



March 14, 2020

Dear unit leaders (Scoutmasters, Crew Advisers and Sea Scout Skippers):

If your Troop has not held its unit election

As we deal with the stresses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we want you, the leaders of our Troops, Crews and Ships, to know that your Lodge, Egwa Tawa Dee, is taking steps to ensure that every Scout who you approved as qualified to be a candidate for membership in the Order of the Arrow this year, will have the same opportunity to be elected as those Scouts who have already been elected by their fellow Scouts to be candidates. To this end, the Lodge Executive Board has extended the deadline for holding unit elections to April 20, 2020 and is prepared to consider extending it further, if conditions warrant. The officers and advisers of your Chapter stand ready to unselfishly assist your troop, crew or ship with the unit election once the public health emergency has been lifted

If your Troop has already held its OA election.

If your unit has already conducted its unit election, we pledge that we will make every effort to insure that the candidates your Scouts elected will have the opportunity to be inducted into our Brotherhood. To do this, we will use every means at our disposal to keep candidates informed about the Induction Weekends and any changes that may be required. As their unit leader, we will also keep you informed of any changes to the Induction weekends.

We would ask, if you have not already done so, to please make sure your Chapter has your correct contact information and the correct contact information for your unit's candidates.

You should have received a candidate information form at the time of the unit election. If you have not already done so, please complete one for each candidate and email it to your chapter at the emails shown below:

Appalachian Trail District	OAelectionappalachiantrl@aacegwa.org
Button Gwinnett District	OAelectionbuttongwinnett@aacegwa.org
Foothills District	OAelectionfoothills@aacegwa.org
Hightower Trail District	OAelectionhightowertrl@aacegwa.org
Indian Springs District	OAelectionindiansprings@aacegwa.org
Northern Ridge District	OAelectionnorthernridge@aacegwa.org
Phoenix District	OAelectionphoenix@aacegwa.org



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Pickett's Mill District	OAElectionpicketsmill@acegwa.org
Silver Comet District	OAElectionsilvercomet@acegwa.org
Soapstone Ridge District	OAElectionsoapstoneridge@acegwa.org
Southwest Atlanta District	OAElectionsouthwestatlanta@acegwa.org
Southern Crescent District	OAElectionsoutherncrest@acegwa.org
Yellow River District	OAElectionyellowriver@acegwa.org

Questions?

If you have questions about scheduling your units election or the Induction Weekends, your Chapter officers and advisers are your best source. You can reach them by email using the emails shown above. Using these emails insures that more than one person will receive your message.

When a Scout or Scouter becomes a member of the Order of the Arrow, they pledge that they "will seek to preserve a Cheerful spirit, even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in Service and devotion to the welfare of others."

Just as the Scouts in 1918 helped America get through the great flu epidemic by providing selfless service to their communities, together we will get through this pandemic.

Yours in Service,

Alex Girard
Lodge Chief

Ryan Girard
Lodge Adviser

Matt Rendahl
Lodge Staff Adviser

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