



**Unit Elections/Ordeal Information for
Scoutmasters/Advisers/Skipper – 2019**

**To all Scoutmasters/Advisers/Skippers
Please READ and FOLLOW all the instructions!**

The election forms for 2019 contain a few changes, which include additional information the Lodge requires for ordeal candidates. Please use the new forms and discard any older election forms you may have within your unit. You can also download all the current forms from the Lodge Website at - www.eswau.net/forms/.

The Lodge is asking that you work with your OA Chapter Advisor for your election.

Basic Election Guidelines:

- **Scouts in Troops must be First Class, Venturers must have Discovery, and Sea Scouts must have Ordinary before the Unit elections.**
- **They must 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. 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.**
- **The unit must have at least 50% of the registered youth present for a valid election**
- **Each candidate must receive 50% of the votes of the youth present during the election**
- **Each candidate who receives 50% is eligible for Ordeal (1 or all can be nominated)**
- **You can hold only 1 election per year.**
- **For Adult Elections – Please review the following instructions and the entire adult nomination form. “Selection and induction into the Order of an adult Scouter should take place only when the adult’s job in Boy Scouting or Varsity Scouting will make Order of the Arrow membership more meaningful in the lives of the youth membership. It must not be for the purpose of adult recognition.”**

Information updated in 2019 includes:

- 1. Scoutmaster Information Sheet**
- 2. Unit Election Form and Adult Nomination Form**
- 3. Ordeal Information Sheet with Registration Section**
- 4. BSA Health form part A & B**
- 5. Lodge Code of Conduct**

Please complete the entire unit elections form. Then mail or email the form as soon as possible to the address listed at the bottom of the form. Fill in all the blanks and sign the form. **Be sure to include the elected candidate's address, phone number, and National BSA membership number (from their membership card) on the table provided with the form. National BSA policy now requires each Lodge to review all participants' current BSA membership cards at OA events. All OA participants must be current BSA members.**

Please contact my Adviser Karen Laws cell (828) 493-2002 or email eswauelections@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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