

# Opening Session: Living Our Mission



**Duration:** 20 minutes

**Facilitator:** Section Staff

**Supplies:** None

## **Learning Outcomes:**

- Understand the mission of the OA and Scouting America
- Learn how the mission shapes our experience in the OA

**Introduction:** 3 minutes

Welcome to Living Our Mission. My name is TRAINER NAME. I am a member of LODGE NAME from CITY AND STATE. My current OA role is POSITION, and I am excited to be here with you today.

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By the end of this session, you should have learned:

- Understanding the mission of the Order of the Arrow and Scouting America
- How the mission of Scouting shapes our experience in the Order of the Arrow

**Section 2:** 10 minutes

**Say** *let's review the mission and vision of our organization, highlighting the importance of how these guiding words encompass all that the program has to offer.*

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The OA Mission is "To achieve the mission of Scouting America through transformative fellowship that ignites limitless Scouting journeys."

Say: The Order of the Arrow is built on the foundation that Scouting America has built up for over 100 years. Knowing our role in the realization of this mission helps us understand that fellowship and service serve a deeper purpose in supporting the goals of Scouting America.

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The mission of Scouting America is to "prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law."

Say: These guiding words share the scouting movement's impact, understanding this mission fuels the word of our order.

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Say: Put these together, and the OA mission would read in full:

“To prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law through transformative fellowship that ignites limitless Scouting journeys.”

Say: Phew, that’s a lot! Let's break that down into chunks and highlight some of the key words in this mission.

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***Trainer Tip: Emphasize the following words bolded***

- To **prepare** young people
- to make ethical and moral **choices** over their lifetime
- by instilling in them the **values** of the Scout Oath and Law
- through a **transformative fellowship**
- that ignites **limitless** Scouting **journeys**.

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Say: Over the course of this training event, the goal is to gain a better understanding of the OA mission and how it plays out in the real world of your chapters, lodges, and beyond. In the end, we want you to walk away with a better understanding of how to prepare, what choices are at play, how Scouting values guide those choices, how transformative fellowship can be a way to prepare for those choices, and the limitless journeys that come out of that transformative fellowship.

**Wrap Up: 5 minutes**

As a reminder, the main points of this session were:

- The mission of the OA and Scouting America
- How the mission shapes our experience in the OA

Say: Learning how these two points can shape our day of learning and beyond, know that what we are doing here will help each of us live the mission of our order.

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Say: I hope you have enjoyed learning with me today, and thank you for your attention and participation. If you have any questions, please find me during a break, or my contact information is on the screen. This was Living Our Mission.