

Does your Troop have a Troop/Team Representative?

What Is the OA Troop/Team Representative?

The Troop/Team 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/Team Representative?

There are numerous possibilities for the job description of the OA Representative. The beauty is that it is flexible enough to allow your unit to fine-tune the exact responsibilities. However, the most basic tasks of the Representative will be to coordinate service opportunities within the unit, to coordinate unit 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/Team 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 or Varsity Team Captain, and will be a member of the Patrol Leaders' Council and attend lodge and chapter meetings.

Will There Be an Adviser for the Troop/Team Representative?

As with all positions in the Order, the OA Representative should have an adult as his Adviser. This adult needs to be 21 years of age or older, a dues-paid member of the Order of the Arrow, and be appointed by the Scoutmaster.

Does This Position Count for Rank Advancement?

Scouts may use the Order of the Arrow Troop/Team Representative position to meet the leadership position requirements for the Star, Life, and Eagle ranks. As BSA publications are revised and updated, they will include this new position.



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Welcome to the ACA Chapter

ACA Chapter serves the Sunrise District of the California Inland Empire Council. Due to the size and geography of the Sunrise District our Chapter is divided into 2 Clans: Agua Caliente Clan and Chemehuevie Clan. It's divided much like how Cahuilla Lodge is divided onto several Chapters. This helps to administer Order of the Arrow programs and operations on a local level.

Both Agua Caliente and Chemehuevie Clans each hold their own monthly meetings, perform Arrow of Light Ceremonies for local Cub Scout Packs, and perform their own service projects for the community. Once every quarter (every 3 months) both Clans officially meet together as a Chapter for the Annual ACA Chapter Potluck, Sunrise District Spring Camporee, Service Project and Chapter Meeting at Camp Emerson, and Cahuilla Lodge Fall Fellowship.

ACA Chapter has several award winning programs. Our Camp Promotion Booth is literally one of the best in southern California and number one in the Lodge. Our Ceremony Teams are well known for quality Arrow of Light Ceremonies, Ordeal Ceremonies, and our annual Callout Ceremony is always a favorite of local Scouts.

We are the only Chapter in Cahuilla Lodge to earn the status of "Honor Chapter" for the last 4 years. The energy and enthusiasm of our Arrowmen can hardly be matched.

You can find more information about ACA Chapter at our website:<http://www.acachapter.org>

Annual ACA Chapter Service Project and August ACA Chapter Meeting

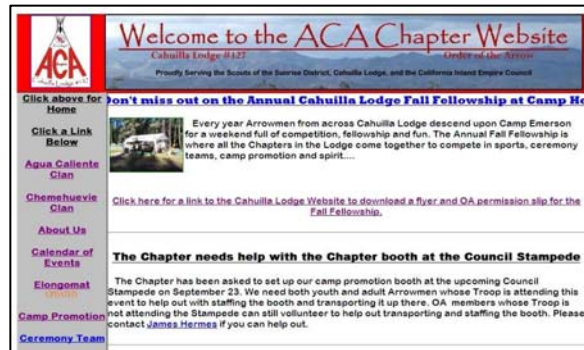


On August 11, eleven Chapter members from Indio to Twentynine Palms came together at Camp Emerson to work on our Chapter's annual service project. This year we cleaned debris out of Strawberry and Bear Trap Creeks. The Camp Ranger was impressed at how much material was cleared away in one afternoon.

Our Arrowmen stayed on into the evening to attend the Quarterly ACA Chapter meeting and then attend the evening OA Campfire put on by the Summer Camp Staff. It was a day full of fun and service that all who attended will not soon forget.

Great thanks goes out to all who traveled to camp that day to help out.

Visit ACA Chapter on the Web



ACA Chapter now has a brand new website, www.acachapter.org. On the website you will find: the latest news and updates from around the Chapter, information on ceremony team rehearsal dates, camp promotion programs, Clan meeting dates and places (including directions), and lots of other useful information about the ACA Chapter.

If you have any questions about the Chapter then please call the ACA Chapter Adviser, James Hermes, at 760-342-4851. Or, email acanews@yahoo.com

Annual Cahuilla Lodge Fall Fellowship



Every year Arrowmen from across Cahuilla Lodge descend upon Camp Emerson for a weekend full of competition, fellowship and fun. The Annual Fall Fellowship is where all the Chapters in the Lodge come together to compete in sports, ceremony teams, camp promotion and spirit.

This year's Fall Fellowship will be October 7-9 at Camp Helendade. Over the last 4 years our Chapter has consistently been one of the most active Chapters at this event. Last year we won the coveted "Chapter Excellence" Award for our overall quality of program. This year we hope to continue our strong tradition of spirit and show that ACA Chapter is truly #1 in Cahuilla Lodge!

Before you can attend this event, you need to have your Lodge Dues paid up for the year. By being a dues paid member you can attend Lodge level events and receive the Lodge newsletter, the "Call of the Cahuilla". If you are a new Arrowmen who just went through an Ordeal this year, then your dues have already been paid for 2005.

Our Chapter "gig" this year is a Gladiator theme.

A Chapter gig is a theme that draws our Spirit together for the weekend. In 2004 we had a "Spirit of the West" theme with everyone from our Chapter wearing cowboy hats. In 2003 we had "caveman" with plastic caveman war clubs. **This year we have GLADIATOR!**



The first 20 youth Arrowmen that notify us that they have signed up to attend the Fall Fellowship will receive a gladiator sword when they arrive at camp on October 7. There is also the option of a gladiator helmet, shield, and armor. There is a cost for these extras. Check out the Fall Fellowship page on the Chapter web site for more information.