



Order of the Arrow - Nischa Achowalogen Lodge

The Honor Camping Program of the Golden Spread Council

To: Troop/Team Leaders

From: Order of the Arrow W.W.W. Nischa Achowalogen Lodge

Subject: Annual Unit Elections

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, by such recognition, cause other campers to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant similar recognition, to promote camping, and to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Each Boy Scout troop or Varsity Scout team with qualified Scouts is urged to hold an election not later than May 28, 2010, to select candidates for an Ordeal to be held at Camp Don Harrington on August 27 – 29, 2010. The date and place of the election are selected by you, as unit leader.

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 may, with the approval of his unit leader, 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 youth must have experienced 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the 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 and wholehearted 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. Troops or teams having more than 50 registered, active youth members may nominate an additional adult for every 50 registered, active youth, or fraction thereof. For example, a troop having 51 to 100 registered, active youths may nominate two adults each year if at least one youth has been elected. The adult selection committee, with the approval of the Scout executive, will decide who will be candidates for inductions 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 example for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge.***

Please email the Lodge Adviser jared.read@gmail.com to schedule your election. It should be held at a regularly scheduled unit meeting or camping experience. Every effort should be made to have 100 percent attendance of both youths and adults at this meeting. An election team from the Order of the Arrow will be on hand to conduct the election.

Respectfully yours,

Tyler Thorne
Lodge Chief

Jared Read
Lodge Advisor

Unit Elections Evaluation Form

Troop/Team No.: _____ District: _____ Location: _____

Unit Leader: _____ Phone No. _____

OA Troop/Team Representative: _____ Date of Unit Election: _____

Please annotate Yes or No in the column beside the question.

Did the unit election team arrive on time? _____

Was the unit election team in proper uniform? _____

Was the team courteous to leaders and Scouts? _____

Was the team knowledgeable of election procedures? _____

Did the team have the right forms? _____

Was the unit leader advised of the procedures? _____

Was the unit leader advised in advance of the choices available for call-outs? _____

Was the election conducted in accordance with OA and BSA rules, policies, and procedures? _____

Were any other presentations, such as camp promotion, well-presented? _____

Did the election offer a clear statement of criteria on which Scouts should base their vote? _____

If the unit leader decided to have the newly elected candidates called out, was the call-out impressive? _____

Did the unit's OA troop/team representative help conduct the unit election? What was your overall impression of the unit election?

How could it have been improved?

What can the Order of the Arrow do to better serve your unit?

Signed (Unit Leader)

Signed (OA Troop/Team Representative)

Return this form to OA unit elections chairman:

Jared Read

OA Lodge Adviser

401 Tascosa Road, Amarillo, Texas 79124

Or E-mail to: jared.read@gmail.com

UNIT ELECTION REPORT

Council Name: Golden Spread Council

Lodge Name: Nischa Achowalogen

Troop/Team _____ Date of election _____

No. of registered active youth _____

No. of youth present _____

NOTE: *At least half of the registered active unit members must be present to hold an election.*
 (Fill in names and ranks of eligible youth before election.)

NAME	RANK	CHECK IF ELECTED	NAME	RANK	CHECK IF ELECTED

I certify that the above youth members are eligible and approve them as nominees for election. I also understand that the election results will be final for the year.

Unit leader's signature _____

Number of members eligible _____

Number of ballots turned in _____

Number of votes required to be elected _____ Number elected _____

Mail election report to:

Lodge Adviser
 401 S. Tascosa Rd
 Amarillo, TX 79124

Election team members' signatures:

List names and addresses of those elected on back of this form.