

OA Election Script

This script is intended to help you conduct an OA unit election. You are not required to use it, but may do so if you feel it will help. You may use all, some, or none of it, and should replace parts of it with your own experiences and knowledge of the Order of the Arrow when appropriate.

Hello, my name is _____. I am an Order of the Arrow member in the Tendeuchen Chapter, which serves the Buckeye District. It is my job to help you elect new members from your troop into the Order of the Arrow.

Tonight you are being asked to choose members of your troop that are the best examples of Scout Camping – your fellow scouts who live the Scout Motto, Promise, Oath and Law in their daily lives. You want to recognize those Scouts who cheerfully help others, who are good campers, and who are dependable and committed to your troop’s Scouting program. Part of the purpose of the Order of the Arrow is to help you honor those boys who truly exemplify the *best* of Scouting in your troop. Those selected tonight will be tapped out in the spring and expected to complete the Ordeal ceremony during the summer or fall. When you take your Ordeal, the Lodge will accept you as a member in the Order of the Arrow. When you have been an Ordeal member for more than 10 months, you may fully seal your membership in the Order by completing the requirements for Brotherhood membership.

The primary mission of the Order of the Arrow is to support scout camping. Last year, Order of the Arrow members performed thousands of hours of maintenance and service to Camp Lazarus, Camp Falling Rock, Chief Logan Scout Reservation, Otter Run, and Camp Oyo. This includes all sorts of tasks, including painting buildings, restoring roads, building trails and bridges, as well as many other jobs. At the District Level, the Tendeuchen Chapter has constructed a new bridge and rebuilt the orienteering course at Camp Lazarus, built the campfires and provided program support for Buckeye District Camporees, and helped with major clean-up and improvement efforts at the Darby Bend Lakes portion of the Prairie Oaks Metro Park. We also assist packs in performing crossover ceremonies and sponsor an Indian dance team.

Scouts in your troop who have completed 15 days and nights of camping in the last two years, including a summer camp or high adventure trip, who have achieved the rank of First Class, and who have received your Scoutmaster’s approval are eligible for election into the Order of the Arrow. The names of the eligible scouts are _____ (printed on the ballot, or read names). You should vote for the scouts who represent the *best* of Scouting, who live the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. You may vote for any number scouts on the ballot who you feel are worthy of this great honor.

Ask if there are any questions, and answer them before starting the vote. Read eligible names out loud (or ask the SPL to do it for you) before voting. This is a secret ballot vote, so there should be no talking. Scouts can vote for EVERYONE on the ballot, some, or none. To be elected, each scout must receive at least half of the total votes cast, rounded up. After the election form is filled out and signed, give the PINK copy to the Scoutmaster. See the Election Requirements sheet and Election Checklist for more information.