



ORDER OF THE ARROW

Ut-In Sélica Lodge #58

Mt. Diablo Silverado Council

UNIT LEADER INFORMATION

FOR

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UNIT ELECTIONS

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Dear Troop or Team Leader,

The Order of the Arrow is the honor society of Scouts and Scouters in the Boy Scouts of America. 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 or Varsity Scout Team, with qualified Scouts, is urged to hold an election each spring to select candidates for the Lodge's Ordeal's that are held throughout the year. The date and place of the election is selected by you as the unit leader.

Youth candidates must meet the following membership qualifications.

1. Be a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout who holds the First Class rank, is under the age of 21, is registered as an active member of a Troop or Team and has the approval of his unit leader.
2. After registration with the unit, have experienced fifteen days and nights of camping during the two-year period prior to the election. This must include six consecutive days and nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices of BSA. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short term campouts of 1, 2, or 3 night outings.

Voting for youth candidates will be based on their spirit of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and a willingness to give unselfish and wholehearted service to others at all times.

Each year, upon holding a Troop or Team 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. Adult candidates must meet the following conditions:

1. Selection of the adult is based on the ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order fulfill its purposes 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 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.

Attached please find a "Pre-Election" form, "Eligibility for youth membership" and "Election Procedure" form, which explains the youth eligibility requirements and election procedure, a "Nominees for Election" form and an "Adult Candidate Nomination" form. Please complete the "Pre-Election" form and the "Nominees for Election" form and mail to your Apanuc Advisor. You will then be contacted by a member of the election team to set up a time to conduct your election.

The election should be held at a regularly scheduled unit meeting or camping experience. Every effort should be made to have 100 percent attendance of both youth and adults at this meeting. An election team for your Apanuc will be on hand to conduct the election.

Yours in Scouting,
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