



June 5, 2017

Dear Parent,

Congratulations on your son's election to the Order of the Arrow! The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society and it is completely youth run. Our local lodge is the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge which serves the Middle Tennessee Council. Our purpose is to:

1. Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.
2. Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.
3. Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.
4. Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Your son has distinguished himself as a leader in his troop. Now the Order of the Arrow can provide even greater opportunities for friendship, teamwork and leadership in his local chapter (the equivalent of Middle Tennessee Council's district) and in the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge.

Membership in the Order of the Arrow is unique because candidates are elected by their youth peers (who may or may not be members of the Order of the Arrow). After being elected, candidates must complete an Induction Weekend to become a member of the organization. The induction process, known as the Ordeal, consists of a series of tests with lessons that are intended to teach scouts the virtues of sacrifice, leadership, selflessness, and service to others.

To provide you with more information about the OA, the Lodge and the Induction Weekend, I will host two teleconferences for those that wish to participate and learn more. The teleconferences will be held on **Wednesday, July 26th and Monday, July 31st at 7pm Central** (both days). The calls will be one hour and I will be glad to answer any questions asked. The teleconferences will be Zoom meetings and there will be a video presentation. You may connect to the teleconference with the following information.

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/587831314>

Or iPhone one-tap (US Toll): +16465588656,587831314#

Or Telephone: Dial: +1 646 558 8656 (US Toll) Meeting ID: 587 831 314

For more information about Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge and the Order of the Arrow, visit our webpage at <http://www.Wa-Hi-Nasa.org>. I would also be happy to address any questions or comments that you might have by email to [LodgeAdviser@Wa-Hi-Nasa.org](mailto:LodgeAdviser@Wa-Hi-Nasa.org).

Yours in Scouting,

Craig Salazar  
2017 Lodge Adviser