

OA Election Team Instructions – 2012

- **Team Lead:** Select an Election Team (3-4 Brothers per Team)
- **Teams:** Select Troops your Team will visit to conduct elections
- **Team Lead:** Contact Troop (see District website for contact info) to:
 - o Determine if Troop has anyone eligible for OA (Scout and Adult)
 - o If so, set date for elections to be held during Troop meeting
 - o Determine how many members in Troop will be available for elections so can determine how many ballots will be needed
 - o Send *Chapter Unit Election Report* to Troop Leader; Form must be filled out prior to election with all the required information with the exception of the Election Results and Team Signatures sections.
 - o Contact your OA Election Team members to provide dates they will be needed to visit Troop(s) for election support
 - o Submit Team's Troop election dates to OA Chapter Leadership via email
- **Team Lead:** Make sure required election forms and ballots are ready prior to visiting each Troop to hold elections
- **Teams:** Visit Troop(s) on election date and conduct elections using following guidelines:
 - o Review Unit Election Report with Unit Leader prior to election to make sure it is properly filled out
 - o Provide history and purpose of OA to Troop members
 - o Explain eligibility rules to Troop members
 - o Conduct elections
 - o Count ballots; Complete Election Results section of *Chapter Unit Election Report* and have all Team members sign the form. Keep ballots to turn in with forms.
 - o Obtain any Adult Recommendation forms. Make sure are filled out and signed as appropriate.

Troop Elections: Troop elections must be completed by **Sunday, April 15th 2012**

. Election forms and reports (Scout and Adult) must be turned in at the **Sunday, April 15th 2012** OA meeting.

OA Eligibility Requirements:

The Order of the Arrow is a national honor society within Boy Scouts of America. Its purpose is to recognize those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and promotes the tradition of camping.

To be eligible for OA, a Scout must be:

- At least First Class
- Minimum of 15 nights camping including one week of summer camp.
- Must also have earned the respect and trust of his fellow Scouts, for it is his fellow Scouts who vote to nominate a Scout for OA.
- Must be approved as eligible by Troop Scout Master prior to election.

Upon his nomination, a Scout must pass the Ordeal before he is accepted into OA. To bear the Obligation of the Order, a Scout must be mindful of OA's high tradition, honor its purpose, and pledge himself to cheerful service to others.