

Semialachee Lodge

Adult Membership Nomination

Dear Unit Leaders,

As our annual youth election process is well underway, I have been given the task of sharing with you the details of the Order of the Arrow's adult selection procedure with you. Adults may be nominated annually by units (troops or teams) for membership in the Order. The Lodge Adult Selection Committee then selects new adult members from these nominations, based solely on the information provided with this nomination form. The following are the guidelines set forth by the National Order of the Arrow Committee for the nomination and selection of adults for membership:

"Each year, upon holding a troop or team election for youth candidates which results in at least one youth candidate being elected, the unit committee may recommend one registered adult, 21 years of age or older, to the Lodge Adult Selection Committee. Troops or teams having more than 50 registered, active youth members may nominate an additional adult for every 50 registered, active youth, or fraction thereof. (As an example, a troop having 51 to 100 registered, active youth may nominate two adults each year, if at least one youth has been elected.)

Recommendations of the Adult Selection Committee, with the approval of the Scout Executive will become candidates for induction. Not all nominations are recommended for induction by the lodge Adult Selection Committee. For a nomination to be recommended the following conditions must be met:

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.

The individual will be an asset to the Order because of demonstrated abilities that fulfill the purpose of the Order. (Please complete your nomination form appropriately and completely.)

After registration with a troop or team, have experienced 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and 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. (Note: While this requirement may be waived for extenuating circumstances, an adult who does not meet this requirement is seldom selected for membership.)

The adult member's leadership will provide a positive role model for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge."

Please return the attached nomination form to the Suwannee River Area Council Service Center by MAY 19, 2008, even if your youth election has not been completed. This is important to ensure that your nomination can be given consideration by the lodge Adult Selection Committee when they meet. If the adult is selected by the committee, your notification of selection will be their callout during your troop's week at summer camp. If you are not attending Wallwood this summer, please note the details of your summer camp plans on the nomination form and we will endeavor to have the local lodge call out the adult if selected. Also, please note that the attached form, SEM-05, will be the only form accepted for consideration.

Yours in Brotherhood,
David Pate
Lodge Adviser
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PART I: BASIC NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of Nominee: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Occupation: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Unit: _____ District: _____

Position: _____

Hobbies or Special Interests: _____

Camping Requirement Satisfied? YES NO (if no, explain why on reverse side)

Has Unit held an OA Election for Youth this year? YES NO (N/A for district/council nominations)

UNIT NOMINATION

DISTRICT OR COUNCIL NOMINATION

Signatures needed unless the signing official is being nominated

District Chairman, Council President, Scout Executive or Scouting Professional

Unit Leader: _____

Appointed by: _____

Phone: () _____

Position: _____

Committee Chair: _____

Phone: () _____

Phone: () _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Return form to:

Order of the Arrow
c/o Suwannee River Area Council
2032 Thomasville Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32308-0734
Fax: (850)-575-6991

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received: _____

Selected Not Selected

If not selected, note reason: _____

Lodge Adviser: _____

Scout Executive: _____

PART II: Nominee Detailed Information (For determining suitability for selection)

THIS PART MUST BE COMPLETED FOR NOMINATION FORM TO BE PROCESSED

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is to develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit. The Order sets apart those Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by doing so cause awareness in other Scouts and Scouters of these traits. At the direction of the Council Camping Committee, the Order of the Arrow promotes Scout camping, which demonstrates the Order's greatest effectiveness as a part of the unit's camping program and it also helps to strengthen the district and council camping program not only in summer camp but also on a year-round basis. The Order of the Arrow crystallizes the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others and spreads the spirit of Brotherhood not only among its members but to all people. Membership in the Order carries with it the expectation that unselfishness in service and devotion to the welfare of others will continue to be exhibited by those who wear the arrow. Accordingly, please respond to the following. (Use additional sheets if necessary and attach.)

1. What specific benefits has your unit realized as a direct result of the nominee's involvement?

2. What special skills does the nominee possess that will be of benefit to the Order of the Arrow? Please be specific.

3. How has the nominee been successful in providing a positive role model to the growth and development of the youth members of your unit? Please give examples.

4. What resources (apart from skills) does the nominee have that will directly benefit the Order of the Arrow?

5. If the camping requirement has not been met, please explain. Also, if your unit is not planning to attend Wallwood this year, please detail your plans for summer camp.
