

ACA Chapter of Cahuilla Lodge #127

2018 Election Script without Video



ALWAYS INTRODUCE YOURSELF BEFORE YOU BEGIN

The Purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:

- To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives
- To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit
- To promote Scout camping
- To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others

The History of the Order of the Arrow is rich with tradition:

The Order of the Arrow (OA) was founded by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp of the Boy Scouts of America. It became an official program experiment in 1922 and was approved as part of the Scouting program in 1934.

In 1948 the OA, recognized as the BSA's national brotherhood of honor campers, became an official part of the national camping program of the Boy Scouts of America. The Order of the Arrow has more than 176,000 members in lodges affiliated with more than 327 local Boy Scout Councils.

It is an honor to be Eligible for the Order of the Arrow:

Scouts are elected to the Order by their fellow unit members, following approval by the Scoutmaster or Varsity team Coach. To become a member, a youth must be a registered member of a Boy Scout troop or Varsity Scout team and hold First Class rank. The youth must have experienced fifteen days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The fifteen days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.

Adult selection is based on their ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order fulfill its purpose, and is not for recognition. Selected adult Scouters must be an asset to the Order because of demonstrated abilities, and provide a positive role model for the youth members of the lodge.

The Election is to confirm those eligible for the Order of the Arrow:

An OA election may be held when at least 50% of the Troop is present. Each Scout eligible for the Order of the Arrow may be elected. You may vote yes for any and all eligible Scouts. This is NOT a contest. You should vote for every eligible Scout that you feel represents the Ideals of Scouting and Service. The results of the election will be given to the Scoutmaster who may keep them secret until the "Call Out Ceremony" which is held annually at the District's Spring Camporee. Again, ALL eligible Scouts whose name you see on this display may be elected to the Order of the Arrow. We will now handout the ballots and begin the election.

(Be sure everyone understands that they are voting for Scouts whose name appears written down on the display in front of them, after the ballots have been collected then continue reading the rest of the script)

The Induction ceremony, called the Ordeal, is the first step of membership:

An eligible candidate must attend an Ordeal during the year in which he is nominated. If he does not, he must be elected again. The Ordeal is a weekend long ceremony held at one of the Councils Scout Camps. During the experience, candidates maintain silence, work on camp improvement projects, and are required to sleep alone, apart from other campers. The entire experience is designed to be a period of self reflection and self improvement. After you have passed your Ordeal, you are considered an Arrowman. After 10 month's of active service to your Troop and Lodge, you will be eligible for the ties of Brotherhood in the Order.

The ACA Chapter is part of the Cahuilla Lodge. Cahuilla Lodge, our local Lodge, serves the California Inland Empire Council. Every Council throughout the Nation has an OA Lodge chartered in it. Every Lodge serves its Council by providing Summercamp and Camporee staffs, promoting the camping and the outdoor experience to all local Troops, sponsoring service projects in the Council Camps, and many other services.

Cahuilla Lodge is so big that it is broken down into 6 different Chapters. Each Chapter oversees OA duties in their respective areas. Our own ACA Chapter is well known for our Camp Promotion programs and service teams. We are the only Chapter in Cahuilla Lodge, and one of the only OA Chapters in the country that has been singled out for our quality of programs.

Our Chapter's Camp Promotion team has received high honors throughout Southern California and has consistently been awarded for having one of the best Camp Promotion booths in California.

In 2017 our Chapter's service team completed 2 service projects at Camp Emerson, 1 at Lake Perris, and 1 in Lake Mead National Recreation Area. That means we held 4 service projects in 2 states.

We are also one of the few Scout groups in the country that are capable of producing our own camp promotion videos and podcasts. In the podcasts we interview local Scouts and Scouters about various Boy Scout events, report Scouting related news, and even throw in a few skits too. We also pioneered a new type of camp promotion video by filming different program areas at Camp Emerson summer camp using aerial drones and 360 cameras. These videos are featured in a virtual reality display promoting our local summer camp.

ACA Chapter also provides Eagle Scout Court of Honors, Arrow of Light Ceremonies for local Cub Scout Packs, and helps to staff and run Klondikes, District's Spring Camporees and Cub Scout Day Camp.

One of the best ways that an Arrowman can serve his fellow Scouts is by serving as an OA Troop/Team Representative. This is a leadership position within the troop where an OA member serves as a liaison between the local Order of the Arrow and the OA members in his Troop. One youth OA member with 1 adult adviser should serve in this position.

It is truly an honor to be elected into the Order. Participation in various events is voluntary though all Arrowmen are encouraged to attend the monthly OA meetings and participate in at least one of our Chapter programs. It should be emphasized that the first duty of an Arrowman is to his Unit, demonstrating true Cheerful Service to his fellow Scouts.

Thank you for your time and for helping to recognize those Scouts in your Unit that live up to the high ideals of Scouting's National Honor Society.