To: Troop and Team Leaders
From: Lodge Chief, Wulapeju Lodge
Subject: Unit Selection of Candidates

The Order of the Arrow is a brotherhood of honor campers chartered by the Boy Scouts of America. It recognizes those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and, by such recognition, 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 as a life purpose. Furthermore, these honor campers should demonstrate a degree of youth leadership worthy of honor status.

Each Boy Scout Troop and Varsity Scout Team with qualified Scouts is urged to hold an election in their respective unit. The date of the election is selected by you as the unit leader. **Elections are to be held between January 1 and May 1, 2013**.

The unit election can only be conducted by a Chapter Unit Election Team. The results must be recorded on the *Youth Candidate Election Report* of this year. **Only elections held between January 1 and May 1, 2013, will be honored.** Please plan ahead.

Attached for your information and use are:

- Youth Candidate Qualifications For Election
- General Guidelines For The Election Of Youth
- Adult Candidate Qualifications and Guidelines For Selection
- Unit Adult Candidate Recommendation
  Please note that this recommendation form is due into the council service center by May 1, 2012. Forms received after this date will not be accepted. **Only the 2013 Unit Adult Candidate Recommendation form will be accepted.**

To schedule an election, please do the following. Have your OA Troop/Team Representative contact your Chapter Advisor. If your unit does not have an OA Troop/Team Representative, the Scoutmaster should contact the Chapter Advisor. Names and phone numbers are on the other side of this letter.

Dates requested will be honored on a first come basis, so reply early to secure your date. Your Chapter's Unit Election Chairman will contact you to confirm your unit's election date.

Voting for your candidates should be based on their spirit of brotherhood, cheerfulness (no matter how tiresome their duties), and a willingness to give unselfish and wholehearted service to others at all times.

There will be no campaigning by Scouts for election. If a unit is found to have had campaigning, the election results will be declared void. No youth or adult members will be inducted this year. This policy also pertains to any unit that holds a "mock" or practice election.

The Chapter Election Team will explain the election process to the Scouts of your troop. Please plan on one hour for the election process.

If you have any questions, please contact your Chapter Advisor or the Lodge Advisor, Barry Sanders (815-654-8349).

Yours in Brotherhood,

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