

# CAMP PROMOTION

Good evening. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am here as representative of the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter of the Order of the Arrow and before we get to your units OA election I would like to talk to you about camping. We all joined the Boy Scouts because we enjoy outdoor adventures, especially camping. When you are elected into the Order of the Arrow you take the next step in scouting by developing and maintaining the spirit and traditions of camping.

One of the purposes of the Order of the Arrow is to promote Scout Camping and to help strengthen the District and Council camping program. During your troops patrol leader planning sessions when you discuss where to go camping you may want to consider our own local camps which have some new exciting features being offered and the promise of more coming in the following years. I have a short presentation created by our council about the new features of our camps.

## SDIC Camps Unit presentation

Mataguay Scout Ranch has been adding new exciting programs over the years and has begun to fill up quickly:

- Pathfinder Program for scouts on the road to First Class
- Aviation Merit Badge which includes actual flying in a glider from the glider port
- Horse corrals and the added Horsemanship merit badge program
- And especially exciting is the addition of two new C.O.P.E. courses. The High C.O.P.E. course is now open with seven activities to do **“before”** you get back to the ground. The Low C.O.P.E. course will be open this summer.
- Mataguay Expedition Force a week long trek
- Geocaching
- And specially designed Merit Badge programs

Camp Fiesta Island is a very popular summer camp that fills up quickly so reservations have to be made early. Among the activities at this camp you will find:

- A new and expanded Surf and Snorkel adventure program
- The Mariners program for scouts on the road to First Class
- Windsurfing, sailing, kayaking, canoeing, Oceanography, Nautical Survival and surfing adventures as well as added training for Adult leaders.

Another way to have a tremendous “Summer Camp” experience is to consider serving on camp staff. Our camps are currently taking applications for camp counselors. All you have to do is to go onto the council website and click the camp you are interested in going to download an application.

So thank you for allowing us to talk about camping and now we will continue with your Order of the Arrow election. Go to election script.