

OA Election script

1.

What is the OA? (Ask if anyone knows)

It is Scouting's national honor society for experienced campers, based on American Indian traditions, and dedicated to the ideal of cheerful service.

How to Recognize OA Members

- **Sash** -- Arrowmen are identified by a white sash bearing a red arrow that is worn over their right shoulder.
- **Pocket Flap** -- Arrowmen indicate lodge affiliation by wearing a patch on the right pocket flap of the uniform, known as a Lodge Flap. All Lodges have different Lodge Flaps to distinguish one lodge from another.

2.

Purpose of the Order of the Arrow

As Scouting's National Honor Society, our purpose is to:

- Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.
- Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.
- Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.
- To reinforce the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others
- Why would you want to be part of the OA? Because it's wicked FUN!!!

3.

Eligible Scouts

Either the Unit OA rep or one of the election team reads the names on the paper ballots.

Who should I vote for?

- This is not a popularity contest.
- Who on this ballot is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout?
- Who is pleasant and easy to get along with? Is he kind and helpful?
- Who is cheerful and serves others, at all times?
- Who smiles whenever he can?
- Who has served your unit all year round, faithfully attending your meetings and helping with service projects?
- If your troop was on a backpacking trip, and you twisted your ankle, who would volunteer to carry your pack?

4.

Instructions to the Scouts

- You can (and should) vote for yourself.
- You can vote for any number of candidates.
- You can write “all.”
- If you don’t feel like you can make a decision (maybe you’re new here), then put the ballot in your pocket and don’t turn it in.
- **When you are finished voting, fold your ballot in half and raise your hand. We’ll pick it up.**

What’s Next?

- To become a member of the Order of the Arrow, once elected, you have one year to participate in an induction weekend. Your scoutmaster has details.
- Upcoming Induction Weekends:
 - May 2-4 Camp Sequoyah
 - Aug ??? Camp Comer

-- -- (hand out ballots) -- --