



# Wipala Wiki Lodge #432

## Grand Canyon Council, BSA

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# CLARIFICATION OF TROOP ELECTION PROCEDURES

1. Only one election may be conducted for the troop each year.
2. Upon the arrival of the election team to conduct an election, the Scoutmaster provides the team with the following:
  - A. Verification that at least 50 percent of the registered active troop membership under the age of 21 is present.
  - B. A listing of names, addresses, telephone numbers, BSA member numbers, ranks and dates of birth of all eligible individuals under the age of 21. Although recommended, the eligible individuals do not have to be present to be elected.
  - C. The Scoutmaster certifies that those listed meet all eligibility requirements set forth by the Order of the Arrow including attitude and participation. Youth membership qualifications are:
    - a. Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America under the age of 21.
    - b. Hold the First Class rank of the Boy Scouts of America, as a minimum.
    - c. After registration with a troop or team, have experienced 15 days and nights of camping, including 6 consecutive days (including 5 nights) of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America, within 2 years immediately prior to election to candidate status.
    - d. Must have the approval of his unit leader prior to his election. The unit leader must certify his Scouting spirit, his adherence to the Scout Oath and Law, and participation in unit activities.
  - D. Only those persons certified by the Scoutmaster shall be considered for election.
3. The election team explains the rules for election conducted as follows:
  - A. The election will be conducted using the current rules of the national committee of the Order of the Arrow governing such election.
  - B. All eligible youth who receive at least 50 percent of the votes on ballots submitted are elected.
  - C. If no one is elected on the first balloting, a second vote will be taken immediately. The result of this vote is final.
  - D. The team explains the number of candidates, which may be elected using the current guidelines found in the most recent printing of the Guide for Officers and Advisers and in the Camp Leaders Guide.
  - E. Once a candidate has been elected, only that individual may choose to remove himself from the induction process with the exception of the Scout executive who may deny induction for just cause.
4. All election results are final. No additions or substitutions may be made then or at a later date for any reason.
5. The Scoutmaster has the option of whether the results of the election are to be announced immediately or kept secret until the candidates are called out.
6. The Scoutmaster has one year from the June 1st following date of the election to arrange to have the elected candidates called out under the auspices of Wipala Wiki Lodge and complete their ordeal. The call-out can be arranged for at any Wednesday night camp fire at Camp Geronimo or Raymand or at an approved District Camporee callout. It is up to the Scoutmaster to see that this happens. Delays in having an individual called out can decrease the number of opportunities for him to participate in an ordeal. If the individual is not called out and has not completed his ordeal within this year, his eligibility expires. An ordeal registration information packet will be distributed to those participating in camp callouts or mailed to him upon submission of a callout report by the chapter to the Lodge (if at a district event). Out of council callouts are discouraged. Written authorization from the Lodge Executive Committee is required prior to a unit taking part in an out of council callout.