



TALIDANDAGANÚ #293 CHEROKEE AREA COUNCIL ELECTION GUIDE

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Purpose

The Purpose of this document is to lay out the official guidelines for Order of the Arrow troop elections for Talidandaganu Order of the Arrow Lodge # 293, Cherokee Area Council Boy Scouts of America.

Election Process

A troop/team can hold an OA election once a year. It is the Lodge's recommendation that these elections take place between January and March. This is not a requirement; OA Elections can be held at anytime throughout the year. Contact the Lodge Vice Chief if you troop is planning on hold an OA election at summer camp (either in Council or out of Council).

An OA election can take place at any troop activity (meeting, campout, etc...) as long as 50% of the voting members are present. A voting member is any member of the troop that is 18 years of age or younger regardless of their membership in the Order of the Arrow.

***No Adults shall take part in the OA election process.**

- 1) OA Troop/Team Representative will contact their respective chapter chief to schedule an OA election a minimum of two weeks prior to the requested election date.
- 2) The Chapter chief upon conforming a date with the troop/team will send the OA election form for the scoutmaster to complete.
- 3) The election team will conduct the OA elections for the troop and will return all completed materials to the lodge Vice Chief and Secretary.
 - a. The voting method will be by secret ballot. **There will be no exceptions to this rule.**
 - b. An eligible youth needs a majority vote (50% plus 1) to become a candidate for ordeal.
 - c. A Troop/Team is **NOT** allowed to conduct their own OA elections.
- 4) '*Sprit of the Arrow*' book number 1 will be given to the OA Troop/Team Representative to be given out at the troops OA call out ceremony.
- 5) Elections must be conducted at least two weeks prior the next ordeal (either Spring or Fall).

Election Requirements

Youth (Under 21)

Unit leader approval:

1. To become eligible for election, a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout must be registered with the Boy Scouts of America and have the approval of his unit leader prior to the election. The unit leader must certify his Scout spirit (i.e., his adherence to the Scout Oath and Law and active participation in unit activities). The unit leader

must also certify that the nominee meets all specified requirements at the time of this annual election.

Youth Membership Qualifications

1. Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
2. Hold the First Class rank of the Boy Scouts of America, as a minimum
3. After registration with a troop or team, 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.

Adults (21 and Over)

Adult membership qualifications

All members of or candidates for membership in the Order of the Arrow who are 21 years of age or older and who are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America shall be considered adult members or candidates for adult membership.

Lodge Adult Selection Committee

The lodge adult selection committee will consist of the Lodge Adviser, chairman for the council committee and the lodge staff advisor. Once an adult has been recommended by the adult selection committee and with the approval of the Scout Executive, they will be candidates for induction.

Adult Leaders:

Each year, upon holding a troop or team election for youth candidates that result 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.

Scoutmaster

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.

Adult Membership Qualifications

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.

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Order of the Arrow

Adult Nomination Form (AGE 21 AND OVER)

Cherokee Area Council
Boy Scouts of America

Election into the Order of an adult Scouter should take place only when the adults job in Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting will make Order of the Arrow membership more meaningful in the lives of the youth membership.

Choose One: Troop Team

Unit Number: _____ District: _____ Nominee's Position: _____

Nominee's Name: _____ Nickname: _____
Last, First, Middle (Print Full Name)

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _

Birth Date: _____ Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____
Month-Day-Year

One Adult for every 3 youth elected per unit may be recommended each year. The following conditions MUST be fulfilled.

1. Selection of the adult is based upon ability to perform the requisite functions (and NOT as an honor or recognition of service) including current or prior achievement and position. The individual's abilities include:

2. This adult will be an asset to the Order due to demonstrated skills and abilities, which fulfill the purpose of the Order, because:

3. The camping requirements that apply for youth candidates apply to adult candidates and must have been fulfilled within the most recent two years prior to recommendation for membership. The requirement, which is a minimum of fifteen days and nights of camping under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America, including six consecutive days and nights of long-term camping, was fulfilled as follows:

4. This adult leader's membership will provide a positive role model for the growth and development of the youth members of the Lodge because:

Unit Recommendation

The adult leader who fulfills the above requirements (complete above information) is duly recommended for membership in the Order of the Arrow.

Date: _____ Unit Leader: _____ Committee Chairman: _____
Signature Signature

-OR-

District/Council Recommendation

The adult leader who fulfills the above requirements (complete above information) is duly recommended for membership in the Order of the Arrow.

Date: _____ By: _____ Position: _____
Signature

Adult Selection Committee Action

Comments: _____

Approved _____ Date: _____ By: _____ Position: _____

SIGNATURE

