



## Unit Election Script Occoneechee Lodge

### Introduction

Hello!

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am \_\_\_\_\_ and we are from \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter in Occoneechee Lodge. We are members of the Order of the Arrow!

### History

The Order of the Arrow is an official program of the Boy Scouts of America. We are the Scouting National Honor Society. It was founded by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp of the Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America.

“OA” is used as short for Order of the Arrow. The OA is used by BSA to recognize scouts who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives --- at school and at other functions a scout is involved in.... not just at scout functions! The OA members represent the scout virtues of cheerful service, good camping and leadership.

The OA is the only organization where not only members but also NON-members can vote on those who meet the requirements to be eligible.

### Eligibility

To be eligible a scout must:

1. be a registered member of a Boy Scout troop
2. have Scoutmaster approval for eligibility
3. hold First Class rank.
4. have experienced 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election.
  - a. The 15 must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of 6 consecutive days and 5 nights of resident camping

### Election

The following members of your troop are eligible for election. Please come up as your name is called. (Have the SPL read the names of the candidates.)

These are the names you see on your ballot.

- You can choose to vote for any number of those you feel are deserving – from one, a few up to all.
- You may vote for yourself
- Please do not turn in blank ballots.

- If you are new to the troop and feel you do not know these scouts well enough to vote, please just keep your ballot and give it to your scoutmaster later...

Remember.... This is an honor... not a popularity contest. Think of who you would like to have along or lead a rainy campout with your troop... cheerful, helpful and scout spirit values are the qualities to honor with your vote.

Ballots are passed out by election team partner or an OA member from troop --- Scouts vote  
then ballots collected by election team partner or an OA member from troop

### **Closing**

Scouts of Troop \_\_\_ .... Thank you for allowing the OA to visit you tonight and hold this election. We hope one day all of you will become a brother in the OA. The results of tonight's election will be made known to you at a special public gathering at the (agreed upon location) on (date). We hope to see you all there. Thank you!