



Congratulations Parents,

Your daughter or 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 (OA) 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 daughter or son was selected for candidacy by the unique method of being elected by their peers, we are sure that they are well worthy of this honor.

Our Lodge will be conducting three Induction Weekends this year. They will be:

- May 3-5, 2019 - Woodruff Scout Camp (WSC) registration deadline is April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- May 17-19, 2019 - Bert Adams Scout Camp (BASC) registration deadline is May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- November 1-3, 2019 - Bert Adams Scout Camp (BASC) registration deadline is Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>.

Your daughter or 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 select for them to attend, will offer a unique opportunity for them to reflect on their personal commitment to the principles and purposes of the Order of the Arrow and Scouting. This induction is undertaken by every 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 daughter or son. Our lodge participates in many events each year. They 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 they already have received during their scouting experience. This is truly an exciting time for your daughter or son. Your encouragement and support 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, Mason Lawrence, [ordealchairman@acegwa.org](mailto:ordealchairman@acegwa.org) with any questions about the weekend. Thank you for your support of your daughter or son and of Scouting. Visit our lodge website at [www.acegwa.org](http://www.acegwa.org)

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