



What Is the OA Troop 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 now an official leadership position within the troop or team, and boys can earn time towards their leadership rank requirements, just as with Den Chief, Troop Scribe, or any of the other leadership positions.

What Are the Responsibilities of the Troop Representative?

There are numerous possibilities for the job description of the OA Representative. The beauty is that it is flexible enough to allow your troop to fine-tune the exact responsibilities. However, the most basic tasks of the Representative will be to coordinate service opportunities within the troop, to coordinate troop involvement with the Order of the Arrow, including Unit Elections, Camp Promotions, and Inductions, and request lodge and chapter resources to help meet unit needs.

Who Can Serve as a Troop Representative?

Anyone in the unit who is under the age of 18 can serve as the OA Representative for the troop, 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 attend lodge functions.

Does This Position Count for Rank Advancement?

Scouts may use the OA Troop Representative position to meet the leadership position requirements for the Star, Life, and Eagle ranks.

How can I get the Badge of Office?

The OA Troop Representative badges of office are available from the Council Service Center. A troop must have a registered OA Troop Representative before a badge may be purchased. Please do not try to bypass the registration process. If you do not have a currently registered OA Troop Representative then the program will not be benefiting your Troop. Register using the form enclosed with this sheet or email the requested information to OATroopRep@alibamu.org

Job Description, Duties and Qualifications

OA Troop Representative Job Description:

An Order of the Arrow Troop Representative is a youth liaison serving between the local OA lodge and his troop. In his troop, he serves as a communication and programmatic link to the Arrowman and adult leaders and Scouts who are not presently members of the Order. He does this in a fashion that strengthens the mission of the lodge and purpose of the Order. By setting a good example, he enhances the image of the Order as a service arm to his troop.

OA Troop Representative Duties:

- Serves as a communication link between the lodge and the troop.
- Encourages year round and resident camping in the troop.
- Encourages older Scout participation in high adventure programs.
- Encourages Scouts to actively participate in community service projects.
- Assists with leadership skills training in the troop.
- Encourages Arrowmen to assume leadership positions in the troop.
- Encourages Arrowmen in the troop to be active participants in the lodge activities and to seal their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members.
- Sets a good example
- Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
- Lives by the Scout Oath, Scout Law and OA Obligation
- Shows Scout spirit

OA Troop Representative Qualifications:

- Under 18 years old
- Appointed by SPL with SM approval
- OA Member in good standing

OA Troop Representative Reports To:

The Lodge Secretary. Email is our preferred method for communicating to the OA Troop Representatives, but those who do not have email will be called by their Chapter Chief.

The current Lodge Secretary can always be reached at secretary@alibamu.org

Questions?

If you have any questions feel free to contact the Lodge Secretary or OA Troop Representative Adviser Kathy Smith.

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