



Sipp-O Lodge #377

Buckeye Council
4301 13th St. NW
Canton, OH 44708

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society. It recognizes those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and, through that recognition, cause others to conduct themselves in such a way that warrants similar recognition, to promote camping, to develop leaders, and to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others. Each Boy Scout troop with qualified Scouts is urged to hold an election no later than April 13th. The date and place of the election are selected by you, as unit leader. An election team from the Order of the Arrow will be present to conduct the election, which should take 45 minutes to an hour.

Youth Membership Qualifications

1. A Boy Scout who holds the First Class rank or higher, is under the age of 21, and is registered as an active member of the troop may, with the approval of his unit leader, be nominated for election. Prior to the annual election, the unit leader must certify the nominee's Scout spirit and youth membership qualifications.
2. The youth must have experienced 15 nights of Boy Scout camping while registered with a troop within the two years immediately prior to the election. The 15 nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement. The balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each.

Adult Membership Qualifications

Each year, upon holding a troop or team election for youth candidates that results in at least one youth candidate being elected, the unit committee may nominate registered unit adults, 21 years of age or older, to the lodge adult selection committee. The number of adults nominated can be no more than one-third of the number of youth candidates elected, rounded up where the number of youth candidates is not a multiple of three. Recommendations of the adult selection committee, with the approval of the Scout executive, will be candidates for induction, provided the following conditions are fulfilled:

1. Selection of the adult is based on the ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order fulfill its purpose and is not for recognition of service, including current and prior achievements and positions.
2. The individual will be an asset to the Order because of demonstrated abilities that fulfill the purpose of the Order.
3. The camping requirements set forth for youth members are fulfilled.
4. The adult leader's membership will provide a positive example for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge.

Please meet up with us at roundtable and give us the attached paper filled out. It should be held at a regularly scheduled unit meeting or camping experience. Every effort should be made to have 100 percent attendance of both youths and adults at this meeting. The chapter election team will contact you to confirm the details for the election and to answer any questions you might have.

Yours in Service,

Derick Breitenbutcher
2017 Sipp-O Lodge Chief

Ray Shock III
Sipp-O Lodge Adviser



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UNIT ELECTION EVALUATION FORM

Unit Type & No.: _____ District: _____

Location: _____

Date of Unit Election: _____

Unit Leader: _____ Phone No. _____

Order of the Arrow Troop/Team Representative:

Order of the Arrow Troop/Team Adviser:

Yes No

- _____ Did the unit election team arrive on time?
- _____ Was the unit election team in proper uniform?
- _____ Was the team courteous to leaders and Scouts?
- _____ Was the team knowledgeable of election procedures?
- _____ Did the team have the correct forms?
- _____ Was the unit leader advised of the election procedures?
- _____ Was the unit leader advised in advance of the choices available for call-outs?
- _____ Was the election conducted in accordance with Order of the Arrow and Boy Scouts of America rules, policies, and procedures?
- _____ Were any other presentations, such as camp promotion, well-presented?
- _____ Did the election offer a clear statement of criteria on which Scouts should base their vote?
- _____ Did the unit's Order of the Arrow troop/team representative help conduct the unit election?

What was your overall impression of the unit election?

How could it have been improved?

What can the Order of the Arrow do to better serve your unit?

Signed (Unit Leader)
Representative)

Signed (Order of the Arrow Troop/Team
