December 13, 2015

Parents,

Congratulations! Your son is a candidate for the Order of the Arrow. The OA, as it is called, is the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America. It was organized in 1915 to recognize honor campers. The purposes of the OA is to recognize those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives, to develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit, to promote Scout camping, and to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Candidates for the Order of the Arrow are chosen not only for what they have done, but also for what they are expected to do in serving the welfare of others. Because your son was selected for candidacy by the unique method of being elected by his peers, we are sure that he is well worthy of this honor.

On January 8, 2015 at Camp La-No-Che, your son will become a member of Tipisa Lodge, during our induction weekend. This weekend will offer a unique opportunity for him to reflect on his personal commitment to the principles and purposes of the Order of the Arrow. The weekend is undertaken by every new candidate and is a meaningful and inspiring experience that will not soon be forgotten.

Induction in the Order of the Arrow will open many new doors for your son. Our lodge participates in many events every year. In addition, the OA provides some of the most valuable youth leadership training and opportunities available. These opportunities will build upon the knowledge he already has received during his Scouting experience. This is truly an exciting time for you and your son. Your encouragement will be appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me at alexdeloach@yahoo.com if you have any questions concerning the Order of the Arrow. Thank you for your support of your son and of Scouting.

In Scouting,

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