

Agaming Maangowan – Order of the Arrow

2017 Boy Scout Unit Visitation



Winter 2017

Dear Scoutmaster and/or Committee Chair:

Greetings from your Order of the Arrow Lodge - Agaming Maangogwan # 804! We hope you are having a successful year in SCOUTING!

The lodge would like to inform you of our revised OA Unit Visitations. In 2017, the OA Lodge would like to visit your unit and offer the following four (4) presentation items:

- Unit Elections – to elect eligible scouts from your troop to the Order
- Camping Opportunities – to briefly review upcoming camping programs
- Unit of Excellence – to explain this OA & Boy Scout Troop Award
- Lodge Mass Texting – to encourage greater communication with unit level arrowmen

Order of the Arrow *Chapter Visitation Teams* are available to conduct any and all of these four presentations for youth and adults within your troop. Presentations are generally conducted at the same time. Visitations can be held from mid-February through June 1st. A listing of lodge and chapter contacts is attached.

If you have eligible scouts / adults for the Order, please take advantage of the chapter visitations teams and conduct elections at this time. If you are on a “summer election cycle,” elections will be available at Camp Rotary near Clare, Michigan. If you are attending another Boy Scout summer camp and are accustomed to conducting elections in the summer time, please contact us to set-up an election.

Because of the size of our membership and geography of our lodge, Ordeal Candidates will have two opportunities to complete the Ordeal in 2017. The Spring Induction is May 19 - 21 at Camp Rotary near Clare. The Fall Induction is September 8 – 10th at Silver Trails Scout Reservation near Jeddo. Registration will open on-line for the Spring Induction around mid-April.

Remember, during the Unit Visitations, the Chapter Team can: conduction elections, provide information for camping opportunities, explain the OA’s Unit of Excellence program, and ask troop arrowmen to sign up for the mass texting blast.

Please review the enclosures: Unit Election Requirements, Camping Opportunities, and Unit of Excellence Award.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at the numbers and address listed. Please use the chapter / district contact information to set-up this year’s OA Unit Visitation.

Thank you in advance for ALL YOU DO with Scouting!

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Order of the Arrow – Eligibility Requirements - Agaming Maangogwan Lodge

OA Elections:

- Units can conduct only one election in a calendar year.
- 50% of the active, registered youth must be present to hold an election
- Elections can be held from mid-February through June 1st
OR at summer camp (Rotary)
- Only registered troop youth members under the age of 21 may vote.
- A scout must receive 50% of the votes cast.
- Each voter may vote for any number of candidates on the ballot but can only cast one ballot
- A voter may turn in a blank ballot (indicating a no vote for all eligible candidates.)
- The vote should not be based on a candidate's popularity.
- The unit election should be done by secret ballot.



Youth Requirements:

- Be an active registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Be under the age of 21 at the time of election.
- Be at least a First Class scout.
- Have completed 15 days and nights of boy scout troop camping during the 2-year period prior to the election. This must include one long-term camp of six (6) consecutive days. The 15 days cannot include 2 weeks of summer camp - only one counts. The rest must be overnight, weekend, or other BSA-approved camping experiences.
- Have the approval of the unit leader / scoutmaster

Adult Requirements:

- Adults can only be nominated IF the boy scout troop has conducted a success election.
- Troop committees should conduct an adult nomination AFTER a successful youth election.
- ALL adults MUST be registered members of the BSA AND meet the camping requirements as prescribed for a youth.
- Nominations are forwarded to the Agaming Maangogwan Adult Selection Committee for approval.
- Adults **should not** be recommended for additional recognition but, instead, for their camping and service record in the Boy Scout troop. Honorary memberships are not allowed.
- CHANGES IN 2013 WERE / STAY THE SAME IN 2016
 - Number of adults nominated can be no more than 1/3 of the youth candidates elected
 - The troop may nominate the Scoutmaster. This nomination does NOT count towards the 1/3 limit as long as the SM has been in the position for the past 12 months.
- See the Adult Candidate Nomination Form for details.

PLEASE REMEMBER LODGE INDUCTION DATES

SPRING INDUCTION & SERVICE WEEKEND: May 19 - 21 @ Camp Rotary; \$48 / Ordeal Candidate; \$20 / Member
SUMMER INDUCTION & BIG CAMPOREE WEEKEND: June 2 - 4 @ COLE; \$20 / Member – NO ORDEALS!!
FALL INDUCION & SERVICE WEEKEND: Sep. 8 - 10 @ SILVER TRAILS; \$48 / Ordeal Candidate; \$20 / Member

Join Scouts and Arrowmen from Around the Water and Woods Council!

THE BIG CAMPOREE!



June 9 - 11, 2017
Cole Canoe Base
Cost: \$20.00 / Scout
ALL 4 Meals included!!



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Registration:

- Use the On-line Water and Woods Site to Pre-register: <http://www.michiganscouting.org/WaterAndWoods>
- Early Bird Fee of \$20 / person includes all four weekend meals
- Regular Fee of \$30 if paid AFTER Thursday June 1st
- Registration Closes (due to activity plans & meal count): Monday, June 5th

What's Included in the Fee:

- Four (4!) cooked meals
- Sat. AM Camp Service Projects; Sat. PM Activities; Sat EVE Feast and Fellowship and Campfire
- Silk Screening – BRING a T-SHIRT or other item to Screen
- Fellowship for all Scouts and Scouters around the council!

Check-in: Friday Night, June 9th, Starting at 6:30 pm

Health Forms: Required, as usual. Please keep with you in your unit.

Camping Information:

- Troops will be camping in the traditional COLE Campsites. Some troops may have to share sites.
- Arrowmen arriving alone will be assigned campsites, too.
- Troop Equipment: Regular gear for a camporee weekend MINUS the cooking equipment.
- Ground Fires: Allowed in the campsite fireplace containers. Please follow BSA policies.
- Water – Available at campsite latrines

Personal Gear:

- Work Clothes & Gloves are needed for Saturday Morning projects. All will be assigned a task.
- Play Clothes (i.e. scout shorts & activity shirt) are needed for Saturday Afternoon activities.
- BSA Uniform is needed for Friday & Saturday Night.
- OA Sash IF you are an Arrowman
- Extra T-Shirts can be brought to silkscreen.

Trading Post / OA Memorabilia:

- You may purchase most of the OA memorabilia items available for sale in the Trading Post.
- Over \$9,000.00 was given back to Scouts, Camps, Camperships, NYLT & the Council in '16!

For More Information, Contact:

JOIN US AT . . . THE BIG CAMPOREEE!!

The Order of the Arrow: UNIT OF EXCELLENCE!



I. Background & Purpose of the Award

As the primary platform where the Scouting program is delivered to youth, the unit is the most vital and important level of the BSA for the Order to support.

The Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence Award seeks to identify those units, and the leaders within them, who excel at incorporating the OA into their annual planning. This award is intended to provide a tool for lodges to recognize, incentivize, and operationalize unit-level participation in Order of the Arrow programs.

The OA Unit of Excellence Award criteria recognize units that invite the lodge to conduct quality unit elections, participate in lodge events and meetings, and operate a complete OA Troop/Team Representative program. Our hope is that units that complete these criteria will benefit from the support programs that the Order of the Arrow has implemented to strengthen unit-delivered program. This recognition program, along with other tools for unit support, should be distributed and promoted to Scoutmaster/Coach, OA Troop/Team Representatives and Advisers, and chapter election teams to include in communication to units.

II. Award Requirements

Units must complete all of the requirements in order to be eligible as an Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence. See the requirement sheet.

To qualify, please compete and document the requirement sheet by November 1st and mail into: Bev Chapman; 10546 Henderson Road; Corunna, MI 48817; 810-636-5239

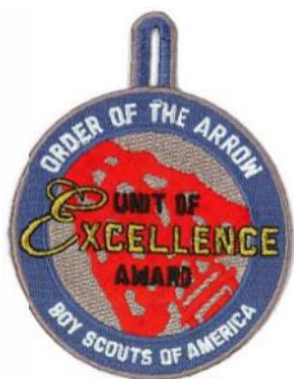
The lodge will recognize the unit at the Annual Winter Banquet in January.

To order Unit of Excellence troop ribbons or individual patches, use the National OA Website to download and submit forms. See the link: <http://oa-bsa.org/pages/content/printable-forms#lodge>

In addition, the award system has built in recognitions for the key players in each unit responsible for creating a strong Order of the Arrow culture in the unit. These awards are available for the following three positions:

- Scoutmaster/Coach
- Troop/Team Representative (TTR)
- Troop/ Team Representative Adviser

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The Unit of Excellence Award also contains recognitions for key players in the Unit who help build a strong OA program there: Scoutmaster, Troop OA Representative, and Troop OA Representative Adviser.

Requirements – Please complete and provide written descriptions on the provided lines.

_____ **1. Leadership** - Every six months, ensure that the senior patrol leader (Troop) appoints or reappoints one Scout to serve as Troop OA Representative and the Scoutmaster appoints one adult to serve as Troop OA Representative Adviser. Feature an annual presentation at a Court of Honor by the Troop OA Representative on the Order of the Arrow with a focus on the accomplishments of unit members.

_____ **2. Participation** - At least 50% of unit OA members attend a Lodge event other than their Ordeal

_____ **3. Elections** - Hold an annual OA Unit Election and have 100% of those elected complete their Ordeal

_____ **4. Planning** - Review the local OA calendar with the Patrol Leader's Council during annual troop program planning and schedule unit events so that 100% of troop programs do not overlap with any full-lodge events.

_____ **5. Conversion** - Demonstrate the depth of your unit's OA program through Brotherhood conversion by having at least 30% of eligible unit members complete their Brotherhood

Scoutmaster: _____ OA Troop Rep: _____

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