

Order of the Arrow Elections Process

APOXKY AIO Lodge # 300

Golden Eagle Chapter

1. Patrol Leader's Council and Scoutmaster pick a date for the Order of Arrow (OA) election. Elections are held annually usually conducted before the Spring Camporee so that candidates can be tapped out at the Camporee.
2. The Scoutmaster, SPL, or Arrow of Light Representative contact the election team to schedule a date.
3. Scoutmaster prepares list of eligible candidates:
 - a. Hold the rank of First Class Scout on the night of election.
 - b. In the past two years, have completed fifteen (15) days and nights of camping under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America. The fifteen days and nights of camping must include one long-term camp of six days and five nights, and the balance of the camping must be short-term (1, 2, or 3 nights) camping.
 - c. Be under the age of 21.
 - d. Scoutmaster recommendation.
4. Scoutmaster/SPL will prepare the form supplied by the Order of the Arrow Election Team.
5. Election team will contact Scoutmaster one week before election to confirm date, time and location.
6. Election team arrives 10 minutes before meeting starts. The election team will need to know the number of boys registered in the troop. 50% percent of the boys must be present at the meeting before the election team will start the election process. All troop OA members are encouraged to wear their OA sashes the night of the election.
7. All youth under the age of 21 are eligible to vote. Voting is done by secret ballot. Youth can vote for any number of candidates.
8. A candidate must receive 50% of the ballots collected. If no candidate receives 50% of the ballots, the election team will go over the process again and conduct a second vote. If no one receives 50% of the vote on the second ballot, the election is closed and will count as the troop's election for that year.
9. The Scoutmaster is told the results of the election. The Scoutmaster will talk with the O A Advisor about the election results, and is asked not to revile any names to the Troop. To complete the election paperwork the election team will need the address and First Class day of rank for all candidates selected for membership into the OA. The troop members are usually tapped out at the Spring Ceremony but this is not a requirement, the candidates may be elected at a later time and still attend The Ordeal.
10. Candidates have one year to complete their Ordeal. This will complete his membership into the OA. The Lodge conducts two Ordeals per year. Times and locations will be announced later. Candidates who are unable to complete their Ordeal must be re-elected.

If you have any questions please contact
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Adult Candidates

If the troop successfully elects one youth member to the OA, the troop may also nominate one adult per 50 boys for membership into the OA. After the youth election is completed, the election team will give the Troop Committee Chairperson an adult nomination form. Adult candidates must meet the following requirements:

- a. Must be registered and active member of the troop.
- b. Must be at least 21 years of age at the time of nomination. Both males and females are eligible.
- c. In the past two years, have completed fifteen (15) days and nights of camping under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America. The fifteen days and nights of camping must include one long-term camp of six days and five nights, and the balance of the camping must be short-term (1, 2, or 3 nights) camping.

The adult form is completed and given to the Elections Advisor who will present it for review and approval to the Lodge. If approved the troop will be notified and the adult will be tapped out. Like the youth, the adult has one year to complete his/her ordeal.

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The important dates to remember are;

Elections for candidates to be tapped out for Spring Campree must take place no later than

April 15th, 2008

Elections for candidates to attend Ordeal must take place no later than

May 13th, 2008

The first Ordeal will be held June 6th and 8th 2008 at K-M near Lewistown and
The second Ordeal will be held June 13th to 15th at Grizzly Base by Missoula
Pre registration is a must, non-registered Scouts will not be allowed to attend