



Order of the Arrow Election

Packet

How to run elections:

- 1) Contact the Unit to set up a date and time
- 2) Make all members of your troop or crew aware of the date and time
- 3) Print election ballots
- 4) Have an OA member from your troop read the mission of the Order of the Arrow and speak about some of the things we do
- 5) Go over Youth/Adult requirements to join
- 6) Have all youth members of the unit vote on the ballots(they can vote for all that are eligible)
- 7) Count the votes (each scout needs at 51% of the maximum amount of votes)

Requirements for election (Youth):

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- 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 camping may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement.
- The balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camping of, at most, three nights each. Ship nights may be counted as camping for Sea Scouts.
- 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.

Requirements for election(Adult):

- Adults (age 21 or older) who are registered in the BSA and meet the camping requirements may be selected following nomination to the lodge adult selection committee. Adult selection is based on their ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order fulfill its purpose, and is not for recognition of service, including current or prior positions. Selected adults must be an asset to the Order because of demonstrated abilities, and must provide a positive example for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge.

# of Youth Elected	# of Possible Adult Nominations
1-3	1
4-6	2
7-9	3
10-12	4
14-16	5
17-19	6

After the Election:

- 1.) Offer to conduct a Tap Out Ceremony for the elected scouts that night.
- 2.) After conducting the Tap Out Ceremony, the newly elected scouts must meet with you prior to the end of the meeting.
- 3.) Make sure to obtain all required data on the Contact Information Form from each of the elected scouts.
- 4.) The Contact Information Form and the Master Ballot sheet should be attached and turned into the:

OA mailbox - Jersey Shore Council office. (Toms River)

OA mailbox - Citta Scout Reservation. (Main office)

Questions?:

Please, contact the Chief or Lodge Advisor

Chief

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Master Ballot

Unit #: _____ # of Youth in attendance: _____ Election Date: _____

Scout's Name # Total Yes # Total No # Total abstain

Scout's Name	# Total Yes	# Total No	# Total abstain

Signature of Unit Leader: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Election Team Member: _____ Date: _____

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Contact Information

Name: _____ **Phone#:** _____
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