

TROOP 778 ELECTION PROCEDURES and POSITION REQUIREMENTS January 2017

CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS:

SPL: Minimum of Star Rank and NYLT trained Troop elects.
ASPL: Minimum of Star Rank and NYLT trained SPL appoints.

OA Troop Rep: Minimum of Star Rank and an OA member in good standing
Order of the Arrow Members elect OA Troop Rep.

Troop Guide / Instructor (SPL appoints):

Minimum of 1st Class completed through the Scoutmaster Conference no later than January 31, 2016.

Officer(s) - (Chaplain Aid, Scribe, Quartermaster, Webmaster, Librarian, Historian, Bugler, Outdoor Ethics Coordinator) positions are elected by the Troop:

Minimum of 1st Class or above

I. Week ONE

Election of the Senior Patrol Leader and OA Troop Representative

- Scouts will identify themselves as candidates for Senior Patrol Leader. Nominations will be allowed. Troop members must obtain the consent of the nominee prior to their nomination.
- Each candidate will be asked to give a talk of eight minutes maximum, during which he should tell the Troop what his qualifications and Scout experiences are, why he feels he will be an effective SPL, what he plans to do as Senior Patrol Leader, what his goals for the Troop are for the coming year, and anything else he feels is pertinent to his candidacy.
- Troop members may ask questions of each candidate after his talk.
- **The Troop elects the Senior Patrol Leader.**
- Each candidate for OA Troop Representative should be prepared to present their qualifications, Scouting experiences, reason why they will be a good Representative and plans for the coming year. These presentations should be 3 - 4 minutes long.
- OA member may ask questions of each candidate after his presentation.
- **The Order of the Arrow Members elect the OA Troop Representative.**
- Scouts who wish to be considered for the appointed positions of Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide and Troop Instructor must put their names on the forms during the meeting.
- A Scout can request consideration for any or all of these appointed positions.

II. Week TWO

Appointment of the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guides and Instructors, Election of Patrol Leaders and Troop Officers.

- Upon careful consideration and a conference with the SM, the Senior Patrol Leader appoints the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, the Troop Guides and Instructors
- Patrol Leaders: Each Patrol will meet separately with the guidance of an Assistant Scoutmaster.
- Candidates for Patrol Leader will present their qualifications, Scouting experiences, reason why they will be a good leader and plans for the coming year. These presentations should be 3 - 4 minutes long.
- Patrols elect their Leader.
- Patrol Leaders announce their selections for Assistant Patrol Leaders.
- Candidates for any of the following positions should be prepared to tell the Troop members their qualifications, Scouting experiences, the reasons why they will make an effective troop officer, and what they intend to accomplish in the position during 2017. These presentations should last 3 - 4 minutes:
 - Troop elects the Chaplain Aide, then Scribe, then Quartermaster
 - Troop elects the Webmaster, Librarian, then Historian
 - Troop elects the Bugler, Leave No Trace Coordinator

III. General Information

- The leaders will supervise the election and count the ballots, but will in no way influence how Scouts vote.
- The totals for each vote will be tabulated and written down. Scouts who were candidates for any position may see the vote totals for that position only.
- Scouts may be candidates for positions they currently hold if they meet the requirements.
- Scouts can be candidates for as many positions as they wish, although they are encouraged to select the ones they are most interested in and prepare their speeches accordingly.
- The troop will vote for every elected position, even if there is only one candidate. In this situation, Scouts should vote yes or no for that candidate.
- Scouts should keep in mind that some of the most important positions in the Troop (Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Troop Instructor) are appointed, not elected. These positions need to be filled by Scouts willing to devote extra effort and time and who wish to have the maximum opportunity to develop their leadership skills.

IV. Patrol Leaders' Council - consists of the following:

Senior Patrol Leader
Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
Patrol Leaders
Troop Guides
OA Troop Representative