September 13, 2012

To: **Order of the Arrow Lodge Advisers and Staff Advisers**
(Please distribute to current Lodge Youth Officers)

From: **Eric Bush - Region Chief**
Mark Chilutti - Region Chairman
Brian R. Gray - Region Staff Adviser

OA NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

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

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

PURPOSE

The National Leadership Seminar is a weekend conference on the skills and attributes of leadership. It is intended primarily to enhance the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their service to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community. The weekend format is designed to complement the longer, more detailed Wood Badge and National Youth Leadership Training programs. Near the end of the seminar, participants make a contract with themselves to apply the skills studied in the seminar on projects in their lodge, council, and community. Because the course content and learning points build from the very first session, arrangements should be made to be present at the camp as close to the 7:00 p.m. arrival time as possible. Participants are to be present for the entire seminar including the closing lunch and graduation. The seminar will conclude by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. The lodge should provide the contents of this invitation and the following page (Individual Registration Form) to each participant.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

It is recommended that youth participants be at least 15 years of age or a lodge officer. Prior completion of the Lodge Leadership Development Course is desirable. The seminar is an intensive experience in learning about the nature of leadership and practicing some of the skills that a leader uses. While it is designed to be fun, the course challenges participants mentally as well. Participants should be developmentally, physically, and mentally prepared to actively engage in an exhausting, invigorating weekend.

The course is limited to a maximum of 60 participants; therefore, normally no more than 3 may register per lodge. The course is designed for one-time participation; repeat attendance is not encouraged. More youth (under age 21) than adults should attend. It is understood that these guidelines will have to be interpreted flexibly to solve transportation and youth protection issues. Normally adults should attend only if they are driving youth members or are a lodge/chapter adviser/staff adviser. Each NLS is open to all lodges and sections. It is expected that each lodge will send representatives to a National Leadership Seminar at least once every other year. This course is very popular and routinely fills up, so get your reservations in early. If full, we will notify the council. This NLS will also be held in conjunction with a National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar (NLATS).

REGISTRATION

To register for this event, please fill out the attached form and return it to your Staff Adviser by **October 15th** so he/she can complete the online reservation by October 22nd. Registrations for the first 60 attendees will be accepted; after that, registrations will not be accepted. All potential participants should be sent in with the initial registration, even if exceeding the numbers recommended above. Registrations will not be accepted at the door. **Confirmations will not be sent.** Please make copies of this notice and share it with drivers and all participants.

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

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

No Smoking

In accordance with the OA Guide for 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, hoodies, patches, etc., will be available, and there will be a collection at the religious services for the Maury Clancy Fund.

Northeast Region Boy Scouts of America

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

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM

(Reproduce as necessary for each participant)

Please print or type the information below with your name printed in full. No individual confirmation notice will be mailed. You should reproduce this registration form locally.

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

Address: _____

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

Phone (Home): (____)_____ **(Cell):** (____)_____

E-Mail: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Council: _____ **No.**_____

Lodge: _____ **Section NE -** _____

OA Position: _____

Check one: **Male** _____ **Check one:** **Adult:** _____

Female _____ **Youth:** _____

Please return this form to your Lodge Staff Adviser so he/she can complete the registration process while there is still space available.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Boy Scouts of America will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate persons 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.