



TSALI LODGE

DANIEL BOONE COUNCIL 333 WEST HAYWOOD STREET ASHEVILLE, NC 28801

January 1, 2021

To: Troop/Team Leaders
From: Order of the Arrow W.W.W., Tsali 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 **March 7, 2021** to select candidates for an Ordeal to be held at Camp Daniel Boone on **May 14 - 16, April 9-10, or August 20 - 22, 2021**. 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. After registration with a troop or team, 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.
3. 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 nominate adults to the lodge adult selection committee. The number of adults nominated can be no more than one-third of the number of youth candidates elected, rounded up where the number of youth candidates is not a multiple of three. In addition to the one-third limit, the unit committee may nominate the currently- serving unit leader (but not assistant leaders), as long as he or she has served as unit leader for at least the previous twelve months.

Nominations to the adult selection committee, which consists of the lodge adviser, the chairman of the council committee on which the lodge adviser serves, and the lodge staff adviser, with the approval of the Scout executive, serving as Supreme Chief of the Fire, 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 purpose, and not for recognition of service, including current or prior achievement 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 use the enclosed **Adult Leader Nomination** letter. When the adult selection committee has made its decision, the names of those adults approved will be added to the list of Ordeal candidates. They will receive a candidate letter at the same time the youth candidates receive their candidate letter. **Please DO NOT tell the adult you nominated that you have made a nomination.**

The enclosed Unit Election Report has two sides. The front side insures that procedures have been followed. **The names of those youth elected are to be entered on the back side.** The information, ie First Name, Middle Name/Initial, Last Name, Birth date and BSA Registration Number **MUST** match this same information that you provided to Council when you rechartered your unit. Example: If the scout is listed as John David Doe on your charter, this is how he must be listed on the election form. You may call him Johnny or Davie, but he **MUST** be listed as he is listed on your unit's charter. Please note that the BSA registration number is required. This is the long number located under the bar code at the bottom of the BSA membership card.

The form must be mailed to the council office to the attention of "OA Election". Every effort will be made to work with schedules so that no youth is penalized. Also include the Adult Leader Recommendation letter.

Units that use TroopMaster 2008 or newer can generate a Unit O/A Eligibility Report that can be used instead of the election report. On the toolbar at the top of the TroopMaster screen, select *REPORT*, then select *Order of the Arrow, O/A Eligibility, Generate Unit O/A Eligibility Report*. Be sure to check the *Generate Election Report* and *Include email address* boxes. This report has places for the unit leader and election team signatures. **Also keep a copy for the unit.**

******* PLEASE NOTE *******

1. Units that plan to attend summer camp at a Boy Scout Camp other than Camp Daniel Boone should read the following. It is taken from the latest issue of the Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisors.

"Elections outside the registered council.

All elections must be conducted by the Order of the Arrow lodge of the council in which the unit is chartered. No unit may visit outside its own council and hold an OA election under the auspices of an OA lodge of another council. Elections are held only in troops or teams. "

"Call-outs. Newly elected candidates will be called out at the earliest possible time, preferably just after the election (See Item 2 below). Call-outs should be conducted by the OA lodge of the council in which the troop or team is chartered. This is the preferred method of callout. ... "

"A lodge may not call out candidates from a visiting out-of-council troop or team unless **the unit leader presents a letter from the home lodge chief and lodge adviser**, requesting the call-out and identifying the members to be called out. A signed copy of the home lodge's unit election report must accompany this letter. The home lodge chief and lodge adviser must receive confirmation of the call-out following the event."

Included is your copy of the letter from the lodge and a copy of the unit election form. Your copy of the election form will be filled out and signed by the election team at your election.

TAKE IT WITH YOU TO SUMMER CAMP, EVEN CDB!!!!

2. Unit leaders that **DO NOT** immediately announce election results so that their candidates can be surprised at summer camp, **should** check the **Summer Ordeal box** on the Unit Election Form. This will make the election date the same as the Summer Ordeal. These names will not be on the Spring Ordeal candidate list.

The election of candidates 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.

Please contact the Lodge Chief, Samuel Brown, lodge.chief@tsalilodge.org; Vice Chief of Administration Thomas Elley, administration@tsalilodge.org or the Lodge Adviser, Mr. David Kayne, lodge.adviser@tsalilodge.org, to schedule your units OA Election.

Respectfully yours,

**Samuel
Brown**

Lodge Chief

**David
Kayne**

Lodge Adviser

Tsali Lodge Election Form – Lodge Copy – Email to Unit Elections Committee
UNIT ELECTION REPORT

Council Name DANIEL BOONE Lodge Name TSALI

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 Unit leader's signature

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Adult Leader Nomination from Troop/Team

First Name: _____ MI/Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Birth Date: _____

Email: _____

BSA Registration No. _____

THIS NUMBER APPEARS BELOW THE BARCODE ON THE REGISTRATION CARD

Membership in the Order of the Arrow is not a form of recognition. Scouters are selected for membership in the Order of the Arrow when their position in Boy Scouting or Varsity Scouting will make Order of the Arrow membership more meaningful in the lives of the youth membership. Please review the Adult Membership Qualifications in the unit election letter. Please make a brief statement as to the contribution that you feel your recommended scouter may be able to make to make OA membership more meaningful to the youth members.

I certify that the above adult leader is qualified for membership in the Order of the Arrow.

Unit Committee Chair Signature

Unit