

To: Unit Leaders
Subject: Annual Unit Elections

Dear Unit Leaders,

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society. It recognizes those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. And this may inspire other campers to conduct themselves in such a manner where they may achieve similar recognition, to promote camping, and to crystallize the habit of cheerful service as a life purpose.

Each Boy Scout troop or Varsity Scout team with qualified Scouts is welcome to hold an election for an Ordeal to be held at Parker Scout Reservation on May 20-22 or on August 19 – 21. If a candidate does not make it to one of these events, their name will be void and they will no longer be candidates until they are re-elected by their troop for the 2012 year. The date and place of the election are selected by you, the unit leader. But after April 15th, we can not guarantee the availability of an election team and mailings to candidates.

Due to the fact that our council does not have its own summer camp, the National Order of the Arrow rules only lets your home lodge in your council to do your Unit Elections which for you is Nagounabe lodge. In the past you may have had your election done at summer camp but this had changed so Nagounabe lodge offers unit elections every year in the late winter and spring at the start of each year.

A form is enclosed for you to use in notifying the lodge unit elections committee of your top three requests for the date, time and location that your unit will set aside for the election of candidates. Every effort should be made to have 100 percent of both youth and adults at this election. A minimum of a majority of members under the age of 21 is required. An election team member will then contact you to arrange the election according to one of your three requests. An election team from the Order of the Arrow, Nagounabe Lodge #31 will then be on hand, at the scheduled time, to conduct the election (the election needs to be performed by an approved election team, from Nagounabe Lodge). Following are the requirements to be eligible for the Order of the Arrow.

Youth Membership Qualifications

1. A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout who holds the First Class Rank, is under the age of 21, and is registered as an active member of the troop or team, with approval of his unit leader, may be nominated for election. Prior to the annual election, the unit leader must certify the nominee's Scout spirit and youth membership qualifications.
2. The nominee must have experienced fifteen days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election as a registered member of a troop or team. The fifteen days and nights must include on long-term camp, consisting of six consecutive days and nights of resident camping, approved

and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. Only one such long term camp can be used in determining if the requirement for 15 days and nights had been met. The balance of nine other days and ten other nights of camping must be overnight, weekend or other short-term camps.

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 service to others at all times.

Adult Membership Qualifications

Each year, upon holding a troop or team election for youth candidates that results in at least one youth candidate being elected, the unit committee may recommend one registered unit adult, 21 years of age or older, to the lodge adult selection committee. The adult selection committee, with the approval of the Scout Executive, will decide who 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 purposes 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 role model for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the following information.

Phone Number: (218)-670-0462

E-mail Address: lbitkea@gmail.com

Respectfully yours,

Landon Bitker
Chief of Naguonabe lodge.

Election Request Form

Troop Number: _____

Scoutmaster Name: _____
Scoutmaster Address: _____

Scoutmaster Phone: _____
Cell _____

Make your top three requests below along with a short questionnaire. Elections will take 20-45 minutes, depending on troop size and environment. We request that there is a leader at the desired location 20 minutes before the election time. Remember that we cannot guarantee an election team available without a two-week notice before the date of the desired election date. Due to the lodge having few election teams available, some dates and nights requested may not be possible.

Date: _____
Time: _____
Location: _____

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Does your troop have a power source at the desired location for election? Yes No

Does your troop have a TV? Yes No

Does your troop have a DVD player? Yes No

Does your troop have a VCR? Yes No

Please mail completed election form to:

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617-530-0229
naguonabe@gmail.com



If you know of any newly elected candidates in your troop, please forward this letter to them.

Thank you.

Dear Fellow Scout,

That you, my fellow camper, have been chosen by your brother Scouts to become a member of the Order of the Arrow reflects great credit upon you. I congratulate you on your election! Through your many journeys in Scouting you have impressed upon those who have lived closest to you the sincerity of your purpose to live in accordance with the high ideals of the Scout Oath and Law.

On behalf of Naguonabe Lodge, I invite you to come to the Conclave May 20-22, 2011 at Parker Scout Reservation. Here, you will begin upon the path of Cheerful Service by undergoing an Ordeal. In preparing for your journey, you need to bring the following items to the Conclave:

- A tent with a ground cloth
- Class A Scout Uniform
- A sleeping bag or blankets and sleeping pad
- A canteen or water bottle, flashlight, rain poncho, pocket knife, and work gloves
- All necessary items for a weekend campout including the attached health form

Eat a good meal before you come to camp, and please try to arrive between 6:45 and 7 P.M. There is a meeting for parents at 7 P.M. and your parents and families are welcome to stay for the callout ceremony after the meeting. If you do not attend this Conclave, you may attend the Conclave August 19-21, 2011. If you cannot attend either, you will need to be re-elected next year into the Order.

It is with great enthusiasm that I congratulate you on your election, and I am looking forward to seeing you at the Spring Conclave.

In Scouting,

Alex Baumgartner

Naguonabe Lodge Vice-Chief of Administration

"He alone is worthy to wear the Arrow who will continue faithfully to serve his fellow man."