



The Southern Tier has suffered a community tragedy with the recent floods caused by Tropical Storm Lee. Here is a way that you can help.

The Order of the Arrow will be moving it's service weekend from Camp Tuscarora to Apalachin, one of the communities worst hit. The OA will organize service projects for Troops wanting to help this coming weekend, September 17. There are things that you must do **prior to arriving**, so **please read this fact sheet completely**.

- This service project will entail work in some of the hardest hit areas. It will be muddy, smelly, hot, and physically demanding. It will be limited to members of the BSA ages **11 and older**. **Cub Scouts will not be able to take part in this activity.**
- **Order of the Arrow members staying the weekend** will need to bring their own tents, cots, and camping equipment (space will be provided to set up your tent). Other Scouting units/persons will be limited to the Saturday service project. There will be bathroom facilities, but we do not anticipate that there will be showers.
- **Adult members will be in great demand** to transport Scouts to various work sites. If you have access to a van or mini-van, that would be helpful.
- **Participants must bring** the following equipment: A Nalgene/canteen, rubber boots (the taller the better), work gloves, and long pants. Please bring a shovel, flat bottomed is best. Anticipate work in mud, or possibly helping to remove flood-damaged material from buildings.
- **This is a Scouting event.** Each participant is requested to wear a Scouting or Venturing T-Shirt or Field Uniform ("Class A") shirt during the project. OA members must have a Field Uniform ("Class A") for that part of the event.
- **Each participant must have on their person a completed Part A & B medical form**, which may be downloaded from:
http://scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/parts_ab.pdf
- **You must call and register no later than Thursday at 3 PM**, so that adequate food is available. Call Council Registrar Linda Seeley, 648-7888 to register your unit. OA members should submit a registration form at the Scout Office.
- The service project will begin at 8:00 AM on Saturday 9/17 (Order of the Arrow members should arrive Friday by 8 PM). The service project will be over by 4 PM Saturday 9/17 (Order of the Arrow members will be ready to leave Sunday by 10:30 AM).
- The staging/ arrival area will be the Apalachin Elementary School, 405 Pennsylvania Ave, Apalachin , NY.
- Lunch will be provided free to Troops by Baden-Powell Council and the Order of the Arrow. For Order of the Arrow members, it is understood that there might be financial hardship caused by the flooding. If able, the Lodge is requesting a \$12 donation by those members staying all weekend. Ordeal and Brotherhood candidates should refer to their registration materials for added costs associated with induction.
- Consider bringing good used clothing or canned goods to donate. Many have lost everything.

Please consider supporting a community in need. Questions? Please call the Scout Office at 648-7888.