



OA Unit Elections

October 2008

Dear Scoutmasters and Unit Leaders;

Every year, the Order of the Arrow visits every troop possible looking for new scouts who have exemplified true leadership and commitment in the Boy Scouts of America beyond what is expected of them. We are looking for scouts who would like to advance to higher achievements and present them with a challenge that will test them to become our future leaders. Scouts have always enjoyed that challenge and they are given many opportunities to have fun and experience everything that scouting has to offer. The Order of the Arrow is known to be *Scouting's National Honor Society*.

It is once again approaching that time of year when the OA under Nacha Nimat Lodge is forming election teams and preparing to visit troops throughout the council who are interested in holding unit OA elections for their boys and allowing the OA to talk to the troop about the OA and what scouting has to offer. It is known that those boys who participate in scouting beyond the unit level are more likely to remain in scouting longer than those who don't. Our goal is to allow all the youth from your troop to elect a select group of scouts who they feel exemplify the values of scouting the best and are most qualified to lead the your troop in the future.

To be eligible to be elected, a scout must be 1st class, be registered in the BSA, been camping for 15 days and nights, be approved by the scoutmaster, and displayed exceptional leadership responsibilities towards the troop and its scouts. To be elected, a scout must have 50% of the votes of those scouts that have attended at the election time and at least 50% of all registered scouts must be present during the election. In order to have an election, an election team must be present for the election (it can not be from your own troop). This year we will be holding Call-Out Ceremonies at your local district events to announce those scouts who are elected for the upcoming year.

Please contact your designated district Chapter Chief to make the appointment in your troop for OA elections. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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Thank You and we hope to see many new faces at the spring Ordeal weekends!

Sincerely,

Tom Raco
Lodge Chief

Sincerely,

Izak Breslauer
Lodge Advisor

Sincerely,

Kate Toland
Staff Advisor