

MOSWETUSET LODGE #52

Boston Minuteman Council

October 23rd, 2009

Dear Scoutmaster,



The 2010 Unit Election season is upon us!
Now is the time to schedule an Order of the Arrow Election for your unit.

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society. It exists to recognize those Scouts that best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. To become a member, Scouts are elected by their fellow Scouts; OA members and non-members alike. New members are inducted into our lodge at the Spring and Fall Ordeal Weekends in May and September respectively.

In order for a Scout to be eligible for Order of the Arrow election, they must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Must be under 21 years of age and at least First Class rank
- Must have fifteen (15) days and nights Boy Scout camping in the previous two years.
The 15 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 auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.
- Must be approved by you (the Scoutmaster) prior to election.

The election season will run through May 1, 2010. Your unit may request an election to be conducted at any troop meeting occurring between these dates, and we ask these *requests be made no later than March 29th*.

To request your election, please use the included form and/or send the information requested on the form via US Mail, fax or email.

Once your information has been received, we will contact you as soon as possible to confirm a date. On the night of the election, in order for a valid election to take place, at least 50% of the youth (under 18) on your Unit roster must be present. Candidates need not be present to be elected. All OA members in the unit are encouraged to wear their sashes.

Any troop which elects at least one youth may have its Troop Committee nominate one adult, whose candidacy is contingent on the Lodge Adult Selection Committee's approval. Adults must fill the same camping requirements as youth. Troops with over fifty youth may nominate one adult for every fifty youth they have registered.

If you have any other questions, please contact us at elections@lobsterlodge.org

Yours in Scouting,

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