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Dear Scout,

Congratulations on being chosen by your peers to become a candidate for membership in Scouting's National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow. The purpose of the Order of the Arrow (OA) is to recognize and honor those campers who best live up to the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.

This is a significant recognition in your scouting career, since you were elected by members of your troop based on the high ideals that the Order of the Arrow represents.

Our local lodge is Aracoma Lodge #481, and is represented throughout the Black Warrior Council.

In order to become a member of the OA, you must attend an Ordeal Weekend and ceremony within a year of being elected. Our Ordeal Weekend this year is scheduled for **July 10-12, 2015**.

Attached to this letter is a registration form. You may also visit www.aracoma481.org and go to the 'Candidates' page to find out more about the weekend and the lodge.

Becoming active in the OA will offer many leadership, service, and fun opportunities to you. The lodge participates in several fellowship weekends throughout the year. There are also national events and programs such as the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), OA Trail Crew at Philmont, and others. Individual members often explore Native American events such as dancing, drumming or singing, or may participate in our various ceremonial teams.

Again, congratulations on this honor bestowed to you by your troop, and we look forward to meeting and helping you as you begin this exciting scouting journey. If you have any questions, please contact our associate lodge adviser, Scott Stephens, at assocadviser@aracoma481.org or 205-792-5554.

Yours in Scouting,

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