



**Beyond the Lodge: The Bridge everyone can walk- Lodges, Sections, and Region/National**

**Session Length: 45 Minutes**

Through this session, you will:

**Explain-** The details which structures the Order of the Arrow

**Demonstrate-** Using myself and others as examples of those who have experienced each tier of OA leadership to further explain how we all work together

**Guide** \*\*What will you guide the guests to do? \*\*

**Enable-** Creating a group setting to portray roles and problem solve by using resources and different groups.

**Learning Outcomes: [create a brief list of what participants should take away with them]**

- Outcome– Walk out with a better understanding of the structure and operations of the OA
- Outcome 2- Many people have questions, interest and ambitions. This session is helpful for both the youth and adults because they will have the opportunity to see things in the perspective of many different positions and the problems that could occur. We will work together to answer questions and to develop an understanding of OA leadership.
- Outcome 3- Walk away with questions answered and confident from the role-playing.

**Theme Connection:**

The theme of NOAC 2018 is “Decide Your Destiny,” emphasizing the message that today’s decisions shape tomorrow’s reality. This session will relay this theme in the following ways:

- Emphasize the roles we portray in scouting and in life. We decide who we become.
- Putting goals and ambitions aside, we will work together and portray roles that each level of OA leadership has to undergo to do their jobs.

**Required Materials: [tailor specifically for this session after the syllabus is done, e.g. handouts, flipcharts, projector, screen]**

- Room with dry erase board
- Pack of Markers
- Projector
- Screen



## TRAINER PREPARATION

1. Collect examples of individuals who have held different positions in the Order of the Arrow. This could include you and individuals in the room. (Lodge, Section, Regional and National)
2. You can create roles and Scenarios or use the three provided in this session. Keep in mind this session is designed to be 45 minutes long.
3. Update the PowerPoint as necessary
4. Have a decent amount of knowledge regarding section operations and national program from the Field operations guide and the National OA website

## Session Narrative

**Trainer Instructions:** Take the time to let the group introduce themselves. This is important for them to feel included. Take the time to make sure all materials needed are present. Later in the session you may play the role as a Region Chief, as a reference for current best practices or current policy, refer to the Field operations Guide when helping the groups problem solve. Everyone is a resource and while there are no wrong answers, steering the session may be necessary at times

### Introduction

**5 minutes**

Introduce yourself and provide a brief background on your experiences with the structure of the order of the arrow and the positions you hold. Transition with the first impressions of the order of the arrow leadership and the questions you originally had.

### First topic

**10 minutes**

First impressions- Ask around about other's impressions of the Order of the arrow as they were inducted. Discuss who was there, how everyone felt and the ceremony. Next, cover the structure of the order of the arrow and briefly explain how they all have to work together. Finally, discuss the Field Operating Guide and pick five topics from any level of oa organization. (i.e. Section operations, National operations, ceremonies or lodge best practices).

### Second topic

**20 minutes**

Split the room in half with one side acting as a lodge, the other side acting as a section and the trainer acting as a Region Chief if a topic is used when needing certain guidance regarding FOG



policy or clarity for section operations. The point of this role play is for the group to problem solve by working together and using the resources from all levels of leadership to create a conclave. Some issues provided for this session include...

1. Section issue: Putting COC dates on the calendar when four lodges have events going on at the beginning of a new year.
2. Lodge issue: We have met bronze level JTE status for the past four years, but we are not clear on how to move up to silver or gold.
3. Lodge issue: How to create a better relationship between the council and lodge because there is low attendance at lodge events.
4. Section issue: There is a necessity for new training at conclave and we just lost the training CVC.

Your input is crucial to this session and you should also establish and clarify the bridge between all levels of the order of the arrow. The purpose of these issues is to involve each other to find a solution. If time permits you can always cover more issues but be sure that the audience is clear that they have shared their solutions before moving on to the next problem.

**Additional topics as needed**

**5 minutes**

Open forum for any other questions, concerns or comments at the end of the session to bring everyone back together to cover what you have solved.

**Takeaway Challenge**

**5 minutes**

Please take out your notebook and pen. For the final three minutes, think about the role that you will be playing next year in the OA, or the role you hope to play. Write down three key ideas you may have learned from this session that could help your chapter, lodge or section but also write down three issues or questions you may have on the current practices that might need updating]. During your break time later today, share these with others in your chapter or lodge.

**Appendix: Resources and Source Material**

- 2016 Guide to Unit Elections, available online at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/guide-to-unit-elections>

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- 2012 Guide for Officers and Advisers, available online at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/publications#goa>
- 2008 Lodge Finance Manual, available online at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/publications#lfm>
- Chapter Journey to Excellence Workbook, available online at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/printable-forms>
- [or whatever materials are relevant for participants in your session]