



OWANECO LODGE 313, ORDER OF THE ARROW
CONNECTICUT YANKEE COUNCIL, BSA
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Dear Unit Leader and Committee Chairman,

Owaneco, Connecticut Yankee Council's Order of the Arrow lodge, will be holding unit elections in the coming months. The Order of the Arrow stands for the values of brotherhood and cheerful service, and provides many opportunities for your Scouts to give back to Scouting and especially your unit. The leadership and character building experiences of the Order are exceptional and allow the Scouts of your unit to meet people from all around the country. Please allow the Scouts in your unit the chance to have these experiences.

We are writing to inform you as to how the unit election process will be conducted. First and foremost there is a strict cutoff date of March 1st – no elections will take place after this date. Enclosed is the Candidate Information Form. Please complete all of the information for each eligible Scout and provide it to the unit election team on the night of the election. The criteria for eligible Scouts are as follows:

- Beginning February 1, 2019, unit elections will be permitted in Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scout units.
- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Have experienced 15 nights of camping while registered with a troop, crew, or ship within the two years immediately prior to the election. The 15 nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement; the balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each. Ship nights may be counted as camping for Sea Scouts.
- At the time of their election, youth must be under the age of 21, hold the Scouts BSA First Class rank, the Venturing Discovery Award, or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank or higher, and following approval by the Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor or Sea Scout Skipper, be elected by the youth members of their unit.

To schedule an election, please visit the lodge website at www.owaneco.org/unitelection. If you do not have access to the internet or have further questions please contact your district Leadership or any of us and we will assist you in getting your election scheduled. A member of the chapter unit election team will be contacting units this December who have not scheduled an election.

Thank you for your support of the Order of the Arrow and please don't hesitate to contact any of us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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