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To: Members of the Castle Rock Stake Young Men Presidency,

From: Order of the Arrow, Tahosa Lodge, Spirit Eagle Chapter, Pioneer Trails District

Dear [INSERT NAME]

Perhaps you were a member of the Order of the Arrow as a youth or you have a friend who was. Now is the time to help the young men in your Stake experience membership in the Order of the Arrow (OA), Scouting's National Honor Society. The Order recognizes those Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. All Boy Scout troops and Varsity Scout teams are strongly encouraged to hold an annual election to nominate and elect Scouts and Scouters into the OA. The Order of the Arrow will send a trained team to your unit's meeting place to conduct an election that typically takes 20 to 30 minutes.

The Youth Membership Qualifications to join the Order of the Arrow are the following:

1. A Scout must hold the First Class rank or higher, be under the age of 21, and be registered as an active member of your troop or team.
2. With the approval of his leader, and the fulfillment of the camping requirement below, all qualified youth may be nominated and elected.
3. Youth must have experienced 15 nights of Boy Scout camping approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The 15 nights must include one long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping. Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement. The remaining 10 nights must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of no more than three nights each.

Please take six minutes now and watch this video to learn more about the importance of the OA in LDS units and see what we would like to show your units prior to their OA election: <https://youtu.be/5DSYktGo-h8>

Please help us arrange OA Unit Elections in your Stake. Forward this email to your Scoutmasters and send us a list of their email and phone numbers so we can follow up.

I would be happy to discuss Adult Membership Qualifications or any other questions you may have. I know you would not want the boys of your units to miss out on the exciting opportunity and honor that comes with membership in Scouting's National Honor Society.

Yours in Scouting,

Chapter Adviser
Spirit Eagle Chapter Adviser
(insert email address and phone number)