

Unit Relations

A Guide to Effective Local Program

Lodge Leadership Development



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- Also a role for an adult Arrowman in the unit to serve as the Representative's adviser



OA Troop/Team Representative

What are some tasks that the OA Troop/Team Representative might perform?



OA Rep Position

Qualifications

- Under 18 years old
- Appointed by SPL/Varsity Team Captain with SM/Varsity Scout Coach approval
- OA Member in good standing

OA Troop/Team Rep reports to:

- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader/
Varsity Team Captain



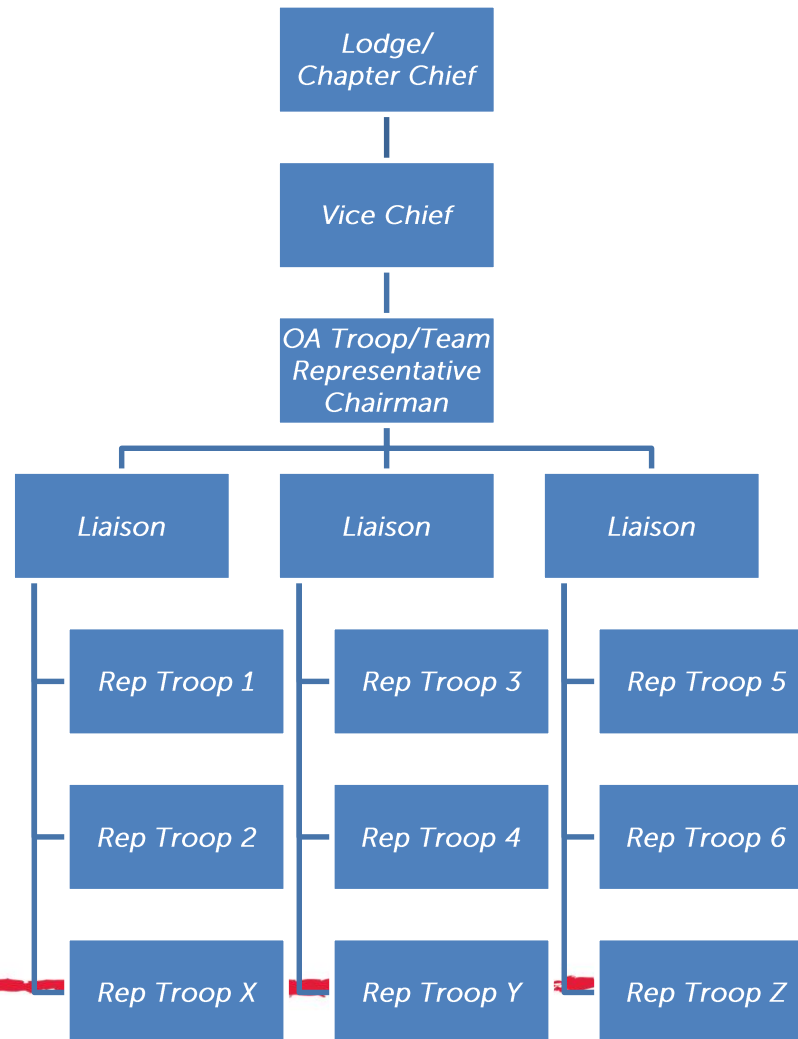
Rank Advancement

- While a First Class Scout*, serve actively for 4 months in one or more of the following positions of responsibility:
- Patrol Leader, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader, troop guide, **Order of the Arrow troop representative**, den chief, scribe, librarian, historian, quartermaster, bugler, junior assistant Scoutmaster, chaplain aide, or instructor.

* Star and Life Scout requires 6 months of service



Organization



Chapter/Lodge Responsibilities

- Administration
- Communication
- Training
- Recognition



Administration

- Up to date rosters
- Calendar schedules



Communication

- Mailing/Giving out registration forms
- Contact Information



Training

- Offer OA Troop Rep Trainings
- Have potential Reps contact Chairman



Recognition

- Lodge recognition of the Reps
- Unit recognition of the Reps
 - The more recognition gives a sense of accomplishment



OA Rep Tasks

What are some tasks that the OA Troop Representative might perform?



OA Rep Challenges

What are the challenges of implementing the OA Troop/Team Representative program?

Awareness
Unit Leader Buy-In
Recruitment
Communication
Commitment



Awareness

Heard of the Program?

Think of any places you have heard it mentioned...

Lack of Understanding between Unit Leader
and Lodge



Unit Leader Buy In

- Unit-Leader buy in
- Benefits
- Need the support of SPL and Unit Leader in order to fulfill the program



Recruitment

- Conflicting Schedules
- Need for a strong relationships between unit and lodge



Communication

Training

- Lodge
- Unit



Commitment

- Commitment of Communication
- Chairmen of Program



Let's Play a Game...

- Team 1: Awareness
- Team 2: Scoutmaster Buy-In and Recruitment
- Team 3: Communication and Commitment



Resources

“Let it be remembered that the Order of the Arrow was created to help the unit – to help it present its membership a better ideal of the inner qualities of the good Scout camper. Qualities of character, like cheerfulness and service, are hard for a boy or a man to understand in the abstract. They come easier when seen in human life.

Let us realize the significance of the Order in the unit – for the unit is our best hope in Scouting.”

Dr. E. Urner Goodman



Resources



- Official National Order of the Arrow Web Site
- <http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs/ttr/ttrintro.htm>
- OA Troop/Team Representative Support Pak 2001 printing
- <http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs/ttr/oatrpaktoc.htm>

