



Order of the Arrow Scouting's National Honor Society



Mowogo Lodge 243

For more than 95 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America's youth. The Boy Scouts of America does not condone or recognize any secret organizations. Historically we do use a high degree of mystery to bring the Ideals of Scouting to life for its members in a deeply meaningful manner. Any parent wishing to know more about the ceremonies or about the Order of the Arrow in general is encouraged to contact Lodge Adviser Edward Lacey at lodge.adviser@mowogo.org.

Mission

The mission of the Order of the Arrow is to fulfill its purpose as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults.

Purpose

As Scouting's National Honor Society, our purpose 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.*
- *Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.*
- *Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.*
- *Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.*

History: The Order of the Arrow was founded by Dr. E. Umer Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp of the Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America. It became an official program experiment in 1922 and was approved as part of the Scouting program in 1934. In 1948 the OA, recognized as the BSA's national brotherhood of honor campers, became an official part of the Boy Scouts of America. In 1998, the Order of the Arrow became recognized as Scouting's National Honor Society when it expanded its reach beyond camping to include broader service to Scouting and the community.

Lodges: An OA lodge helps the local Boy Scout council provide a quality Scouting program through recognition of Scouting spirit and performance, development of youth leadership and service, promotion of Scout camping and outdoor programs, and enhancement of membership tenure. Every Boy Scout council is encouraged to have an Order of the Arrow lodge. Each lodge operates under a charter granted by the National Council, BSA, and must apply annually for its renewal. The Boy Scouts of America will grant a charter to only one lodge per council.

Mowogo Lodge is the name for our OA lodge in Northeast Georgia Council. Mowogo Lodge is run by youth officers that are elected annually with the assistance of adult advisers appointed by the Council.

Chapters: Each District also as an OA chapter which performs the same basic functions as the lodge but at the district and unit levels. Each chapter is also run by youth officers that are elected annually with the assistance of adult advisers appointed by the Council.

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Mowogo Lodge website: www.mowogo.org

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