



**Pilthlako Lodge  
Okefenokee Area Council, BSA  
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To: Unit Leaders

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Subject: Annual Unit Elections

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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 habit of helpfulness as a life purpose.

Each Boy Scout troop with qualified Scouts is urged to hold an election each year to select candidates for the Ordeals to be held at Camp Tolochee. You the unit leader select the date for the election which should be held at one of your regularly scheduled unit meetings. Every effort should be made to have 100% attendance of both youth and adults at this meeting. If you have not had an election in 2007, there is still time to hold one.

Youth Membership Qualifications

1. A Boy Scout who holds the First Class rank or higher, is under the age of 21, and is registered as an active member of the troop may, with the approval of his unit leader, be nominated for election. Prior to the annual election, the unit leader must clarify the nominee's Scout spirit and youth membership qualifications.
2. After registration with the troop, 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 6 consecutive days and 5 nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short term camping.

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 election for youth candidates which results in at least one youth candidate being elected, the unit committee may recommend one registered unit adult, 21 years of age or older, to the lodge adult selection committee. The adult selection committee with the approval of the Scout Executive will decide who will be candidates for induction provided the following conditions are met:

1. Selection of the adult is based on the ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order fulfill its purpose and is not for recognition of service, including current and prior achievements 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 same camping requirements set forth for youth members are fulfilled.
4. The adult leader's membership will provide a positive role model for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge.

If your troop has not yet held its annual election and wishes to do so, please contact me at [thomasgang5@comcast.net](mailto:thomasgang5@comcast.net) or Mr. Adams at [tikijam@msn.com](mailto:tikijam@msn.com) or call (904) 206-0463. We will arrange to have an election team from the Order of the Arrow to be on hand to conduct the election.

Yours in Scouting,

*Matthew Thomas*

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