



Fellow Arrowmen,

As the Director of the Order of the Arrow Summit Experience, I want to personally welcome you to the Summit Bechtel Reserve and the world of OA High Adventure! You have signed up to attend one of the most amazing experiences the Order of the Arrow has to offer. High Adventure is our best kept secret, and we want to expand our reach. By participating in OASE, you're helping create a legacy that will carry on for generations, pushing yourself, and making memories and friends that will last throughout your entire life.

As society swiftly evolves and the outdoors becomes less of a priority for some, we value it greatly here at the Summit. Through this experience, you as a participant will gain a better understanding and respect for the natural environment around you and its many benefits. Our hope is that you will take this newfound relationship and continue it in your everyday lives and share it with your community and friends in Scouting.

Before you arrive, there are a few things I want to make sure our participants know. First is the packing list and the arrival information, which is included in your participant packet. It will also be available on the OAHA website.

Second regards phones and watches. I want to inform you that phones and watches will be taken at the beginning of your week at the Summit. We do this for several reasons, but the most important concerning your phone is so that you will not damage it while in the National Park. Due to the nature of where we will work and stay, your phone has a high chance of being damaged or destroyed. Your foremen will take theirs with them in case of emergencies, in addition to Summit and National Park Service radios. The other important reason we restrict phone and watch usage is due to the nature of our OAHA program. We exercise a principle known as God's Time while on your trek, meaning that we do not want our participants to be concerned about being at a certain place at a certain time; your foremen will make sure that you will be where you need to be, when you need to be there. We want our participants to enjoy their experience in the moment, and not in hindsight. This is why we will take your phones and watches at the beginning of the week, and we will return them at the end of the week. They will be stored safely in a lock box, and we will offer to put your wallets in the lock box as well to keep them safe.

Once again, I thank you for choosing to attend the Order of the Arrow Summit Experience. You will be taking part not only in the future of the OA, but also in one of the best experiences of your life. You'll build trails and friendships that will last a lifetime. Your foremen and I look forward to meeting you this summer!

Yours in brotherhood,

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