DATE: September 13, 2012

TO: All Order of the Arrow Lodge Advisers and Staff Advisers
FROM: Eric Bush, Region Chief
Mark Chilutti, Region Chairman
Brian R. Gray, Region Staff Adviser

NATIONAL LODGE ADVISER TRAINING SEMINAR

Dates: Friday, November 2nd, 7:00 p.m. to Sunday, November 4th, 2:00 p.m.
Camp William B. Snyder 6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket, VA 20169

Cost: $80.00 per person includes lodging for two nights, cracker barrels, meals from Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch, seminar handouts, certificate, and seminar recognition(s).

PURPOSE

The National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar (NLATS) is a weekend conference focusing on the skills and attributes of effective lodge advisers. It is intended primarily to enhance a lodge adviser's knowledge of and connectivity with the OA's strategic plan, program and resources, while emphasizing personal skills that are essential to the development of effective youth leadership and ultimately the OA's service to the council.

The National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar (NLATS) has been scheduled to coincide with the National Leadership Seminar also taking place at Camp Snyder the same weekend and car-pooling with NLS participants is encouraged.

The NLATS is limited to 24 participants. For this seminar no more than two participants should register from any lodge. The course is designed for one-time participation. Repeat participation is not encouraged.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This course is designed for recently appointed Lodge Advisers, Staff Advisers, or Associates, those with potential to serve in those roles, or other key chapter advisers, as space permits. Due to space restrictions we will take those most in need of this training for their direct responsibilities first. You will receive a confirmation to inform you that your registration has been accepted once it has been reviewed and approved.

Unlike the National Leadership Seminar program, which teaches leadership in a more general sense, this course is specifically designed for Lodge Advisers, Staff Advisers, and those who are preparing to serve in those roles. The sessions are designed to help individuals in these positions understand their roles and provide them with the necessary tools to succeed as a part of the Lodge Key-3. **Part of the program will ask you to share your experiences in these roles with others; therefore it is important for lodges to send only those who truly serve as their key leaders.**

This course is not designed for just any member of the lodge to attend. It is strongly suggested that every participant has completed a Lodge Leader Development (LLD) program. The NLATS is an intensive experience with focus on the three key principles of advisers: ENVISION, ENABLE, EMPOWER. There will be instruction about the nature of lodge program and delivery of service to the council, and development of youth leadership necessary to both. While the course is designed to be fun, it is mentally challenging as well. Participants should be open to learning and prepared to actively engage in an invigorating weekend.

Persons not meeting these criteria may have their registration returned.

REGISTRATION

Please return the attached registration form to your Lodge Staff Adviser by the registration deadline of October 15th so he/she can complete the online registration by October 22nd. Space is limited. This course is limited to 24 participants. No registrations will be accepted at the door. All potential participants should be sent in with the initial registration. Preference will be given to Lodge Advisers even after the deadline. Persons not meeting the criteria detailed above may have their registration returned.

In order to assure your eligibility for this course, please send in the enclosed Questionnaire to the address on the bottom of the form.

A current BSA Medical History form (http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf) with Parts A and B completed should be brought to camp on November 2nd. (Do not mail.)

FOR EXTREME EMERGENCY ONLY: Call Brian R. Gray at 214-675-9589

NO SMOKING

In accordance with the OA Guide of Officers and Advisers, smoking will not be permitted at this event or on the camp property.

WHAT TO BRING

Full Scout Uniform and OA sash are required for the weekend. Sleeping bags or bedding and your own personal items (towels, soap, etc.) will be needed. Bring a flashlight. You may wish to bring extra money: An OA trading post with T-shirts, patches, etc, will be available as well as a collection for the Maury Clancy Indian Campership Fund at the religious services.

Participants should download the Personal Health & Medical Record Form off the BSA website (http://scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf), complete Parts A and B, and bring the form with them.

It is important that participants arrive on time and plan to stay for the complete seminar – including lunch and graduation with the NLS.

EACH PARTICIPANT SHOULD BE GIVEN A COPY OF THIS ENTIRE PACKET

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Boy Scouts of America will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate people with disabilities at its meetings. Please call the Outdoor Program Secretary at the national office at 972-580-2434 with your request.

Deadline: Return to your Lodge Staff Adviser by October 15th, 2012

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NATIONAL LODGE ADVISER TRAINING SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

November 2nd to 4th, 2012- Camp William B. Snyder

Please print or type the information below with your name printed in full. Complete one form for each participant. **After registering a participant this form needs to be scanned and sent to Mark Chilutti, Region Chairman via email to chairman@northeast.oa-bsa.org**

Name: _____
(First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name)

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone (Home) (____)_____ **Phone (Business)** (____)_____

Date of Birth: _____ **Phone (Cell)** (____)_____

Email: _____ **Check one: Male** _____ **Female** ____

Council: _____ **Cncl No.** _____

Lodge: _____ **Section: NE** - _____

OA Position: _____ **Number of years in this position:** _____

Date of LLD Completion: _____ **Date of NLS if you have attended:** _____

If you do not currently serve as a Lodge Adviser or Staff Adviser, please list below your reasons for wanting to attend this course: _____
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Please indicate any special medical or dietary needs: _____

Scout Executives: Please note that your signature below indicates that this person, if not already serving as a Lodge or Chapter Adviser, has immediate Lodge or Chapter Adviser potential.

Lodge Approval to Attend: _____
Lodge Adviser

Council Approval to Attend: _____
Scout Executive

Please return this form to your Lodge Staff Adviser so he/she can complete the online registration process and send in for approval.