

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- **Session Objectives**
 - **Better understanding of the OA Troop/Team Representative**
 - **Know the resources available**
 - **How to better use the OA Representative in your Lodge and Chapter**

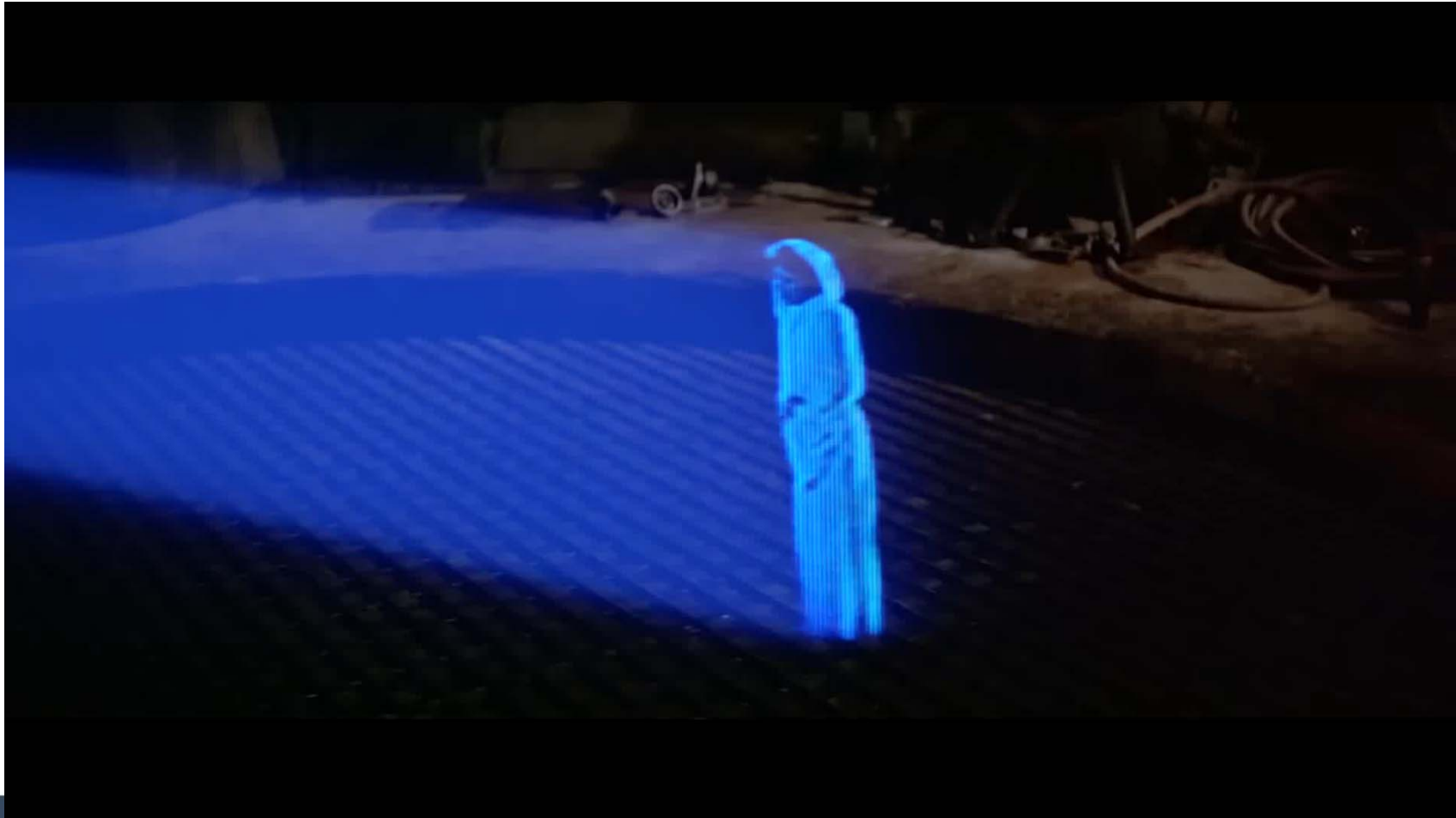


Cell Mission

- When you were elected in to the Order of the Arrow, you were chosen by your fellow scouts as one who best exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life.
- Your unit, troop or team, has asked you to be the Order of the Arrow Representative for those same reasons.
- This Leadership position is the best place for you to help your unit grow and to also impress other members to want to become involved in the Order of the Arrow.
- These 3 sessions will allow you to better understand the history and purpose of the OA Rep, your responsibilities, and how to work with your unit to help them provide a better program by being a successful OA Unit Rep.



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What?

- What is the OA Troop / Team Representative?
 - The Troop Representative program was begun in 1999, and is a program of the Order of the Arrow that has been officially adopted by the Boy Scouts of America. The OA Representative is an official leadership position within the troop, and boys can earn time towards their leadership rank requirements, just as with Den Chief, Troop Scribe, or any of the other leadership positions.



Responsibilities

- What are the responsibilities of the Troop/Team Representative?
 - There are numerous possibilities for the job description of the OA Representative. The beauty is that it is flexible enough to allow your unit to fine-tune the exact responsibilities. However, the most basic tasks of the Representative will be to coordinate service opportunities within the unit, to coordinate unit involvement with the Order of the Arrow, including Unit Elections, Camp Promotions, and Inductions, and to request lodge and chapter resources to help meet unit needs. The Representative should provide feedback to the Lodge/Chapter as to the success of their initiative.



Who?

- Who can serve as a Troop/Team Representative?
 - Anyone in the unit who is under the age of 18 can serve as the OA Representative for the unit, provided he is a dues-paid member of the Order of the Arrow. He should be appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader, and will be a member of the Patrol Leaders' Council and invited to attend lodge and chapter meetings.



Adviser?

- Will there be an Adviser for the Troop Representative?
 - As with all positions in the Order, the OA Representative should have an adult as his Adviser. This adult will be over the age of 21, be a dues-paid member of the Order of the Arrow, and be appointed by the Scoutmaster.



No Rep?

- What if a troop does not appoint an OA Troop Representative?
 - The Troop Representative is a troop position and is therefore up to the unit to adopt and use the program. If the unit does not wish to appoint a Representative, the lodge and chapter should encourage the units to utilize the program by pointing out the benefits to the troop and team.



Recognition?

- What recognition is available for OA Troop/Team Representatives?
 - There is a troop position patch available. Lodges and chapters are encouraged to develop recognition similar to what they use for other lodge and chapter officers and committee chairs.



Duties?

- What are your duties?
 - Attends troop and chapter or lodge meetings regularly as a youth representative of the troop and Order.
 - Serves as a two-way communication link between the troop and the lodge or chapter.
 - Arranges with the lodge or chapter election team to conduct an annual Order of the Arrow election for the troop at a time approved by the Patrol Leaders Council.
 - Arranges with the lodge or chapter for at least one camp promotion visit to the unit annually.
 - Makes at least one high adventure presentation to the troop, to include the OA programs, annually.
 - As requested by the SPL, participates in Troop Courts of Honor by recognizing: high adventure participation of troop members, induction of new OA members, changes in OA honors of troop members, leadership of troop members, and other appropriate activities.



Duties, continued...

- Coordinates the Ordeal Induction process for newly elected candidates by: ensuring they know the time and location of the Ordeal, providing information of what to bring to the Ordeal, assisting (as needed) in arranging transportation to the Ordeal, and offering assistance (as needed) to the lodge in the Ordeal process.
- Assists current Ordeal members in the troop in sealing their membership by becoming Brotherhood members by: ensuring they know the time and location of Brotherhood opportunities, assisting (as needed) in arranging transportation to the Brotherhood opportunities, and offering assistance to the lodge (as needed) in the Brotherhood process. He may also, at the discretion of the PLC, offer periodic training and discussions of OA principles, symbolism, and the Legend as needed by and appropriate for the troop members of the Order.
- Leads at least one troop service project for the community or charter partner during the year. May also serve, at the discretion of the PLC, as the troop's service chairman.
- Assists the troop (as appropriate) as a trainer of leadership and outdoor skills.
- In all cases, advocates environmental stewardship and Leave No Trace camping.
- Sets a good example by: wearing the Scout uniform correctly, showing Scout spirit, and living by the Scout Oath, the Scout law and the OA Obligation.



Information Flow...

Lodge Chapter to Unit

Lodge/Chapter
Calendars

Unit
Elections/Camp
Promotions

Service Project
Opportunities

Invites to Ordeal
and Brother
Weekends

OA Rep
Registration

Encourage OA
members to be
Active



Information Flow...

Unit to lodge/chapter

Does unit camp monthly?

Does unit attend long-term camp?

How about High Adventure?

Does the unit need help with outdoor program?

Does the unit need help with training?

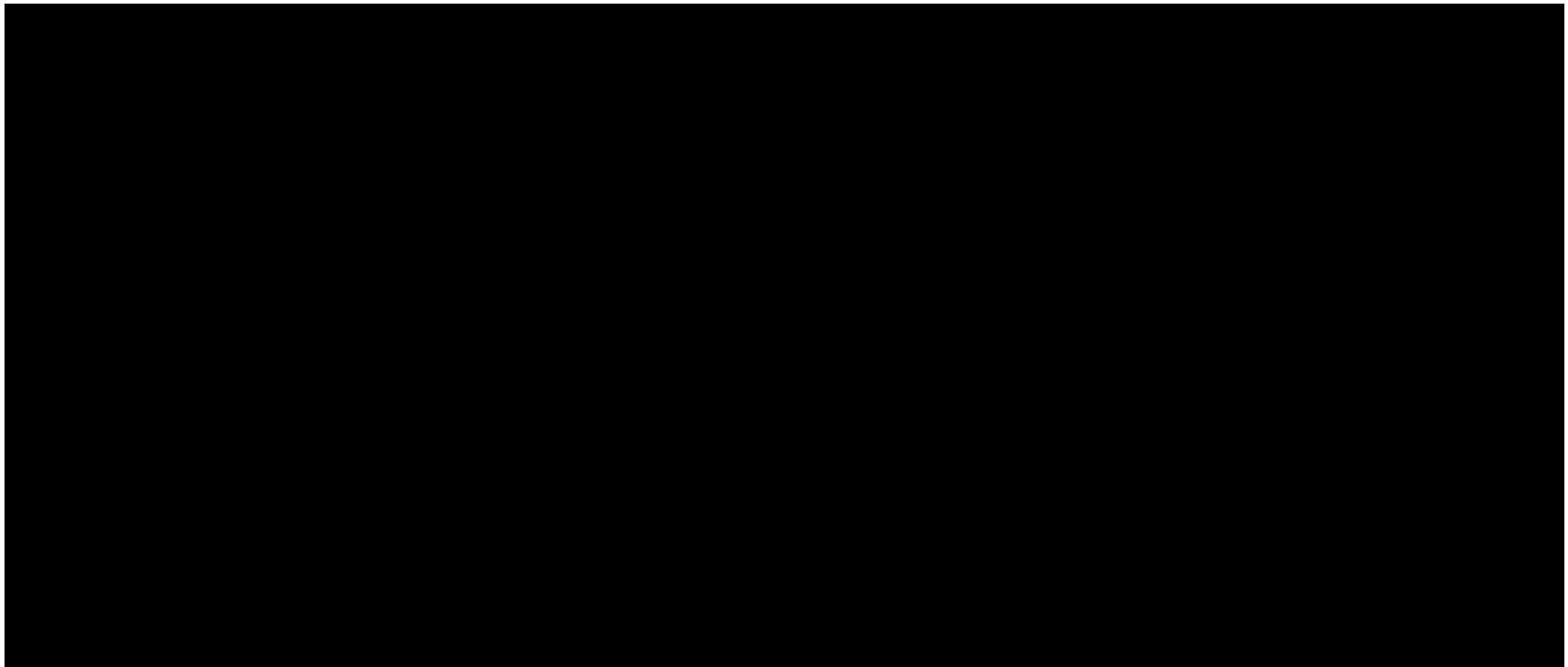
Does the unit participate in Lodge/Chapter functions?

Gives OA Rep Name to Lodge/Chapter

Gives Feedback on Units Reaction to OA Functions



How can your lodge Better use the OA Rep?



Break outs!

- Talk about your scenario
- Come up with ways to use the OA Unit Rep to help unit succeed
- Report back in 15 minutes



Resources



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Resources from the bSA

- BSA Program:
 - Boy Scout Handbook
 - Scout Fieldbook
 - Senior Patrol Leader guidebook
 - Junior Leader Training syllabus (NYLT application or announcement?)
 - Scoutmaster Fundamentals (for training advisers)
 - Boys Life
 - Scouting Magazine
 - Boy Scout Troop Program Features, Vol. 1-3
 - World Wide Web: www.scouting.org
 - Merit Badge Books
 - Passport to High Adventure
 - Varsity Scout Leader Guidebook
 - Your District Roundtable



Resources from the OA

- OA Program:
 - Order of the Arrow Handbook
 - OA Guide for Officers and Advisers
 - Chapter Operations Guide
 - Lodge Advisers Handbook
 - OA Field Operations Guide
 - Newsletters (National Bulletin; Region, Section, Lodge newsletters)
 - Lodge Planbooks
 - Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) syllabus
 - People (advisors you meet at lodge meetings)
 - Membership rosters
 - Journey to Brotherhood pamphlet
 - World Wide Web: www.oa-bsa.org
 - Your Chapter



That's a Wrap

- **Do you ...**
 - **Have a better understanding of the OA Unit Rep Program?**
 - **Know some of the resources available?**
 - **Know how to better use the OA Unit Rep in your Lodge and Chapter?**

- **Time for a Break...**





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