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COLEMAN OUTDOOR ADVENTURESHIPS

The Order of the Arrow has been given an exciting opportunity! In honor of Scouting's 90th anniversary, the Coleman Company has committed to help fund the cost of an outdoor experience for 90 Scouts from throughout America. And Coleman has asked the Order to take the lead in selecting those recipients.

I have enclosed with this operations update the Outdoor Adventureship packet which includes a Lodge Administration Guide (Instructions), Scout Application, Troop Information Form, and Press Release. The Scout application and troop information form will need to be photocopied and distributed to every troop and team in your council. Completed applications and information forms will then be returned to the local council service center for pooling a lodge nominee.

ORDER OF THE ARROW TROOP/TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

The National Advancement Committee recently approved a proposal of the Order of the Arrow for a new youth leadership position within the troop and team of OA Representative. The OA Troop/Team Representative will be a youth liaison serving between the OA lodge or chapter and his unit. In his unit, he will serve as a communication and programmatic link to and from Arrowmen, adult leaders, and Scouts who are not presently members of the Order. He will do this in a fashion that strengthens the mission of the lodge, purpose of the Order, and the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.

This new position can be used by a Scout in a troop or team to meet the leadership position requirements for the Star, Life, and Eagle ranks. National BSA Supply will have the new OA Representative leadership shoulder patches for sale after October 1, 1999.

The job description, duties, and qualifications of the OA Troop and Team Representatives are enclosed with this operational update.

NEW OA CEREMONY BOOKS

New Order of the Arrow ceremony books for the Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Honor are now available from National BSA Supply. These books contain new movement diagrams and additional coaching and staging instructions. The use of Elangomats in the Ordeal is now fully incorporated in the ceremony.

The new ceremony books have been printed in an 8 1/2 by 11, three hole punched format which should be more user friendly. All three books have also been given new covers.