

# CONGRATULATIONS!



Your son has been elected as a candidate for the Order of the Arrow, the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America. Organized in 1915 to recognize honor campers, the purpose of the Order of the Arrow is to 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; to promote camping, to develop leaders, and to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Candidates for the Order of the Arrow are chosen not only for what they have done, but also for what they are expected to do in serving the welfare of others. Because your son was selected for candidacy by the unique method of being elected by his peers, we are sure that he is well worthy of this honor.

The Lodge will be hosting three induction weekends this year. They are:

- May 5 - 7, 2017 - Woodruff Scout Camp (WSC)
- May 19 – 21, 2017 - Bert Adams Scout Camp (BASC)
- November 3 – 5, 2017 - Bert Adams Scout Camp (BASC)

Your son will become a member of our Order of the Arrow Lodge, Egwa Tawa Dee, during one of these induction weekends. This weekend, which you choose for him to attend, will offer a unique opportunity for him to reflect on his personal commitment to the principles and purposes of the Order of the Arrow and Scouting. The weekend is undertaken by every new candidate and is a meaningful and inspiring experience that will not soon be forgotten.

Induction in the Order of the Arrow will open many new doors for your son. Our lodge participates in many events every year. He will be entering the OA at a great time. In addition, the Order of the Arrow provides some of the most valuable youth leadership training and opportunities available. These opportunities will build upon the knowledge he already has received during his scouting experience. This is truly an exciting time for you and your son. Your encouragement will be appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me at [lodgechief@acegwa.org](mailto:lodgechief@acegwa.org) if you have any questions concerning the Order of the Arrow. You may also contact the Ordeal Chairman, Scott Evritt, [ordealchairman@acegwa.org](mailto:ordealchairman@acegwa.org) with any questions. Thank you for your support of your son and of Scouting.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kampermann  
2017 Lodge Chief

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