Dear Scoutmaster,

OA election season is rapidly approaching. Unit elections will run from **January 1 through April 30, 2019**. We encourage you to contact your Chapter’s Election Committee Advisor at your unit’s earliest convenience to schedule an election during the upcoming season. A Unit Election Request form is attached to help you collect all of the information you will need to schedule an election as efficiently as possible. Also attached is a youth candidate list form to help assist you in organizing for your election. Providing us with a completed copy of this form will allow us to be better prepared to run your unit’s election.

We would like you to be aware of a significant change in the elections process made by the National Order of the Arrow Committee. Upon holding a successful election, units may nominate a number of adult candidates that equals no more than 1/3 the number of youth candidates elected. While this does increase the number of adults a unit may nominate, the nomination review process will be significantly more stringent. The unit’s nomination of an adult candidate in no way guarantees that adult’s acceptance/approval by the review committee. We encourage you to complete the new adult nomination form as completely as possible so that the Adult Candidate Review Committee may make the best possible decision for each adult nominated. A copy of the Adult Candidate Nomination Form is attached for your review.

A few other important points of information that will be important to your unit as you plan to schedule your election:

- A unit may not run its own election. A trained and designated representative of the Lodge MUST oversee the election for it to be valid.
- A unit must have at least 50% of its registered and active youth members in attendance in order to conduct an election.
- Adult candidates must meet the same camping requirement as youth candidates for their nomination form to be accepted for review.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions/concerns or to schedule your unit’s election.

Yours in WWW,

Eric Militello
Lodge Advisor

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2019 UNIT ELECTION REQUEST FORM

To: Lodge/Falling Waters Chapter Elections Team

From: ___________________________________________  ___________________________________________
Unit Leader Name Position Unit #

We would like to request an Order of the Arrow Election Team to run an election for our unit on:

1st choice
DAY of the week __________/_____/_____
Mo./Day/Year
START time to END time

2nd choice
DAY of the week __________/_____/_____
Mo./Day/Year
START time to END time

3rd choice
DAY of the week __________/_____/_____
Mo./Day/Year
START time to END time

The election will take place at (Address & Name of Location):
_____________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________

Yours in Scouting,
__________________________________________
Unit Leader Signature

(To aid the election team, please provide directions (and, ideally, a map) to your meeting location. Please specify the entrance the team should use.)

This form should be forwarded at your earliest possible convenience to one of the following:

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