

## OA Election script

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### 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.

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### 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!!!

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## 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?

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## 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) -- --