

# Order of the Arrow Penateka Lodge

## Unit Election Request

The Lodge will appreciate the cooperation of all troops in getting their election of candidates for membership done before summer camp. Please send this form to Penateka Lodge at the Council Office for distribution to the proper Vice Chief. (See address below)

Eligibility for nominee list for candidates can be found in the Order of the Arrow handbook but briefly are: 1st Class rank, 15 days and nights camping including 5 consecutive days and nights of BSA long-term camping, under 21 years of age. The Scoutmaster has the opportunity of denying eligibility to a scout, but he must do this before the election is held.

**A voter may list on his ballot any combination of names, including all eligible candidates, who he believes are worthy to become members of the Order of the Arrow.** (The chart is no longer needed.)

At least 50% of the total troop membership must be present for the election. All youth members under the age of 18 are eligible to vote. The elections must be conducted by a certified and trained Lodge Election team who will explain the Order of the Arrow and the method of electing the members. There is a video available put out by National entitled Scouting's Brotherhood of Cheerful Service and is about 10 minutes long. It is available for checkout at the Council Office. It will be included in your presentation.

Adults (over 21 years) are selected by your troop committee and must meet the same camping requirements as the youth.

The election team will bring the election form with them and will take the completed form with them when they leave. They will count the votes in the presence of the Scoutmaster and a youth member of the troop who is also a member of the Lodge.

A Lodge election team must perform elections. Election reports that are turned in without prior (to the election) approval by the Lodge Key 3 (Lodge Chief, Lodge Adviser, Staff Adviser) will not be accepted. You should also attempt to submit your adult nominee to the election team.

Please make a copy to keep for you, and send the form to:

Penateka Lodge  
1208 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
Abilene, TX. 79601  
325-677-2688/fax 325-677-2933

When we receive the application, we will contact you with a confirmation or denial, depending on the calendar).

**Troop \_\_\_\_\_ requests a troop election of candidates for Penateka Lodge, Order of the Arrow membership.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Alternative

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

**Please reply to:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_