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To the parents of our newly elected Ordeal Candidate:

Congratulations! Your son is a candidate for the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America, the Order of the Arrow. The OA as it is called, is a national brotherhood of honored scouts that originated in 1911. The purposes of the OA are: 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 one, and only one, of these weekends: June 6-8 or September 19-21 at Camp Helendade OR May 16-18 June 6-8 or August 22-24 at Camp Emerson, your son will have an opportunity to become a member of our lodge, Cahuilla Lodge #127 during our induction weekends. This weekend will offer a unique opportunity for him to reflect on his personal commitment to the principles of the Scout Oath and Law as well as become acquainted with 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. Some of the events include: Fall Fellowship in October, the Lodge Banquet in January, and W4B Conclave in May. In addition, the OA provides some of the most valuable youth leadership training and opportunities available. These opportunities will build upon the knowledge he has already received during his Scouting experiences. This is truly an exciting time for you and your son. Your encouragement will be appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me at (909) 864-9750 or send me a letter to: Chris Ogaz, Lodge 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chief, 29116 Maplewood Pl. Highland, CA 92346 or E-mail to [Chris7860@msn.com](mailto:Chris7860@msn.com), if you have any questions concerning Order of the Arrow.

Thank you for your support of your son and of Scouting

Sincerely,

Chris Ogaz  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chief – Cahuilla Lodge  
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