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Hello Chapter Advisors, my name is Keith Abraham and I am the Lodge Contingent Leader for the Order Of The Arrow - ArrowCorps5 (AC5) conservation project that will be held this June 14th-21st in Southern Utah. You can find lots more information at www.AC5Utah.com, which is the Lodge's website AC5 area. Those attending must be 14 years old or older by event time.

I have a special request of each of you. Please find a way to attend the AC5 activity with your Chapter, your Chapter's attendance and service is needed at this project.

Also please contact every Varsity and Boy Scout unit within your chapter boundaries, in concert with the Chapter Chiefs, and advise them of the upcoming AC5 activity, and offer to hold elections and ordeals enabling eligible youth and adults to join OA.

Having attempted something on this scale before I am very aware of the difficulty involved. I would like to make a couple of suggestions based upon what I learned. Please accept these suggestions in the spirit in which they were offered, as I don't know all of the unique situations under which you operate.

- #1. Develop a message regarding the OA and the AC5 project, along with an offer to hold elections and an Ordeal.
- #2. Ask your District roundtable chairman to send this message to all of those on his/her email list. This type of communication structure exists in my district but I don't know about yours.
- #3. Ask for 20 seconds in roundtable to follow up on the message that was sent out and even have a signup sheet available for those that are interested. Don't assume that everyone has email.
- #4. Ask for 20 seconds to announce the event and elections in roundtable Varsity breakout sessions.
- #5. Please insure that you advise youth that will not be 14 by event time that they cannot attend "this" event, but will be able to look forward to Lodge Pow Wow 7/30-8/2/2008, National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) 2009, and all other OA activities between Pow Wow and NOAC, and future OA activities as well.

I know that there is an excellent chance that you are doing most of these things already as part of your regular Chapter activities. To have a National OA event of this magnitude in our back yard is a very big deal and can be used as an event to recruit for. AC5 is also replacing Tee Pee Week this year.

Either I or a member of my leadership team will also contact you, but if you have questions or concerns please contact me as soon as you can so that we can work through them.

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Please feel free to contact me, preferably by email with any questions