

Election Q&A

ABOUT THE ORDER OF THE ARROW:

Q – What is the Order of the Arrow?

A – Boy Scouts of America's National Honor Society.

Q – What is the Order of the Arrow's purpose?

A – Recognize those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. Such recognition is awarded in hopes that it may cause other campers to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant similar recognition, to promote camping and to crystallize the habit of helpfulness in a life purpose.

Q – How can a youth become a member of the OA?

A – The only way for a youth to become a member of the OA is to be elected by his peers during his Troop/Team's election.

DATES AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MARNOC'S ELECTIONS:

Q – What date must our Troop Elections be done by?

A – Elections should be held by April 15, 2011. After this date, your newly elected candidates can not be guaranteed a spot in any Marnoc Lodge Ordeal this year.

Q – When do I need to turn in the Notification of Unit Elections form?

A – If you are running an “Independent Unit Election” (meaning you are running an election with OA members in your Troop) or an “Unit Election with Lodge Representative” (meaning you would like a Lodge member who is not from your Troop to oversee your election), you need to turn in your Troop's Notification of Unit Elections form by March 1st, 2011.

If you are running an “Unit Election run by Lodge Election Teams” (meaning you would like a Lodge Election team to come to your Troop meeting to run your elections), you need to turn in your Troop's Notification of Unit Elections form by February 1st, 2011.

Q – When do I need to turn in the Unit Elections Report form?

A – By April 15th, 2011.

Q – When do I need to turn in the Adult Nomination Form?

A – By April 15th, 2011 to be guaranteed a spot in Marnoc Lodge's 2011 Ordeal. Note that you must also turn in the Ordeal Reservation Form with the Adult Nomination Form.

Q – When do I need to turn in the Ordeal Reservation Form?

A – By April 15th, 2011 to be guaranteed a spot in Marnoc Lodge's 2011 Ordeal. It is highly recommended that the election occurs early in the Troop meeting so elected candidates may contact family and determine availability for Ordeal dates before the end of the meeting.

Q – How do I contact Unit Relations if I have a question or a concern?

A – You can contact us at unit_elections@marnoc.org or barrythebluebear@juno.com.

ABOUT THE ORDEAL:

Q – What is the cost of the Ordeal?

A – The cost for the Ordeal is \$37. Whether paid for by the unit or by the individual scout, the fee is required and must be paid at the Ordeal in cash or check. If a scout in your unit has a campership for camp, please let us know and we will adjust the price of the Ordeal accordingly. The cost of the Ordeal also covers your Marnoc Lodge dues for the year you were elected.

Q – What will the OA candidate receive in his new member packet after completing his Ordeal?

A – All candidates will receive an Order of the Arrow Handbook; a sash, to be worn at Order of the Arrow events; a pocket rocket, worn on the uniform to show active membership for the year; and a lodge flap, to show membership to the Order of the Arrow and Marnoc Lodge.