

**Order of the Arrow -- Wa-La-Moot-Kin Lodge 336
Blue Mountain Council, BSA
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Kennewick, WA 99336**



Order of the Arrow Unit Election Procedure - 2007

Eligibility Requirements

- Registered, active member of a Troop or Team under the age of 21.
- A minimum of fifteen days and night of camping within the previous two years.
 - One and no more than one long-term camp of six days and five nights such as summer camp.
 - The remainder of the camping requirements will be satisfied by weekend unit type camping, not additional long term camping whether summer camp or high adventure camping.
- Be at least First Class rank at the time of the election.
- Be approved by the Scoutmaster or Coach prior to balloting.

Election Process

- At least 50% of the active troop membership is present.
- No campaigning or speeches are permitted.
- Election is by secret ballot. Every scout present is permitted one ballot with the names of all eligible Scouts.
- Emphasize the balloting process to the Scouts.
 - Vote for all of the eligible candidates if you think they all deserve the honor. Remember this is an honor based on being an example of the Scout Oath and Law. If you feel a candidate does not deserve the honor do not vote for them.
 - If four candidates are deserving, mark all four names on the ballot.
 - If you think none of the candidates are deserving turn in a blank ballot.
 - If you are relatively new to the unit and feel you do not know the candidates well enough to make a decision then do not turn in a ballot.
- When the ballots are turned in, privately count the ballots with an adult leader present, preferably the unit Scoutmaster/Coach.
- To be elected a youth must receive a vote from at least 50% of the ballots turned in.
 - If no one is elected, a second vote may be immediately held. If no one is elected on the second vote then the election is closed for the unit for the year.
- **No questions are allowed concerning the first vote.**
- The Scoutmaster may choose to make the announcement at that time or wait for another opportunity at their choosing.
- Assure the names, addresses, and email addresses of the elected youth are completed on the election form.
- If at least one youth is elected the unit may recommend an adult for consideration for lodge membership. This adult must meet the same camping requirements as a youth. Emphasize that adults are recommended for membership and that this is not for recognition of service. Adults are selected based on the needs of the lodge and how the individual would benefit the lodge program. The lodge selection committee will make the final determination as to acceptance.
- Return the entire election packet to the council service center no later than March 31 of the current year. Late packets will be accepted but limit the Scouts' notification, scheduling and preparation time.