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West Tennessee Area Council  
1995 Hollywood Drive  
Jackson, TN 38305

ITTAWAMBA LODGE #235

Dear Scoutmaster:

December 2011

**2012 O.A. UNIT ELECTION PROCEDURE**

Please find below and on the enclosed 2012 Unit Election Report the information you will need to conduct your 2011 unit election for the Order of the Arrow. This will be the only 2011 mailing you will receive. The elections must be completed and **the results returned to your O.A. Chapter Adviser by the date shown below.** Please do not reveal the names of the elected candidates to anyone, we would like this honor to be a surprise and revealed at the Lodge Calling Out Ceremony. The Lodge Calling Out Ceremony will be at the Winterfest Encampment. If your Chapter holds its own Calling Out Ceremony, that information will be provided by your Chapter Adviser. It is the unit leader's responsibility to be sure all elected candidates are at the chosen Calling Out Ceremony. As a person can only ever be called out once in their life, it is appropriate to have family members present at the once-in-a-lifetime ceremony. (This can be arranged quietly with the parents so the candidate is unaware of the honor to be bestowed.)

The Order of The Arrow is the Honor Society chartered by the Boy Scouts of America. Its members are elected by the Arrowman's home unit, as such; there are no honorary members or members outside of the BSA. The Order recognizes those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition causes other campers to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant similar recognition, to promote Scout camping, and crystallize the habit of helpfulness as a life purpose. Election to the Order is an honor, not an award or popularity contest.

Troops with qualified Scouts are urged to hold an election and return the results to your O.A. Chapter Adviser at the respective address attached. You, the unit leader, select the date and place of the election. Because ALL the information on the Unit Election Report is required, please ensure all the information is correct. Phone calls with election results cannot be accepted. No action will be taken on Election Reports having incomplete or illegible information. These reports will be returned to you for correction.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Suggest that your elections take place No later than the second Week of January so that deadlines can be met.**

January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Election Reports due to Chapter Adviser ( <u>see attachment</u> )
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lodge Calling Out Ceremony at Winterfest Encampment
March 16-18	1 <sup>st</sup> Ordeal weekend, Camp Mack Morris
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Supplemental Election Reports due to Chapter Adviser (if held, see attachment instructions/guidelines)
April ??	Chapter Calling Out Ceremony at District event (if needed, coordinate with Chapter Adviser)
May 18-20	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ordeal weekend, Camp Mack Morris

**SCOUT (YOUTH) QUALIFICATIONS**

1. A Scout who holds the rank of First Class or higher, is under the age of 18, is registered as an active member of his troop AND approved by his unit leader, may be nominated for election, plus,
2. The Scout has completed at least 15 days and nights of camping under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America during the two-year period immediately prior to the election. The 15 days and nights of camping must include one long-term camp (6 consecutive days and nights). The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short term camping.

**SCOUTER (ADULT) QUALIFICATIONS**

1. In order for an adult to be nominated, the unit must conduct a youth election.
2. Any Scoutmaster or Asst. Scoutmaster registered and active in a chartered unit of the Council is eligible.
3. Troop members between the age of 18 and 21 will be included in the Scouter election.
4. A Scouter must meet the same camping requirements as Scouts. \*\*
5. One adult per year may be nominated from each Scout Troop or Varsity Team. There are no elections held in Venture Crews.

\*\* If other reasons exist or if the camping requirements are not met, send a resume to the Council Service Center, Attention: O.A. Lodge Adviser

Every effort should be made to have 100% youth attendance at the Unit Election. A member of the O.A. will be on hand to help with the election if you request it, please contact your Chapter O.A. Adviser for more information.

In Cheerful Service,

*Nick Varnick*  
Nick Varnick  
2012 Lodge Chief

*Joe Craven*  
Joe Craven  
2012 Lodge Adviser





ITTAWAMBA LODGE #235  
2011 Unit Election Attachment

### Chapter Adviser Contact List

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### 2012 Supplemental Election Instructions/Guidelines

As we transition to a 1st Ordeal Weekend in March, there may be Scouts who have not yet completed their eligibility requirements (i.e. First Class rank, or 15 days and nights of camping) prior to the January election result deadline. These Scouts who become eligible for nomination after the January election results were submitted, can be nominated for inclusion in a supplemental election if the Unit decides to hold one. National Policy does not allow for more than one election per year, so the following guidelines must be followed for any supplemental election you may hold.

1. The supplemental election is ONLY for Scouts who were not eligible for nomination in the original election. No Scout who previously stood for election during this yearly cycle may be included in the supplemental election. If that Scout failed to receive enough votes in the original election they wait until next year, just like always.
2. Only one Adult may be nominated from each Scout Troop or Varsity Team per year, and only when a unit election is held. So the supplemental election is not an opportunity to nominate a second adult. The only instance where an adult nomination will be accepted with the supplemental election results is in the case where no adult nomination was previously submitted for this yearly cycle.

Except for the special guidelines listed above, all the same policies and procedures apply to this supplemental election that would apply to any other annual unit election.

**NOTE: These supplemental election instructions/guidelines are only valid for the spring 2012 Ordeal cycle. For calendar year 2013, ALL unit elections will be due in January so inform your young Scouts to plan the completion of their eligibility requirements accordingly.**