

Order of Arrow information for Troop 159

What is O.A.?

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Founded in 1915, it uses American Indian traditions and ceremonies to bestow recognition on Scouts selected by their peers as best exemplifying the Scout Oath and Scout Law in their daily lives. Inducted members are known as Arrowmen or brothers and are organized into local youth-led lodges for fellowship and the rendering of service to Boy Scout councils and their communities.

How do you join the O.A.?

In the O.A, you go through a rigorous program. First you must meet the criteria of being at least First Class, and have been camping for a required number of nights. If you fit the criteria, then you will have to be elected in by your fellow scouts. You need at least half of the troop at the meeting to vote you in. Once voted in, you will be given a date and place to attend the ordeal. After you pass the ordeal, you are part of the O.A. There are three ranks:

The first is ordeal. It means that you have just passed the ordeal. The Ordeal Sash looks like this:



The second is brotherhood. To earn the rank of brotherhood, you need to serve a minimum of ten months. You also have to lead two groups for induction during an induction weekend. The Brotherhood Sash enhances the Ordeal Sash with two bars.



Vigil honor is the highest rank. You need to complete two years of O.A., and you need to be elected by your O.A. Lodge. Only one in 50 scouts will be given this award. The Vigil Honor Sash has an additional arrow.



Service and Venture Opportunity for OA Members

The Order of the Arrow pays a lot of emphasis on services and venture scouting and provides plenty of opportunities to its members in this area. ArrowCorp5 is a massive service project where OA members of all ages from a region participate in a large scale service. These projects take place in National Forests and Parks and run for a week at a time. Several thousand scouts participate in these projects. OA also offers a variety of service outings like Sea Base and Philbreak. There are usually age limits for such service projects that vary based on the toughness of the project. There are also some venture outings for O.A. Members. Some examples are Wilderness Adventure, and Philmont. Their ages vary depending on the severity of the outing.

Information about our local chapter and lodge.

We are part of the Nanepashemet lodge. There are 5 chapter in our lodge. They are Amiskwi, Passaquo, Pawtucket, Shingebis, and Winnepurkit. Members from Troop 159 , are part of the Pawtucket Chapter.

Important URLs:

Visit our [lodge website](#) for more information on local OA chapter.

The [National site for O.A.](#) contains more information on Order of Arrow.