



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

Thank you for inviting us to hold an election in your unit today. We appreciate your support of the Order and we thank you for encouraging your youth to participate in this great program.

If at least one Scout in your unit is elected, your unit committee is now able to recommend one adult (age 21 or over) to the Order of the Arrow. If your unit elects more than 3 Scouts, you may recommend an additional adult for every additional 3 Scouts elected. A recommendation does not mean that an adult will be selected to become a candidate. Unlike youth elections, adult recommendations are reviewed by the lodge selection committee and must be approved for the adult to become a candidate.

If the Unit Leader (but not assistant leaders), is not already a member of the Lodge and meets the camping requirement, the unit Committee should nominate the Unit Leader. This nomination will not count against the total number of adult Scouters who may be nominated based upon the number of Scouts elected. This is a change in the national policy with respect to adult Scouter nominations and is to facilitate Unit Leader participation in the Lodge activities and encourage further youth participation.

Selection and induction into the Order of an adult Scouter takes place only when the adult's job in Scouting will make Order of the Arrow membership more meaningful for the youth membership. It must not be for the purpose of adult recognition.

Additionally, the camping requirement that applies for youth candidates also applies to adult candidates and must be fulfilled in order for the adult to be considered. To be eligible, the candidate must have completed 15 days and nights of camping during the past 2 years including one, and only one, long-term camp consisting of 5 nights of BSA resident camping.

When completing the recommendation, along with personal information and the camping requirement, you will be asked to provide a statement of the individual's abilities that would support the functions of the Order of the Arrow, how the recommended adult would support the mission of the Order, and how the adult serves as a positive role model.

This year all adult recommendations will be submitted online. To create an adult recommendation, please visit the lodge website at [www.owaneco.org/unitelection](http://www.owaneco.org/unitelection). The adult recommendation system will be available starting January 15<sup>th</sup> and all recommendations must be submitted by March 15<sup>th</sup> in order to be considered for 2019.

Thank you again for your support of the Order of the Arrow and please do not hesitate to contact any of us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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