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Dear Unit Leader,

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society. It recognizes those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and, through that recognition, cause others to conduct themselves in such a way that warrants similar recognition, to promote camping, to develop leaders, and to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others. Each Troop, Crew, or Ship with qualified Scouts or Venturers is urged to hold an election not later than April 1, 2020, to select candidates for an induction weekend to be held at Camp Brulé on April 30 – May 2, Camp Gorton on June 18-20, or Camp Brulé on August 20 – 22, 2021.

The date and place of the election are selected by you, as unit leader. We can have elections done virtually through zoom and can provide the platform to do this. To sign up for an OA Election please fill out this form: [OA Election Form](#)  
Our Lodge Vice Chief Lucas McLaughlin will contact you back to finalize the election date: [tkaendodvicechief@gmail.com](mailto:tkaendodvicechief@gmail.com).

## Youth Membership Qualifications

1. Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
2. Have experienced 15 nights of camping while registered with a troop, crew, or ship within the two years immediately prior to the election. The 15 nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement; the balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each. Ship nights may be counted as camping for Sea Scouts.
3. At the time of their election, youth must be under the age of 21, hold the Scouts BSA First Class rank, the Venturing Discovery Award, or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank or higher, and following approval by the Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor or Sea Scout Skipper, be elected by the youth members of their unit.

Voting for youth candidates will be based on their spirit of brotherhood, cheerfulness (no matter how tiresome their duties), and a willingness to give unselfish and wholehearted service to others at all times.

## Adult Membership Qualifications

Each year, upon holding a unit election for youth candidates that results in at least one youth candidate being elected, the unit committee may nominate registered unit adults, 21 years of age or older, to the lodge adult selection committee. Adult Nomination Forms should be returned by April 1, 2021 to Lodge Adviser Josh Wolf: [tkaendod@gmail.com](mailto:tkaendod@gmail.com)

The number of adults nominated can be no more than one-third of the number of youth candidates elected, rounded up where the number of youth candidates is not a multiple of three. In addition to the one-third limit, the unit committee may nominate the currently-serving Scoutmaster (but not assistant leaders), as long as he or she has served as Scoutmaster for at least the previous 12 months. For example, if 4 young men or women are elected at your scheduled election then your committee can submit forms for 2 adults to the selection committee, 3 if one meets the qualifications as Scoutmaster. Recommendations of the adult selection committee, with the approval of the Scout executive, will be candidates for induction, provided the following conditions are fulfilled:

1. Selection of the adult is based on the ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order fulfill its purpose and is not for recognition of service, including current and prior achievements and positions.
2. The individual will be an asset to the Order because of demonstrated abilities that fulfill the purpose of the Order.
3. The camping requirements set forth for youth members are fulfilled.
4. The adult leader's membership will provide a positive example for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge.

We will be in contact you once your unit has filled out the Election Registration form above to finalize a date for your unit's election. It should be held at a regularly scheduled unit meeting or camping experience. Every effort should be made to have 100 percent attendance of both youths and adults at this meeting. An election team from the Order of the Arrow will be on hand to conduct the election.

Yours in Scouting,

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