

Youth Position - Order of the Arrow Troop Representative

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 and boys can earn time towards their leadership rank requirements, just as with Den Chief, Troop Scribe, or any of the other leadership positions. The OA Troop Representative gains leadership skills and enjoys fellowship opportunities on a larger scale with older scouts. He has opportunities to practice and improve his speaking, planning, selling and other leadership and motivational skills.

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 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 Leader's Council and attend lodge and chapter meetings.

Will there be an Advisor for the Troop Representative?

As with all position in the Order, the OA Representative should have an adult as his Advisor. This adult should be over the age of 21, be a dues-paid member of the Order of the Arrow, and be appointed by the Scoutmaster.