



Nacha Nimat Lodge
Order of the Arrow
Hudson Valley Council
OA Troop Representative Letter

September 2008

Dear Brothers, Scoutmasters, and Scout Leaders;

As you may know, Nacha Nimat Lodge of the Order of the Arrow is focusing on ways to expand Lodge communication and connect better with troop units and its scouts. We, as a lodge, want to assist as much as possible to the Council and districts in the most efficient way. We want to promote camping and provide scouts with new opportunities to expand their leadership skills and experience. Our lodge's goal over the next year is to become more involved and participate within Council and the districts while keeping a close connection with each and every troop in this council

We have discovered that maintaining a connection line with each and every troop has led to smooth participation and involvement in each troop. This connection line is known as an OA Representative. Within each troop, there should be one OA youth representative and one adult OA representative. These two people remain in regular contact with the lodge and keep the troop up to date with the lodge. They are responsible to assist in the arrangement of OA elections every year with the elections team. He assists his fellow OA brothers in the troop and encourages them to attend regular OA events. He reports OA events to his fellow brothers in his troop and promotes the OA and camping on a regular basis within his troop. Basically, the OA Rep is the connection link between your troop and the lodge.

We highly recommend an OA Rep to be active and registered in every troop within Council. The position counts for rank advancement for the youth as a leadership position. He receives an OA Rep patch for his uniform and is encouraged to participate in his lodge more often because from OA Rep, he can work his way up within the lodge and take on more leadership positions if he so chooses and therefore can test his skills and knowledge against more challenging tasks and responsibilities.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and support with the OA as we move to work closer together to benefit as many scouts as possible. Attached to this letter is an OA representative registration form. Please ensure someone in your troop to fill this out and return it to Hudson Valley Council or submit the form online at www.nachanimat.org. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Jacob Pagendarm at (845)744-2245 or email him at Jacob.Pagendarm@nachanimat.org or representative.oe@nachanimat.org.

Yours in Brotherhood,
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