



Order of the Arrow High Adventure

Winter Banquet Program Initiative

Central Region, Boy Scouts of America

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Dear Lodge Leaders,

We are excited to launch a new resource for the Order of the Arrow Lodges in the Central Region! The Winter Banquet Program Initiative is a simple resource to help Lodges facilitate Lodge member recognition and presentation discussion of the Order of the Arrow High Adventure programs as part of each Lodges annual Winter Banquet or Gathering program. Lodge members who participant in OA High Adventure often are some of our most involved Arrowmen, leaders among their peers. Public recognition of this achievement serves as an important motivator to other youth members to engage in future Lodge and High Adventure opportunities.

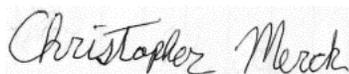
The Order of the Arrow High Adventure Program was started as an experimental program in 1995 with the OA Trail Crew at Philmont. After a successful summer, it was then expanded to include a program at Northern Tier, the OA Wilderness Voyage. In 2005, a program at Florida Sea Base was started, named OA Ocean Adventure. In 2009, OA Wilderness Voyage expanded to include a Canadian program, named OA Canadian Odyssey, which took place in the Quetico Provincial Park. In 2014, a program was started at the Summit, which was named OA Summit Experience. The OAHA programs have been awarded the Philmont Silver Sage Award and the United States Forest Service Volunteer Award in recognition of the excellent service work that was completed at Philmont and in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

The Winter Banquet Program Initiative includes two major components;

- **RECOGNITION:** On December 1st, 2015 each Lodge will receive in the mail individually prepared certificates for recognition of Lodge members who participated in an OA High Adventure program in the summer of 2015. These certificates have been specially produced with the Lodge member name(s) and affixed with the signature of the 2015 National OA Vice-Chief, 2015 Central Region Chief, and your Lodge's respective Section Chief. We hope you will take a few moments during your Winter Banquet to recognize these Arrowmen for their special experience and contributions. Suggested presentation wording is available within this resource.
- **RESOURCES:** Based on requests of Lodges throughout the Central Region, support resources have been developed to support Winter Banquet type programs, with information about OA High Adventure. For example, a short promotional video have been developed that could accompany the recognition certificates. As well as including information about how to access additional program information, resources, and how to request additional information.

We encourage you to take a few minutes at your annual Winter Banquet to share these special **recognition** and **resources** about the Order of the Arrow High Adventure opportunities.

Yours in Brotherhood,



Christopher Merck
Central Region OA High Adventure Chairman



Joey Dierdorf
Central Region Chief

RECOGNITION

| 2.5 Minute Version | 5 Minute Version | 10 Minute Version |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show Promotional Video • Ask all previous OA High Adventure Participants present to stand for a round of applause. • Share website information for interested parties to find out more. • Mention by name the 2015 participants and that they each will be receiving a specially made certificate of recognition for their achievement. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show Promotional Video • Ask all previous OA High Adventure Participants present to stand for a round of applause. • Recognize the 2015 OA High Adventure Participants by inviting them to the stage or front of the room to receive their certificate. • Recognize any OA High Adventure Triple Crown Award recipients to stand for a round of applause. • Share website information for interested parties to find out more. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show Promotional Video • Ask all previous OA High Adventure Participants present to stand for a round of applause. • Recognize the 2015 OA High Adventure Participants by inviting them to the stage or front of the room to receive their certificate. • Recognize any OA High Adventure Triple Crown Award recipients and former foremen to stand for a round of applause. • Allow a past OA High Adventure participant to give a short narrative about their personal experience on an OAHA trek. • Share website information for interested parties to find out more. |

Recognition of these participants can be very beneficial for your Lodge in two primary respects. The first is that recognizing the participant helps build him up, motivate them, and keep them involved. By recognizing his accomplishments, he is more likely to be an ambassador for your Lodge and the Order of the Arrow. The second respect is that through recognizing him, your set a standard for others involved in your Lodge to strive for. Recognition of an OA High Adventure participant helps brings others along and motives other Lodge members.

These scripts serve as a guideline, we encourage your Lodge to personalize to best fit your event. If you have a great idea, do it! Just like how participants make each one of their adventures special, do the same thing for your program.

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| <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">2.5 Minute Script</p> | <p>“The Order of the High Adventure Program was started in 1995 as a pilot program at Philmont, and has grown to encompass five programs in just over 20 years, with a program at each high adventure base, and two at Northern Tier. These programs provides Arrowmen, just like you, from across the United States the opportunity each summer strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, and return to the founding principles of our Order; Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. Here is a quick overview of the Order of the Arrow High Adventure programs <i>(Play video, run time: 0:00)</i></p> <p>[Insert Lodge Name] is proud to take a moment to recognize past participants of these programs. Would anyone who completed OA High Adventure previously please stand and be recognized. <i>(Pause for applause)</i>. For those who completed a program in 2015, we have a special certificate in recognition of your achievement, which will be distributed later. To find out more information about OA High Adventure please visit the National OA website, oa-bsa.org, or ask a former participant in the room.”</p> |
| <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">5 Minute Script</p> | <p>“The Order of the High Adventure Program was started in 1995 as a pilot program at Philmont, and has grown to encompass five programs in just over 20 years, with a program at each high adventure base, and two at Northern Tier. These programs provides Arrowmen, just like you, from across the United States the opportunity each summer strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, and return to the founding principles of our Order; Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. Here is a quick overview of the Order of the Arrow High Adventure programs <i>(Play video, run time: 0:00)</i></p> <p>[Insert Lodge Name] is proud to take a moment to recognize past participants of these programs. I would like to call to the stage the following people, <i>(Call participants to stage, one at a time)</i> <i>(Pause for applause)</i>. Would anyone who completed OA High Adventure previously, please stand and be recognized. <i>(Pause for applause)</i>. Would any Triple Crown winner or former foreman please stand and be recognized? <i>(Pause for applause)</i>. By completing this program, you have made a positive impact on yourself, and are now equipped with the tools to create a positive impact on others. To find out more information about OA High Adventure please visit the National OA website, oa-bsa.org, or ask a former participant in the room.”</p> |
| <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">10 Minute Script</p> | <p>“The Order of the High Adventure Program was started in 1995 as a pilot program at Philmont, and has grown to encompass five programs in just over 20 years, with a program at each high adventure base, and two at Northern Tier. These programs provides Arrowmen, just like you, from across the United States the opportunity each summer strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, and return to the founding principles of our Order; Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. Here is a quick overview of the Order of the Arrow High Adventure programs <i>(Play video, run time: 0:00)</i></p> <p>[Insert Lodge Name] is proud to take a moment to recognize past participants of these programs. I would like to call to the stage the following people, <i>(Call participants to stage, one at a time)</i> <i>(Pause for applause)</i>. Would anyone who completed OA High Adventure previously, please stand and be recognized. <i>(Pause for applause)</i>. Would any Triple Crown winner or former foreman please stand and be recognized? <i>(Pause for applause)</i>. By completing this program, you have made a positive impact on yourself, and are now equipped with the tools to create a positive impact on others. At this time I would like to welcome [insert name] to the stage to share with us his experience on OA High Adventure. <i>(Former participant shares experience, run time ~5 minutes)</i>.</p> <p>Thank you [insert name], our Lodge is benefits from your OA High Adventure experiences. To find out more information about OA High Adventure please visit the National OA website, oa-bsa.org, or ask a former participant in the room.”</p> |

RESOURCES

CLICK HERE: Winter Banquet Program Initiative Video

CLICK HERE: Winter Banquet Program Initiative Certificate (*Example*)

OA High Adventure Support Tools

There also exists a multitude of resources on the national OA High Adventure site. We strongly encourage you to incorporate as many of these items as you deem worthy and necessary. Here is a list of what is available to you, along with a provided link:

- OA High Adventure General Website: <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/>
- Promotional Videos: <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/resources/video.php>
- Flyers: <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/resources/flyer.php>
- Posters: <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/resources/poster.php>
- Website Resources: <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/resources/website.php>
- Training Syllabi: <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/resources/syllabi.php>
- News Resources: <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/resources/newsletter.php>
- Scholarship Templates: http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/resources/scholarship_template.php

Lodge OA High Adventure Coordinator

Many Lodge have appointed a youth Arrowman who serves as their lodge's OA High Adventure Coordinator. Here is some sample guidance, of the duties that would be assigned to this youth:

- Coordinate the Winter Banquet Program Initiative for their lodges Winter Banquet or similar event
- Promote OAHA programs within the lodge
- Serve as the liaison between the section and lodge on affairs relating to OAHA
- Put on OAHA training cells at lodge events, when applicable
- Serve as a resource when potential participants, or the general public, has any questions

Support Contacts

Questions about OA High Adventure and the Winter Banquet Program Initiative happen all the time. Former participants and foremen are great resources many Lodges involve in answering questions and promoting OA High Adventure. Being knowledgeable and understanding OA High Adventure can be a really important part of leading a Lodge. The Central Region has a great team of Arrowmen engaged on growing OA High Adventure year round, and Lodge leaders are always welcome to reach out with questions.

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Applying for OA High Adventure

Starting 2016, the only way to apply for OAHA is online. This is a very simple task. In this section, we will be walking you through it, so you are familiar with the process. This way, you can answer questions that may be asked of you. Here are the steps to complete:

1. Go to this site:
<https://reservations.scouting.org/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x46095e433>
2. Click on "Register On Line Now" If you are returning to make a payment, click the "Click Here", located at the bottom of the site
3. On the next page, click the check boxes
4. On the next page, fill out your personal profile, and click which OAHA program you would like to apply for. If you wish to do multiple, click the button that says "Multiple Adventures"
5. Read through the description of the program, and click "Continue"
6. Select the session that you wish to attend and click "Continue"
7. Refer a friend if you feel that you know someone who would be a good fit for OAHA
8. Read through to make sure all your information is correct, and click "Continue"
9. Enter your credit card information
10. Your application is now pending approval by your lodge adviser or Scout executive.
11. Once you find out if you have been accepted, then you should return and pay off the remaining balance you have.

| 2016 OA HIGH ADVENTURE OPPORTUNITY DATES | | | | | |
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| | OACO: Canadian Odyssey | OAOA: Ocean Adventure | OASE: Summit Experience | OATC: Trail Crew | OAWV: Wilderness Voyage |
| 1 | June 15 - 29 | May 30 - June 8 | June 12 - 19 | June 8 - 22 | June 15 - 29 |
| 2 | June 22 - July 6 | June 5 - 14 | June 19 - 26 | June 15 - 29 | June 22 - July 6 |
| 3 | June 29 - July 13 | June 11 - 20 | June 26 - July 3 | June 22 - July 6 | June 29 - July 13 |
| 4 | July 6 - 20 | June 17 - 26 | July 3 - 10 | June 29 - July 13 | July 6 - 20 |
| 5 | July 13 - 27 | June 23 - July 2 | July 10 - 17 | July 6 - 20 | July 13 - 27 |
| 6 | July 20 - Aug 3 | June 29 - July 8 | July 17 - 24 | July 13 - 27 | July 20 - Aug 3 |
| 7 | July 27 - Aug 10 | July 5 - 14 | July 24 - 31 | July 20 - Aug 3 | July 27 - Aug 10 |
| 8 | August 3 - 17 | July 11 - 20 | | July 27 - Aug 10 | August 3 - 17 |
| 9 | | July 17 - 26 | | August 3 - 17 | |
| 10 | | July 23 - Aug 1 | | | |
| 11 | | July 29 - Aug 7 | | | |
| 12 | | August 4 - 13 | | | |

Example of Certificate of Achievement

