



TAHOSA LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW

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To: Scoutmaster

From: Order of the Arrow, Tahosa Lodge, Spirit Eagle Chapter, Pioneer Trails District

Subject: Annual Unit Elections

Dear [INSERT NAME]

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is Scouting's National Honor Society. It recognizes those Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. All Boy Scout troops and Varsity Scout teams are strongly encouraged to hold an election to nominate and induct Scouts and Scouters into the OA. The Order of the Arrow will send a trained team to your troop or team meeting place to conduct an election that typically takes 20 to 30 minutes.

The Youth Membership Qualifications to join the Order of the Arrow are the following:

1. A Scout must hold the First Class rank or higher, be under the age of 21, and be registered as an active member of your troop or team.
2. With the approval of his leader, and the fulfillment of the camping requirement below, the youth may be nominated for election. Please verify qualifications before the night of the unit election.
3. Youth must have experienced 15 nights of Boy Scout camping approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The 15 nights must include one long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping. Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement. The remaining 10 nights must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of no more than three nights each.

Please take six minutes now and watch this video to learn more about the importance of the OA in LDS units and to see what we would like to show to your unit prior to your OA election: <https://youtu.be/5DSYktGo-h8>

Please email us at (insert email) or call at (insert phone number) to arrange for your OA Unit Election today! I can also discuss Adult Membership Qualifications or any other questions you may have when you do. I know you would not want the boys of your unit to miss out on the exciting opportunity and honor that comes with membership in Scouting's National Honor Society.

Yours in Scouting,

[AS APPROPRIATE]

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