



TO: Troop and Varsity Team Leaders and Unit Committee Chairs

FROM: Amangi V Chapter Unit Election Team

The Order of the Arrow is an honor society chartered by the Boy Scouts of America. It recognizes those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law or Varsity Scout Pledge in their daily lives. By such recognition, it causes other Scout campers to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant similar recognition, to promote camping, and to solidify the habit of helpfulness as a life purpose.

Each Scout Troop or Varsity Team with qualified Scouts is urged to hold an election no later than the end of March of this year to select candidates for an Ordeal to be conducted this summer. You, as the Unit Leader, select the date and place of the election.

To be eligible, Scouts must possess these qualifications:

1. A Scout must hold at least the First Class rank (including First Class board of review), be under the age of 21 and must be currently registered as a member of his Troop or Team.
2. A Scout must have completed at least 15 days and nights of camping in the Boy Scout program during the two-year period prior to the election. The 15 days and nights must include one long-term camp of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and certified under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps, verifiable by Unit tour permits on record at the Council office.
3. The Scout must have the approval of the Unit Leader as being a living example of the Scout Spirit, as given in the Scout Oath and Law. This is the most important aspect of the youth's qualifications.

Scouters under the age of 21 are considered youth members in the Order of the Arrow and must meet the above requirements. They are elected in the Unit election as any other Scout and are entitled to vote along with the other youth members.

Voting for candidates will be based on their spirit of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and a willingness to give unselfish and wholehearted service to others at all times.

Scouters who are 21 years old or older are nominated for membership in the Order by the Unit Committee or, if they hold a District Committee position, by the District Committee. Scouters must meet the following qualifications:

1. A Scouter must have reached the age of 21 prior to the election and be registered as an active Unit Leader, Assistant Unit Leader, Unit Committee member, or District or Council Committee member.
2. A Scouter must have completed the same camping requirement as outlined for youth members.
3. A Scouter must be an asset to the Order due to demonstrated skills and abilities, which fulfill the purpose of the Order. The adult must provide a positive role model for the growth and development of the youth members of the Chapter and the Lodge.

Adult nominations must have the approval of the Committee, including the Unit or District Committee Chair. A Unit Committee may nominate one adult candidate per fifty (50) registered youth or fraction thereof per year; District Committees may nominate any number of candidates per year. The Lodge Executive Committee must approve all adult nominations for selections. An adult nomination form is enclosed for your use. Please return this form to the Lodge, at the address indicated, no later than the last day of March.

Please notify us as to the date and place set aside for the election of candidates. It should be a regularly scheduled Unit meeting. Every effort should be made to have 100% attendance of all registered Unit members under the age of 21. Members of the Order of the Arrow will be on hand to run the election.

After conducting your Unit's election, we ask that you keep the names of elected Scouts and nominated Scouters confidential. Please notify one of the Chapter Chiefs listed below if any phone numbers, addresses, or other vital information changes for any elected or nominated candidate. We ask that you tell the new candidate(s) nothing about what is ahead of them. We want them to go through the Ordeal with a clear mind.

We, the members of the Order of the Arrow, look forward to serving you and your Unit in the future. Should you have any questions regarding the Order or the election procedure, please call us at the phone numbers listed below.

Yours in the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service,

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