



WAG-O-SHAG LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Virtual OA Unit Election Team Script

Reader 1: Good morning/afternoon/evening. Thank you for inviting us. My name is _____ and this is _____. We are from the Galaxy Fox/Shooting Star Chapter of the Wag-O-Shag Order of the Arrow Lodge. Today we will hold an election for new potential Order of the Arrow members from your troop/crew. First we'll watch a video about the Order of the Arrow and then _____ and I will provide some information about our Lodge. Then we'll have the election, but first the video.

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[Show the Video] Answer any questions that happened to be asked

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Reader 2: The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society. The purpose of our Order is to honor those who exemplify their daily lives by always acting by the Scout Oath and Law. It also develops leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation. In addition, it crystallizes the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

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Reader 1: Before starting the election, I would like to give a brief history of our Lodge. In late 1943 and early 1944 Charles W. Woodson, Potawatomi Scout Executive at the time, conferred frequently with William Hoffman, then Samoset Council Executive and Advisor to Area P of the Order of the Arrow, about starting a lodge in our council. Application for a Lodge Charter was submitted and approved by the National Council on October 21st, 1944 for the Potawatomi Area Lodge. The name "Wag-O-Shag" which was derived from the word "Waugoshance". [wow-goo-shance] Waugoshance, in the tongue of the Potawatomi Indians meant "little foxes".

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Reader 2: Once Camp Long Lake was established in 1946 and summer camp started happening, all Order of the Arrow ceremonies were now held in a secret campfire location off Camp property which eventually was completed with a permanent concrete altar. The Wag-O-Shag Lodge has done an all out effort to improve and promote Camp Long Lake as well. Our Lodge comes together every spring and fall at Camp to get it ready for Summer Camp and the Winter by contributing cheerful service to accomplish certain tasks that need to be done.

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Reader 1: Currently our Lodge has over 500 members. We have two conferences a year at Camp Long Lake before and after Summer Camp, our Winter Banquet called “Winding” which recently was held at Whirlyball in Brookfield this past year, and plenty of other events to help bond brotherhood and cheerful service. There is also a monthly Lodge Executive Committee or LEC meeting where the Lodge Officers and the appointed committee chairs come together to plan events for the lodge. Members can check our newsletter called the Fox for times and dates of events as well as follow our official instagram account @wagoshag with over 400 followers.

Reader 2: Before the Election starts, does anyone have any questions?

[Answer any questions]

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Reader 1: The main principle of our Order is living by the Scout Oath and Law though brotherhood and cheerful service. Think about what you have done to achieve this purpose. The following scouts have met both the camping and advancement requirements to become potential candidates of the OA if elected. They have been approved by your Unit Leader and are ready to face your unit for a decision.

Reader 2: Will the following scouts please stand up and form a line next to us?

[Read off the Candidate List]

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Reader 1: Scouts, you should now answer each of the questions to yourself; your answer will help you make the right selections.

Reader 2: Who is cheerful even when he has many tiresome jobs to do? Who smiles whenever he can? Who obeys promptly and cheerfully? Does he control his temper? If you were at camp with him for several weeks, do you think you would enjoy it?

Reader 1: Who is always ready to give unselfish and wholehearted service to others? Who, in serving others, can forget his own desires and interests? Who has served your unit all year round, faithfully attending your meetings and helping you with service projects? Do you think he will continue his service in the future? If you were his Patrol leader, could you depend on him?

Reader 2: In all, ask yourselves: Who in this group by living the Scout Oath and Law, serves your fellow Scouts with such an example of brotherhood and cheerfulness that you look up to him with deep respect and admiration?

[If the election chairs(Jon or Dan) are there, they will give a quick speech about how this is not a popularity contest]

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Reader 1: Scouts, on the ballot you will be given check the names of the candidates who, in your opinion, have set the best examples of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service.

Reader 2: Vote for only those you believe will continue in unselfish service to your troop. If you feel that no one is worthy, turn in an unmarked ballot. If you are new to the troop/crew and do not know the candidates well enough to vote wisely, you should abstain by not turning in a ballot at all as this will not affect the final result. Those eligible for election also vote, and they may vote for themselves if they feel they are worthy.

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Reader 1: Tonight's election will be carried out virtually with Google Forms. Scouts only under the age of 21 are able to vote. The Election team will post a link to the Google Form in the Zoom Chat Box. You are required to enter your email address so that we can ensure that no one has voted more than once. Select those who you feel are worthy by putting a checkbox next each respective name of the ballot. If you feel no one is worthy, select the no one is worthy option on the form. Also if you are sharing a device with a sibling who is also a scout in your unit, please ask the Election Team to post an alternate ballot form link in the chat box. If you have any other questions or problems, ask the election team or your unit leader.

[Hold the election]

[Go to the results page of the ballot form to make sure everyone has voted and only once as well as take care of questions or problems that scouts might have when voting]

[Once done, finish the presentation]

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Reader 2: We do have a final result. The election results will not be announced and you should keep your vote to yourself as well. Those elected will find out at the appropriate time. For those of you who are already brothers in the Order of The Arrow, don't forget to pay your dues and if you're the O.A. Representative, please let the chapter know who you are so we can keep you informed.

Thank you again for your time and attention.

[Thank you for helping with this unit's election. The Elections Committee will take care of the results from the ballots.]